



NEWS & NOTES

April 1, 2022

This newsletter contains a brief summary of the proceedings of the Faculty Senate Meeting held on **April 1, 2022**. As a reminder, faculty can view the full details of Senate meetings by reviewing the minutes found on the Faculty Senate Website. facultysenate.lehigh.edu/meeting-minutes

New Campus Safety Division (Pat Johnson and Jason Schiffer)

1. The division was formed to give clear responsibility for various campus offices/services without clear assignment. Life Safety (fire safety) and Environmental Health & Safety (air handling), IDEAL office, EMS, and Police are now all in the same division.
2. One benefit is that Lehigh EMS will now be able to communicate directly with Bethlehem EMS.
3. Number of unarmed security officers is increasing, and their roles are being expanded for non-emergency calls (replacing armed officer responses where possible). There are currently 25 police and 2 full time/7 part time security officers.
4. Currently Jason Schiffer is the head of the Division and the Chief of Police. It is not yet clear whether he will continue in both roles.
5. Schiffer reminded that students helping students in a medical emergency are required by law (Timothy J. Piazza Law) to be given amnesty for drinking and similar offenses.
6. Lehigh Night Hawks is a new peer organization to replace some non-emergency police functions.
7. Care Team works with Counseling & Psychological Services, Dean of Students, etc. and Chief of Police is a part of that team addressing student mental health issues and improving crisis intervention. The police have some tools available that are not currently available to civilians, including the ability to quickly locate students on campus in crisis using cell phone geolocation.

Strategic Planning Process (Chris Cook + Nathan Urban)

1. Slides available on the Faculty Senate website.
2. Urban reported that he was aiming for "closer to 7 pages than 70 pages" with measurable goals for the next 10 years.
3. Plan will be created throughout Fall 2022/ Spring 2023 for implementation in Fall 2023.

University Sustainability Plan (Mark Ironside + Katharine Gross)

1. Slides on the Climate Action Strategy Report available on the Faculty Senate website.
2. Lehigh's goal is to be carbon neutral starting in 2040. Faculty are encouraged to integrate Lehigh's Climate Action strategy into their courses.

Consideration for Wellness Committee (Kathy Iovine)

1. Proposal was approved by Faculty Senate vote that a subcommittee of the Faculty Committee on Student Life serve on the new Wellness committee, currently being created out of Student Affairs. It will not be a standing committee in R&P.

First Reading (R&P 1.2.2 and R&P 1.2.3.1)

1. Proposal to start Senate term on June 1 so that new Senators can participate in the vote for new Chairperson/Vice Chairperson (term begins July 1 for these roles). Will be revised for next reading to take into consideration issues with creating different term start/end dates for Senators vs. Chair/Vice Chair.

Senate retreat focusing on University budgets will be on 5/9 - will include current and incoming Senators, hybrid format.

All supporting documents to the topics mentioned above can be found on the Faculty senate website:

facultysenate.lehigh.edu/meeting-documents

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: Friday, May 6, 2022