

FORT WAYNE SENATE AGENDA
MONDAY
September 14, 2026
12:00 P.M., KT G46

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of April 13 and April 20
3. Acceptance of the agenda – E. Ohlander
4. Reports of the Faculty Chairs
 - a. Past Chair (Presiding Officer) Report on Senate Documents, SR 26-1 – J. Nowak
 - a. Chair (IFC Representative) – E. Ohlander
 - b. Chair-Elect (UPC Representative) – D. Miller
5. Special business of the day
 - a. Presentation of Robert’s Rules – C. Ortsey
 - b. Follett’s Update – C. Drummond
6. Unfinished business
7. Committee reports requiring action
 - a. Approval of Replacement Members of the Programs Subcommittee, SD 26-1 – EC, E. Ohlander
8. New business
9. Question time
10. Committee reports “for information only”
 - a. Report to Faculty Senate from the Honors Program sub-committee (also known as the Honors Council) for the 2025 to 2026 academic year, SR 26-2 – HPS, C. Stumph
 - b. End-of-Year Report, Nominations and Elections Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026, SR 26-3 – N&E, S. Buttes
 - c. End-of-Year Report, Educational Policy Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026, SR 26-4 – EPC, S. Buttes
11. The general good and welfare of the University
12. Adjournment*

*The meeting will adjourn or recess by 1:15 p.m.

Approved	Opposed	Abstention	Absent	Non-Voting
E. Mann			J. McHann	C. Ortsey
D. Miller				
A. Nasr				
J. Nowak				
E. Ohlander				
B. Wilkinson				

Attachments:

“Report on Senate Documents” (SR No. 26-1)

“Approval of Replacement Members of the Programs Subcommittee” (SD 26-1)

“Report to Faculty Senate from the Honors Program sub-committee (also known as the Honors Council) for the 2025 to 2026 academic year” (SR No. 26-2)

“End-of-Year Report, Nominations and Elections Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026” (SR No. 26-3)

“End-of-Year Report, Educational Policy Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026” (SR No. 26-4)

Senate Reference No. 26-1

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Senate

FROM: Jeffrey Nowak, Presiding Officer
Fort Wayne Senate

DATE: August 28, 2026

SUBJ: Report on Senate Documents

Listed below are the documents considered by the Senate this past academic year. I am distributing this for information only.

- SD 25-1 “Approval of Replacement Members of the Honors Program Subcommittee, Programs Subcommittee, and Grade Appeals Board” – Approved and implemented, 9/8/25
- SD 25-2 “Approval of Replacement Members of the Faculty Affairs Committee, Programs Subcommittee, Conduct Review Board, International Education Advisory Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, and Academic Personnel Grievance Board” – Approved and implemented, 10/13/25
- SD 25-3 “Amendments to the Sabbatical Policy SD 22-7” – Approved and implemented, 10/13/2025
- SD 25-4 “Amendments to the Grade Appeals Policy (SD 82-2)” – Approved and implemented, 10/13/25
- SD 25-5 “Amendments to the Bylaws of the Senate” – Amended, approved, and implemented, 10/13/25
- SD 25-6 “Amendments to the Constitution of the Fort Wayne Senate” – Approved and implemented, 10/13/25
- SD 25-7 “Revision of Academic Regulation 7.4” – Approved and implemented, 10/13/25
- SD 25-8 “Approval of Replacement Members of the Educational Policy Committee” – Approved and implemented, 11/10/25

- SD 25-9 “SD 24-17 Membership Amendment” – Approved and implemented, 11/10/25
- SD 25-10 “Adding New Members to the FAC Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee” – Amended, approved, and implemented, 11/10/25
- SD 25-11 “2028-2029 Academic Calendar” – Approved, 11/10/25
- SD 25-12 “Curriculum Subcommittee Bylaws Language” – Approved and implemented, 11/10/25
- SD 25-13 “Resolution on Purdue University Unified Admissions” – Withdrawn, 11/10/25
- SD 25-14 “Approval of Replacement Members of the Grade Appeals Board and Educational Policy Committee” – Approved and implemented, 12/8/25
- SD 25-15 “Membership of Mastodon Athletics Advisory Committee (MAAC)” – Approved and implemented, 12/8/25
- SD 25-16 “2029-2030 Academic Calendar” – Approved, 12/8/25
- SD 25-17 “Resolution on Purdue University Unified Admissions” – Amended and approved, 12/8/25
- SD 25-18 “Resolution re Job Retention in Enrollment Management” – Amended and approved, 12/8/25
- SD 25-19 “Update to the Definition of Hazing in the PFW Student Code of Conduct” – Approved and implemented, 12/8/25
- SD 25-20 “Library Collection Development Policy” – Approved and implemented, 1/12/2026
- SD 25-21 “Ad-Hoc Academic Regulations Task Force Final Report” – Failed in Committee
- SD 25-22 “CASTLE Ad-Hoc Review of SoTL in Departmental Promotion & Tenure Practices” – Approved, 1/12/26
- SD 25-23 “Approval of Replacement Members of the Honors Program Subcommittee, Campus Appeals Board, and Curriculum Subcommittee” – Approved and implemented, 2/9/26
- SD 25-24 “Exception Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee Tenured-Faculty Chair to Continue as Non-Voting Co-Chair under Emeritus Status” – Approved and implemented, 2/9/26
- SD 25-25 “Senate Review of OAA Policies and Procedures for Post-Tenure Review” – Approved, 2/9/26

- SD 25-26 “Request to Reinstate the Professional Development Subcommittee” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-26a “Revision to the Protocol for University Response to the Death of an Enrolled Student” – Withdrawn, 2/9/26
- SD 25-27 “Guiding principles of promotion for Clinical Faculty and Professors of Practice at PFW” – Amended, approved, and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-28 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 1.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-29 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 2.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-30 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 3.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-31 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 4.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-32 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 5.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-33 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 6.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-34 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 7.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-35 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 8.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-36 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 9.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-37 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 10.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-38 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 11.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-39 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 12.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-40 “Revised Academic Regulations – Section 13.0” – Approved and implemented, 3/16/26
- SD 25-41 “Secret Recordings of Class Sessions” – Approved, 4/20/26
- SD 25-42 “Amendments to the Bylaws of the Senate – Committees” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26

- SD 25-43 “Policy Guidelines for Memorial Resolutions” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-44 “Amendments to the Constitution of the Senate--Faculty Chair Titles” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-45 “Programs Subcommittee Resolution on General Education Program – Foreign Language Classes” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-46 “Filling FAC Engagement Subcommittee Vacancies” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-47 “Changing Faculty Affairs Committee to the Professional Development Subcommittee” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-48 “Revision #1 to COLA Governance Document” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-49 “Revision #3 to COLA Governance Document” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-50 “Request to Amend SD03-19” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-51 “Academic Regulations – Section 9.1” – Approved and implemented, 4/20/26
- SD 25-52 “Amending SD 24-17 (Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee Reporting Line)” – Failed, 4/20/26

MEMORANDUM OF RESOLUTION

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: J. Nowak, Chair
Executive Committee

DATE: August 28, 2026

SUBJ: Approval of Replacement Members of the Programs Subcommittee

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Senate provide (3.2.2.) that “Committees shall have the power to fill vacancies for the remainder of an academic year, subject to Senate approval at its next regular meeting and to the guidelines established in this document (see subsections 3.1.1 and 4.1)”; and

WHEREAS, There is one vacancy on the Programs Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, The Program Subcommittee has appointed Jeff Casazza as a replacement member for the remainder of the 2026-27 academic year:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate approve these appointments.

Approved	Opposed	Abstention	Absent	Non-Voting
E. Mann			J. McHann	C. Ortsey
D. Miller				
A. Nasr				
J. Nowak				
E. Ohlander				
B. Wilkinson				

Senate Reference No. 26-2

MEMORANDUM

TO The Senate

FROM: Honors Program Subcommittee

DATE: August 28, 2026

SUBJ: Report to Faculty Senate from the Honors Program sub-committee (also known as the Honors Council) for the 2025 to 2026 academic year

**Report to Faculty Senate from the Honors Program sub-committee (also known as the Honors Council)
for the 2025 to 2026 academic year**

April 27, 2026

Items under Consideration

The Honors Program Committee is actively engaged in supporting students' academic and professional development through a variety of initiatives. Currently, we are focused on key items, including H-Options, Scholarships, Honors Awards, and Honors Project proposals.

The Honors Program also had major events such as:

The Spring 2026 Honors Showcase will be held on April 7th through April 10th, 2026, with 44 presenters, and one presentation took place on Friday, April 24, which brought the total number to 45 - the highest number yet.

Looking ahead, Honors is expanded support for Honors Projects through Showcase Workshops and Project Liaisons, ensuring that each of our 45 expected graduates receives guidance from an Honors Council member.

Honors is also working on adding Honors sections to existing courses and planning the Honors Freshman Seminar to enhance the first-year experience.

Honors is hosed its second Alumni reception on April 10th, 2026.

Items Concluded

The Fall 2025 Honors Showcase was held on December 5th, 2025 with 7 presenters.

Honors Program Convocation was held on February 23, where major Honors information in regards to current Honors Active and Honors Eligible numbers were shared per college, as well as the number of Honors scholarships awarded. The Honors Pinning Ceremony also took place during the convocation honoring all Honors Pin recipients.

The Honors Omnibus Classroom Visits and Seminar hosted three Omnibus speakers for the 2025-2026 academic year, allowing Honors students to engage directly with them. The Omnibus classroom visits were open to all PFW students interested in the speakers' areas of expertise, fostering broader academic discussions.

430 H-Options offered for 2025-2026 academic year.

33 Honors Scholarships were awarded for 2025-2026 academic year.

Through these initiatives, we are committed to fostering a dynamic and enriching Honors experience for our students. Any questions concerning Honors activities may be addressed to Carolyn Stumph, Ph.D. Honors program sub-committee chairperson or Farah Combs, Director of the Honors Program.

Senate Reference No. 26-3

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Senate

FROM: Nominations and Elections Committee

DATE: August 28, 2026

SUBJ: End-of-Year Report, Nominations and Elections Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026

**End-of-Year Report
Nominations and Elections Committee
Academic Year 2025-2026**

The Senate Nominations and Elections Committee began the Academic Year by filling a vacancy and reviewing its charge. We worked closely with Senate Clerk, Josh Bacon, to identify existing vacancies at the beginning of the academic year. Most committees/subcommittees had multiple vacancies, so Nominations and Elections contacted the committee/subcommittee chairs and asked if they wanted Nominations and Elections to help them identify potential candidates to fill the vacancies. Where desired, Nominations and Elections assisted with this task, and committees voted to approve individual candidates to fill vacancies, which were then forwarded to the Senate for final approval.

The biggest task Nominations and Elections has each year is spring elections. Our goal was to have more nominees than vacancies so that an election could be held. In almost all committees/subcommittees, we were able to identify more candidates than vacancies. And our hope is that this initial work can help us identify people who may be willing to fill vacancies as they open on committees (e.g., sabbaticals, etc.) or as Nominations and Elections receives requests for faculty participation on committees.

Our thanks to Senate Clerk, Josh Bacon, whose work, knowledge, and experience is invaluable to the Nominations and Elections Committee as it completes its work on behalf of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Buttes, Chair
Daryoush Tahmassebi

Nominations and Elections Committee, AY 2025-2026

**End-of-Year Report
Educational Policy Committee
Academic Year 2025-2026**

The Senate Educational Policy Committee met at the beginning of the Academic Year to review its charge, select a chair and discuss business and priorities for the year. A major task at the beginning of the year was filling vacancies on the committee and, subsequently, identifying sitting committee members to take part in the Advising Program Council (three EPC members also sit on that Council). Because one EPC member retired at the end of Fall 2025, we also planned for a committee member to fill that vacancy.

EPC spent time this year reviewing the charges of the subcommittees and councils that report to Senate through EPC and sent forward various items considered in subcommittees to the Senate for consideration. When needed, EPC asked subcommittees for clarification and/or revision. Among the items considered from subcommittees and councils were the General Education Program efficiency review (Programs subcommittee), the General Education Program participation criteria (Programs subcommittee), and the Smart Plan integration process (Advising Program Council).

In addition to completing its routine work of reviewing and recommending approval of the academic calendar (in this case for AY 2029-2030), EPC spent a significant amount of time completing the work of the Ad-Hoc Academic Regulations Task Force. EPC reviewed the Task Force recommendations (divided across numerous spreadsheets), organized them, and presented them as separate resolutions in the Senate. Senate approved the revisions to the Academic Regulations in SD 25-28 through SD 25-40.

EPC made additional minor recommendations and discussed various other issues as reflected in the meeting minutes, which were reviewed and approved in each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Buttes
Chair, Educational Policy Committee, AY 2025-2026

Approve (via email, April 2026):

Terri Swim
Tara Lewis
Amal Khalifa
Joel Givens
Haeik Park
Jay Daniel
Mieko Yamada

Additional Members of EPC (AY 2025-2026)

Abby Blackmon
Andres Montenegro