

**Faculty Senate Chair Report to the Faculty**  
**In advance of 09/08/2015 Faculty Meeting**  
**By Ariela Tubert**

- I want to start by thanking the outgoing senators who finished their term at the end of the Spring. We are welcoming several new senators this year and because of a high number of sabbatical leaves, we also have several replacement senators. Derek Buescher will serve as Vice-Chair in the fall and Jonathan Stockdale in the spring. John Wesley will serve as Secretary in the fall and Pierre Ly in the spring.
- Over the summer, the Senate Executive Committee worked together with Dean Bartanen and the Associate Deans to develop the service assignments for this year. This was an especially complicated year for the assignments due to a high number of sabbatical leaves and the number of faculty members serving on additional assignments, like the Presidential Search Committee and the Faculty Compensation Task Force. I appreciate everyone's cooperation throughout the process and especially those who agreed to take on assignments outside of their top choices or even double up so as to have every position covered.
- Also over the summer, I worked with Jimmy McMichael to develop an updated website for the faculty senate which now contains a lot of information regarding faculty governance. Among the things that can be found there are lists of senate and faculty meetings with agendas and minutes, senate chair reports to the faculty and to the board, service assignments, and individual pages for each committee including the list of members, end-of-year reports, minutes, and other relevant resources. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the senate website, please let me know. My plan is to continue to update the website throughout the year. Here is the link:  
<http://www.pugetsound.edu/gateways/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/>
- At the senate end-of-summer retreat we had a discussion of the university's educational goals. Martin Jackson and Ellen Peters will be leading various discussions of the university's educational goals

throughout the fall, I encourage everyone interested to take part of these discussions.

- During the retreat, we also started to think about various charges to standing committees for the year. The senate has not met formally yet this semester, our first meeting of the year is on Monday 9/14. We will be meeting for three weeks in a row in September so as to try to speed up the process of charging committees. Of course, in the meantime, all committees can be working on their standing charges or pursue other issues within their purview.
- As always, I want to encourage suggestions for issues that you would like the senate to pursue.