

A BRIEF ORIENTATION FOR
NEW SENATORS

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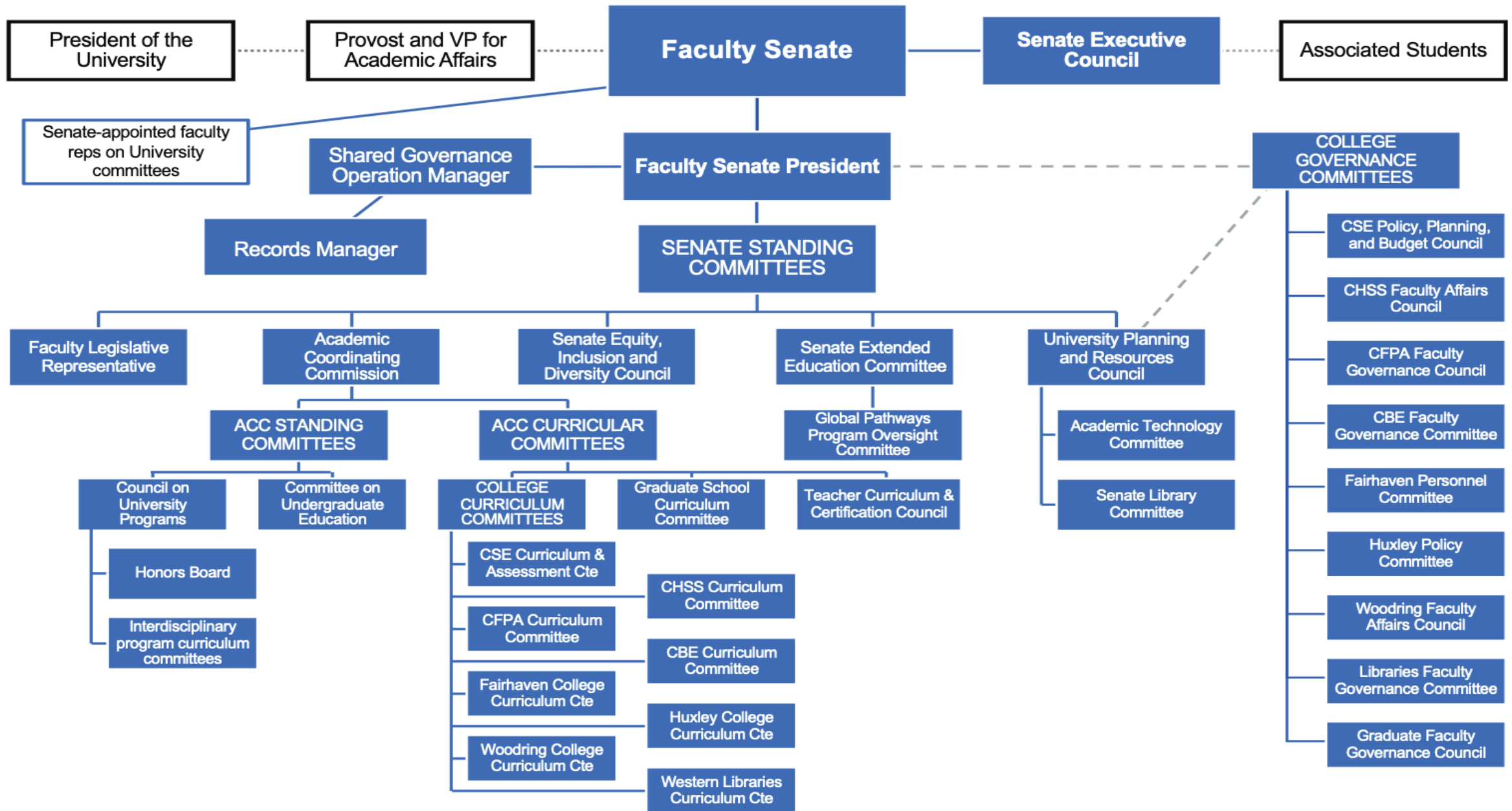
President, Faculty Senate (2023-24)

THE FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate is empowered to speak and act for the Faculty with responsibility in the areas of:

- (a) curriculum
- (b) academic programs
- (c) scholarly activities
- (d) the education of students
- (e) the mission of the university
- (f) institutional and administrative effectiveness

These matters are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between WWU and the United Faculty of Western Washington (UFWW).



SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Executive Council

Senate Officers

- President
- Vice President & President-Elect
- Secretary
- Appointments & Elections Officer

One member of the Senate (voting)

Faculty Legislative Representative (voting)

ACC Chair (non-voting)

UPRC Chair (non-voting)

Past Senate President (non-voting)

UFWW President (non-voting)

Full Senate

- Limited to 30 voting members elected by the Faculty and representing their colleges.
- Ex officio non-voting members:
 - President of the University
 - Provost
 - A College Dean appoint by the Provost
 - President of the UFWW

FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS

- The full Senate meets every other Monday, 4-5:30pm in OM 340 (the Board of Trustees room).
- The Senate Exec meets on alternating Mondays, 4-5:30pm in OM 355 (the Faculty Senate office).
- Full Senate meetings are open to anyone, and we often have regular guests who are there to provide information about topics that come before us.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Primarily, this takes the form of motions from the floor --> seconds on the motion --> discussion/questions about the motion --> voting (yes, no, or abstain).

Sometimes we may have amendments to motions that follow a similar process.

Note that the Senate president cannot make a motion but can vote on motions made by other voting members.

Note also that sometimes we use a general consent vote which does not require the above process.

Approval is by majority vote (tie votes fail).

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE IN THE FACULTY SENATE

- The presiding officer or any Faculty Senate voting member may request a roll call vote, and when the request has been seconded by two other Faculty Senate voting members, the vote of each Senator will be recorded in the minutes.
- The presiding officer or any voting Senator may request a secret ballot, which, when seconded by two other Senators, will be taken.
- A quorum is required before the Senate can take any actions. A quorum is a majority of the voting members of the Senate, excluding vacancies.
- The Senate website has a [handy guide to the procedures](#).

ACADEMIC
COORDINATING
COMMISSION
(ACC)

The purview of Academic Coordinating Commission comprises all aspects of policy relating to the academic enterprise of the University, including but not limited to:

- I. Curricular coherence
- II. Curricular administration
- III. Standards and requirements for admission, progress through the curriculum, and graduation
- IV. Oversight of curricular change

UNIVERSITY
PLANNING &
RESOURCES
COUNCIL
(UPRC)

The University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) shall be responsible to the Faculty Senate for the formation and review of policy and procedures in all aspects of University Planning and allocation of resources, with special emphasis on matters of concern to the faculty.

ACADEMIC
TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE
(ATC)

The ATC ensures that faculty are kept apprised of and have a forum through which to participate in the maintenance and enhancement of Western's use of and investment in technology impacting teaching, learning, and research.

SENATE
LIBRARY
COMMITTEE
(SLC)

The Senate Library Committee's (SLC) role is to help the library support the University's mission. To do so, the SLC will:

- 1) provide advice and recommendations to the Dean of the Libraries and
- 2) serve as liaison between the faculty and Dean of Libraries.

SENATE
OUTREACH &
CONTINUING
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE
(SOCEC)

The Senate Outreach and Continuing Education Committee's (SOCEC's) role is to help Outreach and Continuing Education support the University's mission, strategic goals, and values. To do so, the SOCEC will:

- 1) provide advice and recommendations to the Vice Provost of Outreach and Continuing Education and the Senate; and
- 2) serve as liaison between the faculty and the Vice Provost of Outreach and Continuing Education