



Faculty Senate

Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

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FSEC Activities

On April 25, the day the protest encampment began in University Yard, following announcements by the University that the MPD had been called to remove protesters, and hearing from many faculty about their concerns about the situation, FSEC held an emergency meeting. On short notice, 7 of 9 FSEC members were able to participate. Recognizing the many different views among faculty about the protests, as well as deep shared concern about the university community, FSEC wrote to the President and Provost urging a de-escalatory approach and offering any assistance that FSEC could provide to open channels of communication with protesting students.

FSEC then met as regularly scheduled on April 26. Following the Provost's report on recent and upcoming academic activities, FSEC engaged in a candid conversation with the President and the Provost about the protests and the university's response.

FSEC Transition

The outgoing and incoming FSEC will meet jointly on May 13 to discuss logistical matters including standing committee FSEC liaison assignments. This meeting will be held virtually and in executive session.

The next joint meeting of the GW Board Executive Committee and FSEC will be held on May 16. Both the incoming and outgoing FSEC membership are included in this meeting.

Personnel Actions

There is one active grievance at the university, in the Elliott School of International Affairs; the parties have agreed to mediation.

Calendar

Following the aforementioned joint FSEC meeting on May 13, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is August 30, 2024. Draft resolutions and any other possible Senate agenda items should be forwarded to Liz Carlson in the Senate office as soon as possible to assist with the timely compilation of the FSEC meeting agenda, ideally by August 23. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is September 13, 2024.