

Permanent Committees of the 2026-2027 WVU Tech Faculty Assembly

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Committee members who are elected, either by their School or by the Faculty Assembly at large, regularly serve two-year terms which expire at the end of the spring semester of the specified year.

The term *ex-officio* is Latin for “from the office” and indicates that a person is a member of the body by virtue of holding another office. Ex-officio members may be voting or nonvoting members, and their voting status is specified in the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly. Nonvoting committee members are labeled as such below.

All student members are voting members, serve one-year terms, and are selected by the Student Government Association (SGA).

By Article IX Section 4 of the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly, “Unless other provisions are in force, each committee shall elect its own chair, excluding students and members with executive responsibility in the area of the committee.” According to Committee Tenure By-Law C, “The Chair of the Faculty Assembly shall designate a pro tem Chair to call the first committee meeting.”

Faculty Assembly Council (Chair: Nathan Galinsky)			
Nathan Galinsky	Chair (2027)	TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)
Andrew Wheeler	Chair-Elect (2027)	Md Amin	Business (2027)
Uta Hempel Teltscher	Secretary (2027)	Brian Dickman	Engineering (2027)
Chris McClain	Past Chair (ex-officio)	TBD	Nursing (2028)
Patrick Brown	ACF Rep. (ex-officio)	Rachel Bragg	At Large (2028)
TBD	Senate Rep. (ex-officio)		

Academic Affairs (Previous Chair: Gifty Osei Prempeh)			
Cortney Barko	Chair, Arts & Sciences	TBD	Arts & Sciences Curriculum
Josh Price	Chair, Business	TBD	Business Curriculum
Kenan Hatipoglu	Chair, Engineering	TBD	Engineering Curriculum
Hillary Parcell	Chair, Nursing	TBD	Nursing Curriculum
Gifty Osei Prempeh	At Large (2027)	TBD	Sen. Curriculum (nonvoting)
TBD	SGA Student	TBD	Sen. GEF (nonvoting)
TBD	SGA Student		

Academic Appeals (Previous Chair: Caleb Holloway)			
TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	George Such	At Large (2028)
<vacant>	Business (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
Afrin Naz	Engineering (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
TBD	Nursing (2028)		

Academic Awards (Previous Chair: Patrick Brown)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Muzibur Rahman	At Large (2028)
Angela Peterson	Business (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
William Church	Engineering (2027)	Dan Sepion	Dean of Students (nonvoting)
TBD	Nursing (2028)	<vacant>	Associate Dean (nonvoting)

Athletics (Previous Chair: Mark Vecellio)

Samia Hamati	At Large (2028)	Mark Vecellio	At Large (2027)
Caroline McKelvie	At Large (2028)	Patrick Brown	At Large (2027)
TBD	SGA Student	TBD	SGA Student
Kate Carr	Senior Admin. (nonvoting)	Kenny Howell	Athletic Director (nonvoting)
Deb Beutler	Fac. Ath. Rep. (nonvoting)		

Commencement and Official Functions (Previous Chair: Kimberlyn Gray)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	TBD	College Marshal
<vacant>	Business (2027)	Karen Sparks	Registrar (ex-officio)
Kimberlyn Gray	Engineering (2027)	Myisha Robinson	Pres. Appointee (nonvoting)
TBD	Nursing (2028)	J.T. Hird	Alpha Phi Omega (nonvoting)
Brent Linsley	At Large (2028)		

Convocation (Previous Chair: Naresh Ramesh)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	TBD	SGA Student
Mark Jones	Business (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
Zahmeeth Sakkaff	Engineering (2027)	<vacant>	Associate Dean (ex-officio)
TBD	Nursing (2028)	Randy Hunt	Community, Pres. Appoint.
Kate Horton	At Large (2028)	Garrett Goosman	Administrator, Pres. Appoint.

Faculty Status (Previous Chair: J.T. Hird)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Rachel Bragg	At Large (2028)
<vacant>	Business (2027)	Patrick Brown	At Large (2028)
Muzibur Rahman	Engineering (2027)	Chris McClain	At Large (2028)
TBD	Nursing (2028)		

Library (Previous Chair: Rhonda Donaldson)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	George Such	At Large (2027)
KyungMoon Kim	Business (2027)	Rhonda Donaldson	Head Librarian (ex-officio)
Omer Lateef	Engineering (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
TBD	Nursing (2028)		

Loans, Grants, and Scholarships (Previous Chair: Kate Horton)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	TBD	SGA Student
Melissa Farrish	Business (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
Mohsen Ajdari	Engineering (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
TBD	Nursing (2028)	TBD	SGA Student
Patrick Brown	At Large (2028)	Karen Sparks	Registrar (nonvoting)
		Malik Wynes	Financial Aid (nonvoting)

Research (Previous Chair: Naresh Ramesh)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Josh Price	Business (2027)
TBD	Nursing (2028)	Mingyu Lu	Engineering (2027)
		Jemma Cook	At Large (2027)

Student Affairs (Previous Chair: Caroline McKelvie)

TBD	Arts & Sciences (2028)	TBD	Arts & Sciences, Alt. (2028)
Caroline McKelvie	Business (2027)	Devin Noor	Business, Alt. (2027)
Winnie Fu	Engineering (2027)	Cameron Rusnak	Engineering, Alt. (2027)
TBD	Nursing (2028)	TBD	Nursing, Alt. (2028)
George Such	At Large (2028)		
TBD	SGA Student	TBD	SGA Student, Alt.
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