

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 25, 2023
3:00-4:15 p.m.

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** September 27, 2023
- III. **Opening Remarks**
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Senate Standing Committees**
 - 1. *Executive Committee*
 - 2. *Academic Policies*
 - 3. *Budget and Resources*
 - 4. *Faculty Matters*
 - 5. *Nominations*
 - 6. *Organization and Operations*
 - B. **Other Committees/Faculty Representatives**
 - i. Adult Learning and Executive Education Committee
 - ii. Research Advisory Committee
 - iii. Writing Across the Curriculum
- V. **New Business**
- VI. **Announcements**
 - A. Interim Provost Walsh
 - B. EVP Dickenson
 - C. VPHR Announcement
 - D. Government Relations Office Update
 - E. Provost Search
 - F. Mason Bookstore- Alexis Beard*
 - G. Government and Community Relations
 - H. Faces of Resilience
 - I. Student Senate Resolution- Jack Fedak*
 - J. MEIS and ACGIS Teach-In
- VII. **Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty**
- VIII. **Adjournment**

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APPENDIX A OTHER COMMITTEES

Adult Learning and Executive Education Committee

Submitted by Evelyn Tomaszewski

Members: Victoria M Grady; Janet M Ha; Sabari Rajan Karmegam; David S Koo; Evelyn Tomaszewski ; Heather L Walter

The Adult Learning and Executive Education Committee met on September 27, 2023. In addition to meeting one another, the members discussed the committee charge and the experience and expertise each bring to the committee. It was agreed that the group would benefit from a meeting with the Office of the Provost (per the committee charge), and are working to schedule a meeting.

Research Advisory Committee

Submitted by Burak Tanyu

Members: John Dale, Charlotte Gill, Amira Roess, Rashmi Sadana, Jie Zhang, Burak Tanyu, Allison Landsberg, and Tara Chaplin

Date of Update: October 12, 2023

As a committee we had the pleasure to meet with Dr. Andre Marshall in October. Dr. Marshall has agreed to meet with us at least twice a semester and we have already set a follow-up meeting date in November.

As a committee, we are currently doing information gathering to compile and identify what we want to focus on addressing in the coming months. We are actively communicating with each other as a committee.

Writing Across the Curriculum

Submitted by Tom Polk

The WAC Committee convened for the first time this academic year on October 18, 2023. Members elected Seth Hudson and Thomas Polk as co-chairs. Following, members reviewed WAC milestones stretching back to the 1977 Faculty Senate's Literacy Task Force, the establishment of the WI requirement in 1990, and involvement in assessment and curriculum planning in the 2000s. This conversation offered context for members' review of the WAC Committee's new charge and the establishment of priorities for the upcoming year.

APPENDIX B ANNOUNCEMENTS

VPHR Announcement

Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce Mason's [new Vice President of Human Resources](#) and Chief Human Resources Officer, Mary Lucal, Ph.D., who was selected following a national search.

Mary joins Mason from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she currently serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and CHRO. As a strategic, data-driven leader, Mary has implemented significant change and modernization initiatives at UTK, including the creation of HR's first Strategic Plan, redesigning core HR business functions, implementation of inclusive leadership programs, a transition to market-based compensation, and the creation of a real-time HR Dashboard.

I would like to thank John Sanders for his steadfast interim HR leadership, whose last day with Mason will be October 26, as previously scheduled. Whitney Owen, Executive Director of University Business Consulting, will serve as Interim VP & CHRO, until Mary joins in December.

Mary will be joining Mason at a time of tremendous opportunity, as we continue to pursue improved performance and efficiency, building on such recent HR accomplishments as a revised performance management process, the launch of performance-based pay for faculty, and the implementation of a new applicant tracking system. I would like to thank everyone for the partnership and continued dedication during this prolonged transition.

Mary will officially start on December 11, 2023. Please join me in welcoming her to Mason.

Sincerely,

Deb Dickenson

Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

Government Relations Office Update

Today I am giving you an update on our state government relations work in Richmond. It is with mixed emotions that I am sharing with you an update on Mark Smith who after more than 10 years leading George Mason University's activities in Richmond, will be retiring from public service in December.

Since joining Mason, Mark has helped redefine how the university is seen and engaged with key stakeholders from across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mark has helped leadership navigate the challenges of being a state agency and steadfastly led our legislative efforts. The successes he has helped lead have been great and are quite eye-opening, including the capital projects which delivered Peterson Family Hall, Horizon Hall, the Fuse Building as well as the Life Sciences and Engineering Building. The work to secure pay raises, increases in operating funds have been momentous, but perhaps the greatest success has been the effort to deliver significant increases in financial aid at levels unseen in Virginia. This has helped so many needy and worthy students and is a legacy that will help generations of students that come to Mason.

As Mark winds down his time at Mason, it is important to know that we are fortunate enough to have a transition in leadership. I am pleased to announce that Lauren Posey, who joined Mason in 2022 after more than a decade at the federal lobbying level, will be leading our office in Richmond.

Please join me in congratulating Mark on a job well done and welcome Lauren to her new position at Mason.

Paul

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Provost Search

The Provost Search website is now live at <https://www.gmu.edu/provost-search>. An announcement about our upcoming Listening Sessions will be coming soon!

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Government and Community Relations

3 Ways Mason Employees and Students can Collaborate with GCR to Engage Government and the Community



The Office of Government and Community Relations (GCR) paves the path to successful interactions with federal, state, and local governments, as well as community groups.

Connecting with Government Officials



GCR facilitates engagement with government officials to advance Mason's public policy positions, provides insight on appropriate protocols for interacting with government officials, and collaborates with faculty/staff to invite elected leaders to campus.

Community Outreach



GCR shares information about ongoing Mason services and resources via Discover Mason guides, activities/events impacting our neighbors, and more. Faculty/staff can also share their expertise via the Mason Speakers bureau.

Chamber of Commerce Engagement



GCR manages the university's Chamber of Commerce memberships and assists faculty/staff to connect with chamber activities.

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Faces of Resilience

Mason Exhibitions is pleased to announce the **Faces of Resilience** exhibition on view in Buchanan Hall Atrium Gallery until November 3! This exhibition features artwork by currently and formerly incarcerated artists involved in art-making programs offered by the Barnes Foundation and Mural Arts Philadelphia.

Events in October:

- 1) **Friday, October 13, 7-9pm** in the Johnson Center Cinema: **Film Screening of "13th" Documentary**
 - a) The cinematographer, Hans Charles, is a faculty member and will say a few words before we start the film. This film highlights the connection between historic slavery and today's mass incarceration in the US. Food will be provided!
 - b) [RSVP](#)
- 2) **Saturday, October 14, 10am-5pm** in D025 of Buchanan Hall: **Art & Incarceration Symposium**
 - a) Two artists in the exhibition will be presenting, as well as other practicing artists and scholars who engage with the criminal justice system and advocate for reform. Food will be provided throughout the day!
 - b) [RSVP](#)
- 3) **Friday, October 20, 7-9pm** in the Johnson Center Cinema: **Film Screening of "Art of Incarceration" Documentary**
 - a) In partnership with the Native American and Indigenous Alliance, this film will cover art-making programs that are offered at prisons in Australia, emphasizing that the majority of inmates in Australia are Indigenous. Food will be provided!
 - b) [RSVP](#)
- 4) **Thursday, October 26, 4:45-6:30pm** in Enterprise Hall room 80: **Visual Voices Artist Talk with Sherrill Roland**
 - a) Sherrill Roland was incarcerated as a teen and later exonerated! He became an artist and will present on how experiences in prison and how his art practice engages justice-issues.
 - b) [RSVP](#)

Student Senate Resolution

Colin McAulay and Jack Fedak

**A Resolution to Support a Uniform AI Policy in the Mason Classroom Environment
R. #22**

44th STUDENT SENATE

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A Resolution to Support a Uniform AI Policy in the Mason Classroom Environment

IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

October 4th, 2023

Sponsored by: Senator Babar

Co-Sponsored by: Speaker McAulay, Chair Sheikholeslami, Clerk Connell

Resolution #22

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of George Mason University—

Whereas, there is no current consistent policy regarding the use of AI at George Mason University, and;

Whereas, there is confusion amongst both students and faculty in whether or not AI is allowed in the classroom and to what extent, and;

Therefore, be it resolved, Student Government supports a uniform policy administered by each College in regard to academic integrity, and;

Therefore, be it further resolved, Student Government believes AI should be acknowledged in the Mason classroom environment, and;

Therefore, be it further resolved, the Student Senate requests that professors add a line to their syllabus clarifying their colleges AI policy, and;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, Student Government believes George Mason University should understand how AI is used professionally and to teach it accordingly.

Passed the Student Senate: _____

Attest:

Speaker: Colin P. McAulay

Clerk: Austin G. Emery

MEIS and ACGIS Teach-In

Submitted by Bassam Haddad

Dear MEIS and CGIS Communities at GMU,

We hope this announcement finds everyone as well as can be amid very difficult times for all of us and all involved on all fronts. Sadly, we must continue our work as educators despite all.

We are delighted that two of our Mason units that deal directly with the Middle East and Islam (MEIS and ACGIS—listed below) are part of the collective co-organizing this series of teach ins. This week, we are co-organizing with 18 other University Centers and Research Institutes the next installment of our Collaborative Teach In Series on “Gaza in Context.” This Teach In will focus on the broad history of Gaza and how it is situated in the broader context of Palestine. We are joined by three of the most competent and published scholars on the topic. Please feel free to share this announcement.

For those who missed the inaugural teach in last Friday with more than a dozen representatives from participating institutions, you may find the video here:

Gaza 101 Teach In (video below and speakers bios [here](#))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAKWgcpeYNo&t=2480s>

We were fortunate to have had a wide (local, national, and global audience) that surpassed 18,000 viewers on all platforms, demonstrating both the interest in this topic and the comparative advantage of collaborative work, which the Middle East and Islamic Studies Program (as well as Middle East Studies) has led for more than 15 years. We have experience an unprecedented number of downloads for the first teach in. Thanks to all for your continued support!

bassam

On behalf of MEIS Programing Committee and Program Faculty

Gaza in Context—Session 02: A Collaborative Teach-In Series

GAZA IN HISTORY

FEATURING

BESHARA DOUMANI

ILANA FELDMAN

Moderated by

Sherene Seikaly

26 October 2023

12:00-1:30 PM EST | 7:00 PM Palestine

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