



# Faculty Senate Newsletter Seton Hall University

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## ***Welcome to the Newsletter of the Seton Hall Faculty Senate***

Below are some highlights of the work of the Faculty Senate during the first half of the fall semester. Meeting minutes, detailed committee reports, and agendas of upcoming meetings are available on the Senate web site at <http://provost.shu.edu/senate>.

### **Highlights from the Executive Committee**

Chair: King Mott

We are pleased to formally congratulate the Senate for the work accomplished in bringing a 9 month contract into reality for a majority of the faculty. The EC and the Senate remain in conversation regarding Library faculty and other 10 and 12 month contract faculty or instructors. The Senate approved a 'white paper' concerning merit pay developed by the Compensation and Welfare Committee, which can be accessed [here](#). We await a formal response from the Provost on this document.

At its October meeting, the Senate passed the following two resolutions:

1. The Senate authorizes the creation of a Special Committee on Graduate Study.
2. The Senate expresses its desire to participate in the formulation of policy related to the creation of a new dean of graduate study.

The Special Committee on Graduate Study has been formed and has begun its work.

### **Recent Resolutions Passed by the Faculty Senate**

The Bachelor of Science College Core Curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences was approved by the APC and the Senate.

The MA in teaching Japanese language was approved by the APC and the Senate.

### **Activities of the Admissions Committee**

Chair: Brenda Petersen

The Committee would like to recognize the work of Msgr. Sheeran in promulgating the *Student Loan Code of Conduct* in August. We gratefully acknowledge this step forward for students and for the University.

### **Activities of the Calendar Committee**

Chair: Thomas Rzeznik

The Calendar Committee clarified the appearance of Election Day as holiday on the University calendar. It is a holiday for staff and administrators but classes will be in session.

### **Activities of the Compensation and Welfare Committee**

Chair: Roseanne Mirabella

The Compensation Committee met to discuss the constitution and composition of the salary subcommittee that will work with the administration on development of a model for future salary increases. A call for volunteers to all faculty on the South Orange campus has gone out and committee members are being recruited.

The committee is also developing a framework for the next salary study, scheduled to begin next

year.

## Activities of the Core Curriculum Committee

Co-chairs: Mary Balkun and Roseanne Mirabella

Edward Guetti has been hired as the administrative assistant to support the implementation of the university core, and a search is currently underway for a Core Curriculum Director.

## Activities of the Instructional Technology Committee

Chair: Bert Wachsmuth

There are many upcoming changes in technology on campus. For details, see the [September](#) and [October](#) committee reports <http://tltc.shu.edu/blogs/projects/DoIT/>.

## Activities of the Library Committee

Chair: Nancy Enright

The Library Committee is pleased with the recent increase in the operating budget of the library, but points out that comparable schools still have dramatically larger budgets. This remains a source of concern.

One factor affecting the library's current budget is the cost of students printing documents on library printers. This is particularly a problem when students are required to print out Powerpoint presentations. Last year printer and toner costs were approximately \$25,000. Faculty can assist in decreasing this figure by reducing the number of required printed assignments.

## Activities of the Program Review Committee

Chair: Mary Balkun

The Program Review Committee chairperson, working with associate provost Greg Burton, has been updating the Program Review schedule. Chairs and directors of programs up for review this year were contacted. The following programs will complete program review this year:

Communication, Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics (spring), Music, Russian and Eastern European Studies, Religious Studies, Catholic Studies, and SWW -

Counseling <http://tltc.shu.edu/blogs/projects/DoIT/>.

As a reminder, Senate meetings are open to all interested faculty. Our meeting schedule can be found [here](#).