

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 26, 2022
3:00-4:15 p.m.

Merten 1201 and <https://gmu.zoom.us/j/97309061073?pwd=emJnTIJrMVV4ZkZlSTZlQ1FweFQrUT09>*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** September 28, 2022
- III. **Opening Remarks**
Introduce Vin Lacovara, Associate Vice President, Institutional Compliance & Ethics
- IV. **Special Orders**
President Washington to address the Faculty Senate (arriving after 3:15)
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Senate Standing Committees**
 1. *Executive Committee*
 2. *Academic Policies*
 3. *Budget and Resources*
 4. *Faculty Matters*
Mason Faculty Senate Comments in Opposition to proposed 2022 “Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students in Virginia’s Public Schools” [Appendix A](#)
 5. *Nominations*
2 nominees for Faculty Matters openings (1 for full term, 1 for fall semester):
 - Mohan Venigalla
 - Alexandra Masterson1 nominee needed for Term Faculty Committee (must be member of FM)
 6. *Organization and Operations*
 - B. **Other Committees/Faculty Representatives**
- VI. **New Business**
- VII. **Announcements**
 - A. Provost Ginsberg
 - B. SVP Dickenson
 - C. Graduate Council agendas and minutes
 - D. Mason Club Lunch Discussions
 - E. Office of Government and Community Relations
- VIII. **Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty**
- IX. **Adjournment**

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APPENDIX A

MASON FACULTY SENATE COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED 2022 “MODEL POLICIES ON THE PRIVACY, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT FOR ALL STUDENTS IN VIRGINIA’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS”

The George Mason Faculty Senate vigorously disagrees with the Virginia Department of Education’s proposed 2022 “[Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia’s Public Schools](#).” These proposed changes are discriminatory and violate fundamental human rights regarding the health and self-determination of students and parents. Furthermore, these proposed changes endanger the lives, health, and well-being of transgender, non-gender conforming, gender non-binary and gender fluid students in the Commonwealth of Virginia by threatening students’ identities and humanity, effectively ostracizing them, and denying them the same opportunities and rights of cisgender students. These proposed policies are not evidence-based and disregard the multi-disciplinary consensus around educational policies and practices that ensure LGBTQIA+ students have equal access to education in a manner free from discrimination, fear, intimidation, and bullying.

The George Mason Faculty Senate, as representatives of the Mason Faculty at large, believe that public education is a fundamental right and that every child deserves a safe, inclusive environment, where diversity is respected, in which to learn. As faculty, we view it as our essential responsibility to foster each student’s success to the best of our ability. This includes efforts to ensure that every student that we welcome through our doors has not faced discriminatory and harmful public policies in the primary and secondary educational institutions of Virginia. As such, we strongly condemn the proposed 2022 “Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia’s Public Schools” as harmful, discriminatory, and dangerous and enjoin the Virginia Department of Education to rescind them.

APPENDIX B ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Council

The link for Graduate Council meeting agendas can be found online at <https://graduate.gmu.edu/faculty-staff-resources/graduate-council>. The upcoming meeting agenda is available at https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/bbcswebdav/xid-263791551_1, and the minutes for the last meeting can be found online at https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/bbcswebdav/xid-262302035_1

Mason Club Lunch Discussions: Creating a Faculty-Staff Community at GMU

Steve Pearlstein, Joe Scimecca, & Rutledge Dennis

Please join some of our university leaders for lunch and informal conversation at the Mason Club at noon on the following dates:

October 12 (Wednesday): Ken Walsh, Chief of Staff

November 8 (Tuesday): President Washington

November 16 (Wednesday): Provost Ginsberg

Office of 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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