

6. Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Committee (FRRC; Michelle Kelly, chair)
7. Retired faculty members

Committees with Faculty Representation (*reports submitted in advance; please see Appendix A; this time set aside for elevated issues and/or questions*)

1. Academic Policy Committee (Greg Hoskins)

The FY2025 budget continues to rely predominantly on Undergraduate student charges. However, support from Endowment spending has increased significantly over the years as the endowment has grown in size. Graduate programs have recently been brought in-house and may offer enhanced revenue opportunities going forward. The largest budget expense category is Personnel, where salaries, wages, and benefits together make up the majority of operating expenses.

Stephen Strader, PhD, College of Arts & Sciences, was voted to serve as Chair of the Budget Committee.

4. Mission and Social Justice Committee (Gwendolyn Morris)
5. Student Life Committee (Rishtee Batra)

Committees Not Under the Auspices of Faculty Congress (*reports submitted in advance; please see Appendix B; this time set aside for elevated issues and/or questions*)

1. Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

New Business

By-laws revisions (please see Appendix C)

Bob Styer and Christopher Kilby led FC through the proposed by-laws revisions. Several changes to the revisions were suggested. Changes will be made in advance of the November 2024 FC meeting, at which there will be further discussion and vote on the revisions.

Textbook program feedback (Jared, Joe)

Joe Drury reviewed with FC the responses from [a recent FC survey](#) on the textbook adoption program. The following represents an overview of the responses:

Benefits:

Many faculty reported having no problems with the program

Many faculty appreciated the savings to their students

Many faculty noted that their students were more likely to have the textbooks for their courses at the beginning of the semester

Key Problems:

Bookstore disorganization – QR access codes not working, staff not providing reliable, timely information, conflicting information about availability of course packs

Inadequate support for faculty – not copied on messages sent to students or provided with list of students who had opted in to the program, making it hard for them to help students, only one email address to deal with all problems, no clearly identified contact person, response to queries took several days, some struggled to link e-books to Blackboard

Follett failures – sent messages to students from unfamiliar email which meant students ignored them, clunky platform, doesn't have all books faculty want to order, no way to

indicate request for hard copies other than via email, slow to deal with problems with orders
Problems for students

Fall 2024 Faculty Congress general meetings

~~September 23, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm~~

~~October 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am~~

November 25, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

2024-25 Faculty Fridays, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (*The Refectory*)

~~August 30, 2024~~

~~September 27, 2024~~

~~October 25, 2024~~

February 28, 2025

March 21, 2025

April 25, 2025

Appendix B: Committees Not Under the Auspices of Faculty Congress

1. Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees (Mark Doorley)