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## News from Faculty Senate

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### Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Executive Secretary
- Elizabeth Kramer, Past  
Chair
- Kyle Marrero, President
- Micheal Crafton, Provost
- Cale Self, Undergraduate  
Programs
- Matt Varga, Graduate  
Programs
- Mark Schoon, Honors  
Committee

## Faculty Senate FAQs

As we head into Faculty Senate election season, we realize that there may be faculty—particularly new faculty—who might wonder what work on Faculty Senate would involve and whether they should consider running for a position. (The answer to that last question is yes!) Below are a few FAQs intended to serve as an introduction to the structure and work of the Senate. And you can click [here](#) for a description of the various Senate committees.

### What is a representative?

Each Faculty Senate committee is composed of a certain number of senators, plus one representative from each college/school and the library. Representative terms are for two years, and one may serve up to two consecutive terms on the same committee. Serving as a committee representative can be a good way to be introduced to the work of the Senate before taking on the full responsibilities of a senator.

### What is a senator?

There are two types of senator: at-large senators, who represent their college/school as a whole, and departmental senators, who represent their particular departments. (In the case of the library and Tanner School of Nursing, all senators are at-large.) Senator terms last three years, and senators may serve up to two consecutive terms. New senators are assigned to committees by the Senate Executive Committee after elections are completed. Senators generally meet with their committees anywhere from once a month to once a semester, depending on the amount of business the committee has on its plate. They also meet monthly as a full Senate on Friday afternoons. In addition, only senators (as opposed to representatives) may serve as chairs of senate committees; thus, there is a good chance that if you take on the work of being a senator, you will chair your committee at some point. Committee chairs also serve on the Senate Executive Committee, which meets monthly.

Emily McKendry-Smith,  
Academic Policies

David Boldt, Faculty  
Development

Heather Mbaye,  
Strategic Planning

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Athletics

Brad Yates, Budget

Susan Welch, Rules

## Why serve on Faculty Senate?

Serving on Faculty Senate is a great way to get to know colleagues—both faculty and administrators—from across campus. It's also a way for you to help shape the direction of the university and to learn more about how UWG functions. Do you have ideas for improvements? Do your colleagues have concerns? The Faculty Senate is a place where your voice can help make a difference.

## In Other News...

Faculty Senate is currently considering a proposed Declaration of Support for International Faculty and Students and the Value of a Global Education. If you would like to offer input, please contact any senator in your department for a copy of the draft and to share your thoughts.

## Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates

March 17, 2017

April 21, 2017

All meetings take place at 3:00 in TLC 1203. Faculty Senate meetings are open to all.

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For more on recent Faculty Senate business, minutes are available [here](#).

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