

## Faculty Senate Meeting Summary September 27, 2023

*The following is a summary of the Faculty Senate meeting held on 9/27/2023. These are not the official minutes of the meeting but an overview of what was discussed and a highlight of any action items presented. A full meeting agenda can be found on the Faculty Senate SharePoint. Official minutes from the meeting will be voted on / approved at the next Faculty Senate meeting and will be available on the Faculty Senate SharePoint after that time.*

### External Reports:

- [Chancellor's Report](#) - Kelli Brown
  - Enrollment numbers for freshman up 9% over last year (third largest in WCU history)
  - WCU Engineering Expansion
  - Webster Village Partnership
- [Provost's Report](#) - Richard Starnes
  - House Bill 8
  - Faculty Workload
  - AI Working Group chaired by Ken Sanney
- [Staff Senate Report](#) - Zachary Williams
- Student Government Report – CJ Mitchell
- [Faculty Assembly Report](#) – Charmion Rush (given by Todd Collins in place of Charmion)

### Senate Reports:

- Collegial Review Council – Lisen Roberts
  - Presented [list of topics](#) in order of priority
- Academic Policy & Review Council – April Messer
  - Faculty Travel needs
- Faculty Affairs Council – Mariana Da Costa
  - Workload discussions
  - Awards Committees
- Rules Committee – Peter Tay
  - Presented topics on agenda including Review of Senate Leadership structure
- Senate Report – Yancey Gulley
  - Presented information on current topics including workload, AI, and grievance policy, among many.

### New Business

- Presentation on Textbook and Course Materials Policy Draft
  - Robert Walker presented information and requested feedback.
- Presentation on Legislative and State Budget
  - Mike Byers and Christy Agner gave a short update on budget