

Vice Chair Report, May 4th, 2026

Information Items Provided in Brooke Gross' Absence

Elections

Updated Senate Rosters

The full list of faculty senators by college can be found here: [Senate Committees 2026-2027.xlsx](#). This includes both departmental and at-large senators. Incoming senators have been added to the appropriate listservs already, and outgoing senators will be removed from all listservs on July 31st.

Jessica Steenburgen has the new lists, and I'll be requesting verification on other campus representatives (i.e. Provost's Office, SGA, etc.) at the start of August.

Standing Committee Caucuses

Official caucusing has ended for the 2026-2027 Senate Standing Committees. The following vacancies will be opened up to the rest of the faculty on Monday, May 11th.

Budget & Finance – At-Large Member (1)

Faculty Handbook – OCSE Representative (1); At-Large Member (2)

Faculty Welfare & Professional Responsibilities – At-Large Member (1)

Undergraduate Curriculum – OCSE Representative (1); At-Large Member (1)

Senate Executive – OCSE Representative (1)

I'll send updated committee rosters to Jessica Steenburgen at the end of May so she can update the website, but I expect I'll need to do a final call at the start of August. That being said, please encourage any of your colleagues to consider volunteering if a committee sparks their interest! We have a lot of people concerned about the new gen ed program, and people should feel encouraged to use their voices productively.

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Senate Meeting

I promised I'd bring cookies to the May meeting since it's going to be tiresome. If you or any of your fellow senators have any dietary restrictions, please let me know. If I am not allowed to bring consumables, for whatever reason, that would be great to know too!

Academic Sustainability Task Force

With everyone's busy schedules and other Senate matters, the Academic Sustainability Task Force is not meeting until Wednesday, May 6th, via Zoom to review the second round of data provided by the Provost's Office. Still, we should be able to make a brief informative statement regarding the group's progress and immediate plans as part of the Officer Reports at the senate meeting.