

# WCU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025

Facilitator: Israel Sanz-Sánchez, President

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Note Taker: Dan Forbes, Recording Secretary

Location: Zoom teleconference

Type of Meeting: Scheduled meeting

## Attendees

### Senators

❖ Benedict, Kristopher	Absent	❖ McInnis, Daris	Present
❖ Bolton, David	Present	❖ Mishra, Vipanchi	Present
❖ Campillo-Fenoll, Marcos	Present	❖ Mohajeri, Orkideh	Present
❖ Chen, Tianran	Present	❖ Mraz, Megan	Present
❖ Cherry, Dan	Present	❖ Panagiotidou, Eirini	Present
❖ Childs, Gary	Present	❖ Panichelli, Meg	Present
❖ Daltrey, Rachel	Present	❖ Park, Innhwa	Proxy
❖ Dasilva, Michelle	Present	❖ Pierlott, Matt	Present
❖ Du, Wei	Present	❖ Razon, Selen	Present
❖ Forbes, Dan	Present	❖ Ruchti, Simon	Present
❖ Garthwait, Clayton	Present	❖ Sanz-Sánchez, Israel	Present
❖ Grassetti, Stevie	Present	❖ Schugar, Heather	Present
❖ Guerriero, Tara	Present	❖ Smidt, Esther	Present
❖ Hill, Erin	Present	❖ Stokes, Jordan	Absent
❖ Houser, Mary	Present	❖ Tennille, Julie	Present
❖ Junius, Premalatha	Present	❖ Wade, Michelle	Present
❖ Kolasinski, Kurt	Present	❖ Watkins, Karen	Absent
❖ Lawton, Bessie	Present	❖ Waymouth, Heather	Present
❖ Lightner, Sarah	Present	❖ Wiest, Julie	Present

### Representatives

❖ Adjunct Faculty Representative: Bill Sawyer	Present
❖ Adjunct Faculty Representative: Priya Selvarathinam	Absent
❖ APSCUF Representative: Julie Wiest	Present
❖ Student Government Association Representative: Avery McKnight	Absent
❖ Graduate Student Association Representative: Matheeha Majeeth	Absent
❖ ROTC Representative: Cadet Augustus Fadden	Absent

### Senate Proxies

❖ Asempapa, Bridget	Absent
❖ Brenner, Jim	Absent
❖ Howard, Rick	Present

❖ Jussaume, Timothy	Present
❖ O'Brien, Lia	Absent
❖ Owens, Jackie	Absent
❖ Patriarca, Ashley	Absent
❖ Tully, Greg	Present
❖ Whidden, Melissa	Absent
❖ Wolff, Dominik	Absent

### Guests In Attendance

Kim Doan, Rachel McMullin, Rick Howard (new Senator), Matt Saboe (new Senator), Ashlee Brown (new Senator), Jackie Hodes, Joan Woolfrey, Jackie Van Schooneveld, Matt Shea, Vipanchi Mishra (proxy Innhwa Park)

## Agenda

Welcome to Senators, Proxies, and Guests

Welcome to newly elected Senators!

### Senate Business and Announcements

1. Approval of minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on March 28, 2025.
  - a. Rachel moves to approve, Kurt and Julie W. second. All Senators present vote to approve.
2. Senate Executive Committee Election
  - a. Kurt: Welcome to new Senators; all Senators who will hold a seat during 2025-2026 will receive Qualtrics ballots, so this includes newly elected Senators and Senators whose terms did not conclude this academic year. So adjuncts do not receive ballots; proxies can get a ballot forwarded from those for whom they are proxying.
  - b. Candidate introductions
    - i. Kurt: You can self-nominate before balloting closes if you wish to run for a position.
    - ii. Candidates for At-Large positions: Senators Rachel Daltry and Orkideh Mohajeri.
    - iii. Candidates for Corresponding Secretary: Senator Gary Childs
    - iv. Candidates for Recording Secretary: Senator Dan Forbes
    - v. Candidates for Vice President: Julie Tennille
    - vi. Candidates for President: Kurt Kolasinski
3. Shared governance meetings
  - a. Israel: There has been a lot happening. We've met twice with the president (April 2 and April 23) and once with the Provost (April 1; we will meet again next week).
  - b. Israel: There are moves to delete the SEVIS records of international students, which is illegal; in the news today the Department of Justice has agreed to retract these. As of April 1 only one WCU student was detained by ICE, and the reasons were about not following the correct process for immigration document renewal, so it was not retaliatory.
  - c. Israel: We asked if there are student groups tracking student activity. We were told that we did not get information about specific students, but there are groups that are

tracking university on perceived acts of discrimination against students. So far no students have been detained or had their records deleted in retaliation.

- d. Israel: In late February PASSHE legal reported that faculty can prohibit distribution of information for purposes of cheating—this is already in the Academic Dishonesty policy—and they can control recording or taking photos unless there is an accommodation. But students can share assignments publicly and share an opinion about it. APSCUF is looking for clarification on how this faculty control can be expressed in the course syllabus.
  - e. Israel: There were concerns about borough concerns about student behavior; there were allegations that a fraternity had engaged in hazing. As the weather gets better there are expectations that student behavior issues in the borough will escalate.
  - f. Israel: Turning Point had an event and two students were involved in an altercation. A student not affiliated with Turning Point attempted to grab a sign held by a student affiliated with Turning Point. The student who grabbed the sign punched the student affiliated with Turning Point, and the latter pressed charges.
  - g. Israel: The Secretary of Education issued an executive order that requires accreditation agencies (like Middle States) to monitor discrimination related to DEI. They are to force universities to eliminate DEI in order to maintain accreditation. This is being litigated by the accreditation agencies, who issued a statement that indicated they will do what they are legally required to do, but did not indicate that they would necessarily comply.
  - h. Israel: We asked the president about a statement from AACU, of which WCU is a member, but was not signed by all member universities. The statement calls for constructive engagement between all parties concerning academic freedom and research. We asked if the president would sign the statement. The president reported that it has been discussed within PASSHE; since WCU is an instrumentality of the Commonwealth this would have to come from PASSHE. (No PASSHE institutions have signed the document as of now.) The president is concerned that signing the statement would be used as a means to retaliate against those universities. The president has not signed not out of fear but out of duty to the institution. The university will not take any preemptive action to comply with executive orders as they are not law. And they have a duty to protect members of the community. There will be a statement on the website about the institution's duty to uphold the law, and only the law. Faculty want to see that the university is taking steps; we encouraged them to provide as much certainty as possible. They will be scheduling town halls to provide more information; we encourage all to attend.
  - i. Israel: We asked president about her thoughts about the appointment of Chris Fiorentino as Chancellor. She said this was good news; Chancellor Fiorentino is accustomed to working within a union environment.
4. Announcements
- a. Senate Elections
    - i. Kurt: APSCUF runs the elections. Senators serve three-year terms. Rick Howard and Jordan Stokes were elected as College representatives. Eleven At-Large candidates were elected: Ashlee M. Brown, Tianran Chen, Daniel Forbes, Stevie Grassetti, Tara Guerriero, Mary Houser, Bessie Lawton, Meg Panichelli, Innhwa

Park, Matt Saboe, and Israel Sanz-Sánchez. Israel: We thank Cliff Johnson for running the online election system that made this possible. Thank you to newly elected Senators for their willingness to serve! For those not elected they can serve as proxies for Senate; we encourage our current proxies to continue in this service.

- b. Email about Progress Report Flow Chart
  - i. Israel: There was an email about “wellness checks” on students reported through Navigate. There was a flow chart, and part indicated that was a point at which students might be contacted for a “wellness check.” We were concerned about these checks and whether they might cause harm—a university email from someone they may or may not know might have unexpected consequences. We (Israel, Julie W., and Rachel) met with Tabetha Adkins, Megan Jerabek, and Susan Gans on April 24 and asked them about that, and encouraged them to consult resources on campus, including Counseling Services.
- c. Search
  - i. Israel: Faculty Senate had been invited in search for Title IX Coordinator. But we did not get updates for a while, so we reached out and found that the search had begun without Senate representation. We invited them to reconsider; they did, and met their original commitment. Kurt Kolasinski will serve, and graciously at short notice.
  - ii. Kurt: I met today with Tracey to catch up on what has transpired. There’s a deep field of candidates, and a subset of candidates has been selected as qualified. They have a top six who have been invited to visit campus for interviews. You are invited to attend open forums. There is a lot of competition for these roles as every university must have one; for this reason they have a second-tier list to ensure that a candidate is found. There will be an email from Tracey Robinson with details about the open forums to meet the candidates.
- d. SEPTA cuts
  - i. Israel: There have been proposals to cut almost half of the SEPTA network, including service to West Chester. Senate and APSCUF from WCU and Cheyney will draft a letter to share with General Assembly. If SEPTA can get additional money some of these cuts may be avoided. SEPTA is important to this region, not just its service to West Chester. Margaret Ervin has been instrumental in working on this project. If you are impacted by these potential cuts and have information to include in the letter, please forward to Margaret and me.
- e. Philly Campus Task Force
  - i. Israel: The lease for the Philly campus is up in 2027. Many programs are no longer face-to-face. \$700K per year to lease the existing location. There is a task force led by Joe Santivaschi. Senate has been invited to participate, and Senator Meg Panichelli will represent Senate (she is the liaison for Senate to Philly campus).
- f. Strategic Plan town halls

- i. Israel: Has anyone attended these? I attended one. The last one is May 13 from 1-3pm. You can sign up and attend virtually.
- g. Email about thank you lunch
  - i. Israel: The Office for University Advancement and External Relations is sponsoring a lunch for Faculty Senate colleagues next Wednesday, April 30, 11:30am-1:30pm, the Club 1871 (SECC 103). Please stop by!
- h. Automatic Live Transcript on Zoom
  - i. Heather Schugar: We noticed that a transcript was being produced of one of our meetings. Zoom had by default turned on closed captioning and transcription—important for accessibility but it has ramifications for privacy and FERPA. Orkideh: We were not recording this meeting. Heather: The default was originally captioning and transcription are on; it is now off, and we are going to get advice about how to address this.
  - ii. Israel: We did reach out to JT Singh about this. He responded that they are committed to security, and they've disabled this. They are taking steps to have this feature set to off by default, and will communicate to faculty how to use this appropriately.
  - iii. David Bolton: Students can create the transcript on their own with a separate device; AI makes this really easy. Heather: That wouldn't be legal, and could not be part of a Right To Know request, unlike these automatic transcriptions. You have to consent to the Zoom transcript in order to stay in the meeting.
- i. Senate Executive Committee Election
  - i. Candidate statements.
  - ii. Results
    - 1. Kurt: Kurt Kolasinski has been elected President. Julie Tennille has been elected Vice President. Dan Forbes has been elected Recording Secretary. Gary Childs has been elected Corresponding Secretary. Rachel Daltrey and Orkideh Mohajeri have been elected At-Large members. (See appended election results.)
- j. Concluding remarks
  - i. Kurt: Thanks to Israel for your service as President. We have a customized jacket for you as thanks for your leadership!
  - ii. Israel: Leading Senate has been a great honor; it was intimidating because of the great leadership of previous presidents. I have learned a lot from my Exec colleagues; Senators have been very supportive when I asked for their help. Thank all of you for your service!

Bessie Lee Lawton, (Professor, Communication and Media; Incoming Faculty Ombuds), and Joan Woolfrey, (Professor, Philosophy; Outgoing Faculty Ombuds)

1. Bessie: Thank you! Senate was instrumental in advocating for the Ombuds position. It was established in 2020; Joan Woolfrey was the inaugural Ombuds—thank you for your service and guidance, Joan! The alternate Ombuds is Linda Stevenson from Political Science.
2. Bessie: We work in conjunction with APSCUF. There are four standards of practice— independent of offices on campus except Provost; confidential except where there is imminent

risk of harm or Title IX.... Joan: Actually it is Title VI for faculty. Bessie: We are also neutral/impartial; and finally informal.

3. Bessie: We help faculty think through situations, air their concerns. We collect data and gather perspectives, make referrals to other offices and coach. We share patterns of concern to administration and help develop programs to assist.
4. Bessie: We've received 75 distinct visitors this academic year. The majority were white faculty. Joan as outgoing Ombuds focused on visitors, roadshow/networking/marketing, and events; I focused on training as incoming Ombuds but also worked on roadshow/networking/marketing.
5. Bessie: The top reporting categories were peer and colleague relationships, evaluative relationships, and career progression and development. Joan: With regard to evaluative relationships we aren't stepping into CBA issues, but faculty relationship issues. The bulk of the work is peer and colleague relationships; there are many people who don't think to consider the Ombuds as a resource for brainstorming to solve problems. Please encourage folks to seek out the Ombuds for this sort of thing!
6. Bessie: We sponsored the TLC Constructive Dialogue initiative in Summer 2024. Joan: In the future Student Affairs will be doing this, not Academic Affairs. Bessie: We did an "Allyship Is Leadership" event, networking sessions for the Multicultural Affairs Committee, and a Chairs panel for the Council of Chairs.
7. Israel: It is important information to see the Ombuds as more than just personal problems.
8. Bessie: What are some of the programs that you as Senators might like to see us developing? Joan: We've done open forums, like coffee klatch, workshops on academic freedom and bullying—a place to express concerns that are normally part of faculty jobs.
9. Israel: The distinction between what needs to be channeled through ASPCUF versus the Ombuds is important. Joan: Ombuds is first resort, last resort, and everything in between.
10. Rachel: Thinking about the stresses we are experiencing in the current political climate would be helpful. Bessie: We have sessions about communicating constructively through conflict. Also new Chairs are thrown into their roles and don't have training for their new responsibilities, like how to manage meetings.
11. Israel: Thanks to Joan for all her work for developing this office as the inaugural Ombuds. Joan: I've enjoyed this job, the most rewarding thing I've done in my career. Israel: We look forward to Bessie's work as the new Ombuds.

Dr. Rachel McMullin (Professor, University Libraries) and Dr. Jackie van Schooneveld (Professor, Early and Middle Grades Education), Co-Chairs, Sabbatical and Leave Committee

1. Jackie: We work with a committee that reads a lot of great applications. We cannot fund every application, so our job is to review and discuss them and rank them. We have had faculty who put together great applications that could not be funded. The university can only budget 23 sabbaticals—that's individual semesters. So a full year sabbatical takes two spots. It is getting more challenging to fund these applications. So we want to provide tips about what we look for.
2. Rachel: Meritorious service is very important—it is 20 points, and makes more and more difference where there is competition. It is scored separately from the project. It is important that the project be well-developed and have a lot of detail. If it is not well-developed it will not compete well. It also needs to be written in a way that can be understandable by colleagues

from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. They may assume that the committee understands the value of the project but haven't actually made its importance clear. We also want to know about the activities involved in the project.

3. Rachel: We've seen some themes that are stronger. There are different levels of impact of the project on different communities; "merit of project" includes not just value but the professional growth of the faculty member doing it, how it can increase their competencies, perhaps have a transformational impact on their professional growth. There is also the need for a compelling argument for the need for sabbatical time to complete the work. We all would like to have dedicated time for doing their scholarly work. But some can make a compelling case that they cannot do the work without the sabbatical leave time.
4. Rachel: The policy has not been revised recently, but as things stand Sept. 15 at 4:00pm is the deadline for submission (including chair and dean signatures).
5. Eirini: How can we advocate for an increase in the number of available sabbaticals? Rachel: The number of sabbaticals have not increased in a long while. We have advocated for it; there need to be more voices in the faculty calling for more sabbaticals to be a priority—we do have a lot more faculty than we did fifteen years ago. Erin Hill: The R2 designation calls for more sabbaticals. Rachel: I did my first term on the committee not long ago and there were fewer applications.
6. Jackie: The Provost has found money to fund more in the past. But there's not as much money available now. Rachel: I've never seen more than 27 sabbaticals available.
7. Rachel: Jackie is rotating off; we'll have another co-chair soon. You can reach out to us over the summer for additional tips.
8. Israel: It sounds like this is mostly done in the work of the committee; does the administration have a role in deciding who gets a sabbatical? Rachel: Our committee is a recommending body. The final decision resides with the President or their designee. If there are other factors for making decisions they are allowed to use them.
9. Erin: How much detail should be provided about what we intend to do? For example, I was thinking that I needed to be more productive than usual on the sabbatical, but colleagues suggested I was trying to do too much. Rachel: The professional development angle means indicating where you are going that is different from what you have been doing. It's not built into the policy that we look at prior work—it's really the project you are proposing. Jackie: Does the research align to what you are doing—it's not a question of how much you are doing compared with what you have done, rather does it contribute to your scholarly growth. We do look closely at the timeline, and whether it can be accomplished in the period you indicate.
10. Julie T.: The president can turn down applications, but typically your recommendations are respected—how often have your recommendations been put to the side? Rachel: We don't know for certain, because we are not given a list of who was awarded. I don't think it is very frequent, though it probably happens occasionally. Jackie: They think highly of the committee, so they take the recommendations seriously. Rachel: But they can look at other factors that the committee would not look at.
11. Prema: Will they change the policy for faculty who have been here 25 years? Jackie: Everyone gets credit for years of service. It's set. Rachel: It only varies from 5 to 10. Someone who has been here for a long time without a sabbatical gets more points. There is some benefit from

having been faculty for longer, but it's not gigantic. We have not talked about changing that. That feedback should be shared with us and with APSCUF.

12. Orkideh: Does the committee want to award folks who've never had a sabbatical? Rachel: If you've had one it is subtracted from years of service, but it otherwise it is not a criterion for recommending someone be awarded a sabbatical.
13. Matt Saboe: Is there a standard waiting period between sabbaticals? Rachel: You must wait at least three semesters after a sabbatical before applying for another one.
14. Stevie: What kind of feedback do you provide on proposals? Rachel: We generate charts that include strengths and areas of concern. If you reach out to the chairs we can share some information. We try to get as much feedback into our letters as we can.

## Liaison Reports

1. ADA Committee – Senator Heather Waymouth
  - a. No report – next meeting is May 5.
2. Alumni Association – Adjunct Faculty Representative Bill Sawyer
  - a. No report.
3. APSCUF Exec Representative – Senator Julie Wiest
  - a. With elections now complete, APSCUF-WCU has a new president (Chris Stangl), a new VP (Dana Morrison), and a new Recording Secretary (Katie Morrison); re-elected positions are Corresponding Secretary (Cliff Johnston) and Treasurer (Michael Malcolm).
  - b. Recent issues the chapter is discussing with management include:
    - i. Costs of study abroad, including unexpected increases before trips begin and unforeseen expenses while they are in progress (as well as how such expenses should be covered)
    - ii. Possible prevention and/or recourse related to students recording and/or distributing class materials and/or images/videos taken in the classroom
    - iii. The process for requesting and accessing ADA accommodations for faculty
    - iv. Clarifying the process for determining a home department for adjuncts who teach in more than one
    - v. Revising the SOE document to clarify what percentages mean (weights are for promotion purposes only) and to better align some wording with the related policies/articles
  - c. Recent activities include:
    - i. Two “solidarity coffees” were held this week (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings) in the SECC faculty & staff lounge with reportedly good turnout and camaraderie
    - ii. A 10-day membership drive that wraps up this week (so no results yet)
  - d. Several pushes (via emails and tabling events) for faculty, staff, and students to write to their U.S. representatives about proposed cuts to federal education funding and other proposed/implemented changes that will/have damage/d public higher education (it's not too late to do this if you haven't already; [find your representatives here](#))
4. Budget Review Committee – Senator Kurt Kolasinski
  - a. No meetings were held this year.
5. Campus Climate Intervention Team – Senator Simon Ruchti
  - a. The team did not meet.



6. Council for Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Excellence – Senator Daris McInnis
  - a. No report.
7. External Relations – Senator Michelle Wade
  - a. I met with External Affairs, and Julie asked if there was anything their office could do to support Faculty Senate.
8. Faculty Mentoring Committee – Senator Innhwa Park
  - a. No report.
9. IS&T Faculty Advisory Committee – Senator Simon Ruchti
  - a. Committee did not meet.
10. LGBTQIA+ University Caucus – Senator Julie Tennille
  - a. Faculty co-chair election: Dr. Kathleen Riley was elected by a majority vote at our last meeting on 4/21/2025 to serve as Faculty Co-Chair of the Caucus for a 2-year term. Kathleen will serve alongside Jules Walls (Staff Co-Chair) in their final year in 2025/2026
  - b. Supporting the structure and stability of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus: Leadership Council (LC)—Moving forward the Caucus will be served by a small continuing group of faculty and staff. This new Leadership Council is comprised of previous caucus chairs and members (Karen Dickinson, Liam Lair, Stacie Metz, Leigh Robinson, and Julie Tennille) and will be dedicated to 1) providing stability as Staff and Faculty Co-Chairs begin and end their terms, 2) revisioning and returning to active subcommittees, and 3) collaborating with CTQA on important matters related to promoting equity, empowerment, and success of LGBTQIA+ students, faculty, and staff by fostering a safe campus environment.
  - c. Prior to the conclusion of the spring 2025 semester, LC members including the Caucus Co-Chairs will meet in-person to identify specific goals for next academic year, including the structure/schedule for conducting meetings.
11. Military Veterans Coordinating Committee – Senator Megan Mraz
  - a. No report.
12. Multicultural Faculty Commission – Senator Orkideh Mohajeri
  - a. The MFC annual retreat has been scheduled for May 9, at 11 am. This retreat has actually not been held for the past few years. Registration is required and can be completed here: [https://wcupa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0DOGkyHALHBrC8m](https://wcupa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0DOGkyHALHBrC8m)
13. Office of Research and Sponsored Projects – Senator Stevie Grassetti (interim)
  - a. Research and Creative Activity Day occurred on April 4. Positive feedback from students and faculty, including with the new interdisciplinary faculty panel and student-faculty research “mingle.” SURI launches today with the SURI kick off event.
14. Philadelphia Campus – Senator Meg Panichelli
  - a. No report.
15. President’s Commission on the Status of Women – Senator Michelle Wade
  - a. The Women’s Commission met on 4/9. The various committees are winding up their projects for the academic year. The Recruitment and Retention of Women of Color committee is hosting an awards and recognition gathering on 4/30 at 12 p.m. The President’s Commission on the Status of Women is also collecting donations for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and Period Prosperity through the Pretty Moody Foundation 4/9-5/1 at the following locations:

- i. Exploratory Studies Advising Suite, 222B Lawrence, Monday through Thursday, 10:00am-4:30pm
  - ii. Cottrell Entrepreneurship Leadership Center, 318 Business & Public Management Center (BPMC), Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm
  - iii. Center for Women and Gender Equity (CWGE), 214 Lawrence, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm
  - iv. Dowdy Multicultural Center, 003 Sykes Student Union, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm
- 16. SIS Advisory Board – Senator Sarah Lightner
  - a. No report; this committee has not met and I have not received any updates other than meeting cancelations.
- 17. Sustainability Advisory Council – Senator Kurt Kolasinski
  - a. North Campus Garden Open For Volunteers! Volunteer at the North Campus Garden from 10am-2pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays from April 2nd through May 1st. Contact Jess Ringstaff with any questions at [jr1044552@wcupa.edu](mailto:jr1044552@wcupa.edu).
  - b. Sustainability Research and Creative Activities Grant Applications— Faculty are invited to apply for the Campus Sustainability Research and Creative Activity Grant of up to \$2,000. Proposals are due by May 7th, 2025 and must demonstrate student impact and ideally should address WCU's Climate Action Plan goals while fostering collaboration between WCU community members. Project funding will be available starting July 15th. Details at the link: [https://wcupa-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/clambard\\_wcupa\\_edu/Ed80QTcYMZ9KnKDoRfHXIO\\_MBKISIXqe5t40dlw\\_mNTZ2VQ?e=HPy9rw](https://wcupa-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/clambard_wcupa_edu/Ed80QTcYMZ9KnKDoRfHXIO_MBKISIXqe5t40dlw_mNTZ2VQ?e=HPy9rw)
- 18. Ad Hoc liaisons
  - a. Students at risk Taskforce (Equal Opportunity Programs and Strategic Initiatives Office) – Senators Daris McInnis and Heather Waymouth
    - i. The latest update is we are scheduling time to meet with Chancey and Chyna shortly after the close of the semester, we will provide an update once a meeting time is scheduled.
- 19. Search committees:
  - a. Assistant VP and Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance (and Title IX Coordinator) – Senator Kurt Kolasinski
    - i. (See report in Announcements above.)
- 20. Student Liaisons:
  - a. Student Government Association – Avery McKnight
    - i. Transition Dinner for SGA is this upcoming Tuesday.
  - b. Graduate Student Association – Matheeha Majeeth
    - i. No report.
  - c. ROTC – Cadet Augustus Fadden
    - i. Commissioning Cadets 2025 (May 24th at Widener University, 10 AM):
      - 1. Augustus Fadden - Military Intelligence Officer, US Army Reserve
      - 2. Samuel Shatoff - Finance Officer, PA Army National Guard
    - ii. Cadet Leadership Fall 2025
      - 1. Company Commander: Levi Culp

2. Executive Officer: Matthew Gunther
3. First Sergeant: Theodore Huffnagle
- iii. 6 cadets attending Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox

### Committee Reports

1. Faculty Welfare/Ethics – Senators Eirini Panagiotidou (chair), Marcos Campillo-Fenoll, Tara Guerriero, Erin Hill, Mary Houser, Michelle Kaulback, Simon Ruchti, Michelle Wade
  - a. No report.
2. Student Welfare – Senators Dan Cherry (co-chair), Daris McInnis (co-chair), Rachel Daltry, Heather Waymouth
  - a. No report.
3. Membership & Elections – Senator Kurt Kolasinski (chair)
  - a. Elections for the Executive Committee will be held at the 4/25 meeting of Faculty Senate. All those senators who will be serving in the 25-26 academic year are eligible to vote and should receive a personalized ballot from Julie Wiest on Friday 4/25. The announced candidates are listed below for your reference, but any current Senator may self-nominate as a write-in candidate before voting opens at the meeting.
    - i. President: Kurt Kolasinski
    - ii. Vice President: Julie Tennille
    - iii. Recording Secretary: Dan Forbes
    - iv. Corresponding Secretary: Gary Childs
    - v. At-Large Members (2 seats): Rachel Daltry, Orkideh Mohajeri
  - b. The APSCUF spring election cycle has concluded. The winners of the elections for Faculty Senate are listed below. We thank all the faculty who ran for seats. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated and we encourage all those who ran to remain active in Faculty Senate.
    - i. College representatives: Rick Howard (CHS), Jordan Stokes (WSM)
    - ii. At-Large Representatives: Ashlee M. Brown, Tianran Chen, Daniel Forbes, Stevie Grassetti, Tara Guerriero, Mary Houser, Bessie Lawton, Meg Panichelli, Innhwa Park, Matt Saboe, Israel Sanz-Sánchez
4. Communications – Senators Julie Tennille (chair), Daniel Forbes, Bessie Lawton, Matthew Pierlott, Julie Wiest
  - a. No report.
5. Research and Creative Activities – Senators David Bolton (co-chair), Stevie Grassetti (co-chair), Kris Benedict, Tianran Chen, Gary Childs, Wei Du, Prema Junius, Kurt Kolasinski, Sarah Lightner, Vipanchi Mishra, Orkideh Mohajeri, Innhwa Park, Selen Razon, Bill Sawyer, Heather Schugar, Esther Smidt
  - a. No report.

### Faculty Senate Executive Committee

- ❖ President – Senator Israel Sanz-Sánchez
- ❖ Vice President – Senator Kurt Kolasinski
- ❖ Recording Secretary – Senator Dan Forbes
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary – Senator Julie Tennille

- ❖ At-Large Members – Senators Rachel Daltry and Gary Childs
- ❖ Immediate Past President – Senator Julie Wiest
- ❖ Past Presidents – Senators Bessie Lawton and Heather Schugar

## Senate Meetings 2024-25

### Fall 2024

(First meeting of semester in-person; all other meetings via Zoom)

- ❖ Friday, September 6, 3-5pm
- ❖ Friday, October 18, 3-5pm
- ❖ (Open Forum) Wednesday, November 6, 2-3pm
- ❖ Friday, December 6, 3-5pm

### Spring 2025

(First meeting of semester in-person; all other meetings via Zoom)

- ❖ Friday, January 31, 3-5pm
- ❖ (Open Forum) Tuesday, February 25, 11am-12pm
- ❖ Friday, March 28, 3-5pm
- ❖ Friday, April 25, 3-5pm