

University Senate Chair Report April 27, 2021

Submitted to the University Senate
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Special Thanks and Appreciation to our Outgoing Senators

We have several senators whose terms are ending and who are not returning to the Senate for 21-22 in other capacities. Thank you so much for your service to the University Senate!

Faculty Senators: Jeff Dunk, Lucy Kerhoulas, and Noah Zerbe

Associated Students Delegate: Malluli Cuéllar

Open Forum on Fall 2021 Reopening

The Senate Executive Committee has requested a campus open forum to update staff, faculty, and students on the status of planning for Fall 2021 reopening and provide an opportunity for questions and answers. Vice President Gordon is working with staff to coordinate a meeting currently scheduled from 3-4 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. This is the time period during which Senate business would usually take place. I encourage Senators to attend the open forum.

Newsletter from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

If you have not seen the [March 2021 newsletter](#) from [ODEI](#), take a quick look! There is so much going on across campus related to diversity and inclusion. Let me suggest that, to honor March Women's History Month, you take a few minutes to read the newsletter coverage of recent past and current federal actions related to indigenous missing persons. "*Homicide statistics for Native women are over 10 times the national average* and the No. 3 cause of death for Native American girls and women (age 10-24), according to the CDC" (*emphasis added* p. 4).

Appointments

Mark Wilson, Campus Facilities Naming Committee (AEC Appointed)

University Senate Resolutions Approval or Ratification

All Senate resolutions that were recommended to the President or the Provost have been approved. There are several resolutions approved by the Senate that are pending ratification of a vote by the General Faculty, and in some cases also require consideration by the Associated Students and Staff Council. The status of all resolutions are [recorded](#) in the official University Senate resolution tracking system. All resolutions pending a vote of the General Faculty, including any that are approved by the Senate during our Academic Year 20-21 final meeting on April 27, 2021, will be presented to the General Faculty for consideration via electronic balloting during the first week of May 2021. The outcomes of that balloting will close the University Senate business for AY 20-21.

