



ACADEMIC SENATE 2021-2022

MEMBERSHIP

<i>Humanities:</i>	Sarah Skripsky (2023) and Jim Taylor (2023)
<i>Natural/Behavioral Sciences:</i>	Michael Everest (2024) and Carmel Saad (2022)
<i>Social Sciences:</i>	Charlie Farhadian (2023) and Marianne Robins (2024)
<i>At-Large Members:</i>	Mary Docter (2023) and Mark Nelson (2023)
<i>WCSA Representative:</i>	Sam Reiner (2022)
<i>Ex Officio (voting):</i>	Michelle Hardley (Registrar)
<i>Ex Officio (non-voting):</i>	Patti Hunter (Global Education), Tatiana Nazarenko (Educational Effectiveness), and Rick Ifland (Interim Provost)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Academic Resources Committee:

Carmel Saad, Sarah Skripsky, and Mark Nelson

Academic Senate Review Committee:

Mary Docter, Michael Everest, Michelle Hardley, Tatiana Nazarenko, and Marianne Robins

Representatives to the Strategic Planning Committee:

Charlie Farhadian, Jim Taylor, and Rick Ifland

MEETING TIMES

The meetings will take place on Friday afternoons from 7:30-9:00am. We will begin the semester in-person and on Zoom as Senators prefer and continue to monitor recommendations by the County. **Jaron Burdick** has included a Zoom link for the meetings in your Google calendar. Our first meeting will take place on Friday, September 10.

VICE CHAIR

Jim Taylor will be serving as vice chair of the Senate during the coming year. I look forward to working with Jim and with **Michelle Hardley** to shape the agendas. As a general practice, I meet with the vice chair of the Senate and the vice chair of the faculty (**Deborah Dunn**) once a week to discuss matters of mutual concern. Senators can certainly share ideas or concerns about the Senate with Rick or Jim, or propose topics for us to discuss with Deborah and the Faculty Council.

AGENDAS

All members of the Senate can propose items for the agendas. **Michelle Hardley**, as registrar and secretary of the Senate, has graciously agreed to organize and post the agendas for the meetings. Please send your proposed topics to her. She, the vice chair, and I will consult prior to the meetings to determine which items will take priority.

Here's a list of topics that I anticipate that we will be addressing this year. Of course, there are also many other proposals and ideas that will emerge in the course of the year. Feel free to let Michelle know now of any ideas or themes you want discussed.

- Approval of new or replacement faculty positions.
- Provost search updates
- COVID updates
- Discussion on student success and experience in light of COVID
- Use of Sarah's new role in the Writing Across the Curriculum
- Focus on curricular programs to enhance the discussion of race, equity, and inclusion at Westmont.
- Implementation of post-baccalaureate certificate opportunities in San Francisco, including possible new partnership with Wheaton, Baylor, Santa Clara, Notre Dame, and University of San Francisco.
- Library staffing – roles and reassignments
- Discussion of summer advising with the SSCs and online advising with faculty advisors
- Senate recommendations for online course offerings – additional information needed for Mayterm courses
- Discussion on options for creating equity in advising loads between departments
- Final refinements to ETN 196 (Ethnic Studies Research Seminar).
- Change in the Liberal Studies major – 1 unit increase in ED-109
- Discussion on various options for English Competency based on low rate of SAT and ACT completion
- Adjustment to the attendance policy in light of new Veterans Administration regulations
- Revisions to the transfer credit policy for P/NC courses in spring 2020

- Continued discussion about the development of the Nursing program
- Discussion of our annual ILO assessment theme - "Information Literacy." Jana Mayfield-Mullen will be our Lead Assessment Specialist. She will visit the Senate to discuss strategy and plans for the assessment work.
- Continued review of Serving Society GE requirement.
- Review of "Action Plans" from the Six-Year Review reports for Chemistry and Mathematics and Computer Science.
- Acting upon the results and recommendations of the Diversity assessment efforts.
- Possible changes to the Modern Language GE requirement
- Continued discussion on the JRD GE requirement
- Meeting with Scott Lisea, campus pastor, about plans for the chapel program. (I anticipate that Scott will meet with us once or twice a year to get some faculty perspectives on the chapel programming.)
- Meeting with Mariah Velasquez about possible partnerships between academics and the Martin Institute.
- Regular review of Augustinian Scholars and Fellows program.
- Student Success Center: review of academic components.
- Standard review of data prepared by Patti Hunter, vice provost, about enrollments, faculty loads, and other academic programs.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS

We will share the responsibility for opening our meetings with a short devotional reading and prayer (about 3 minutes total). Michelle will arrange the sign-ups through a Google Doc.