

Permanent Committees of the 2025-2026 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: Chris McClain)			
Chris McClain	Chair (2026)	Andrew Wheeler	Arts & Sciences (2026)
Nathan Galinsky	Chair-Elect (2026)	Md Amin	Business (2027)
Jemma Cook	Secretary (2026)	Brian Dickman	Engineering (2027)
Cortney Barko	Past Chair (ex-officio)	Peggy Fink	Nursing (2026)
Patrick Brown	ACF Rep. (ex-officio)	Deb Beutler	At Large (2026)
Doug Terry	Senate Rep. (ex-officio)		

Academic Affairs (Chair: Gifty Osei Prempeh)			
Cortney Barko	Chair, Arts & Sciences	Brian Leary	Arts & Sciences Curriculum
Josh Price	Chair, Business	Mark Jones	Business Curriculum
Kenan Hatipoglu	Chair, Engineering	Charan Litchfield	Engineering Curriculum
Hillary Parcell	Chair, Nursing	Linda Angus	Nursing Curriculum
Gifty Osei Prempeh	At Large (2027)	Gifty Osei Prempeh	Sen. Curriculum (nonvoting)
Ryan Hayden	SGA Student	Douglas Terry	Sen. GEF (nonvoting)
Georgia Godbey	SGA Student		

Academic Appeals (Chair: Caleb Holloway)			
Mark Vecellio	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Caleb Holloway	At Large (2026)
<vacant>	Business (2027)	Gracie Beaver	SGA Student
Afrin Naz	Engineering (2027)	Kayla Granger	SGA Student
<vacant>	Nursing (2026)		

Academic Awards (Chair: Patrick Brown)

Patrick Brown	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Tarek Farhat	At Large (2026)
Angela Peterson	Business (2027)	Charles Evans	SGA Student
William Church	Engineering (2027)	Dan Sepion	Dean of Students (nonvoting)
Hillary Parcell	Nursing (2026)	<vacant>	Associate Dean (nonvoting)

Athletics (Chair: Mark Vecellio)

Aida Jimenez	At Large (2026)	Mark Vecellio	At Large (2027)
Kate Horton	At Large (2026)	Patrick Brown	At Large (2027)
Roxana Vasquez	SGA Student	Derek Hahn	SGA Student
Kate Carr	Senior Admin. (nonvoting)	Kenny Howell	Athletic Director (nonvoting)
Deb Beutler	Fac. Ath. Rep. (nonvoting)		

Commencement and Official Functions (Chair: Kimberlyn Gray)

Jordan Farmer	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Ranjith Munasinghe	College Marshal
<vacant>	Business (2027)	Karen Sparks	Registrar (ex-officio)
Kimberlyn Gray	Engineering (2027)	Myisha Robinson	Pres. Appointee (nonvoting)
<vacant>	Nursing (2026)	J.T. Hird	Alpha Phi Omega (nonvoting)
Peggy Fink	At Large (2026)		

Convocation (Chair: Naresh Ramesh)

Naresh Ramesh	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Melia Price	SGA Student
Mark Jones	Business (2027)	Aydan Hines	SGA Student
Zahmeeth Sakkaff	Engineering (2027)	<vacant>	Associate Dean (ex-officio)
Kara Cales	Nursing (2026)	Randy Hunt	Community, Pres. Appoint.
Doug Terry	At Large (2026)	Garrett Goosman	Administrator, Pres. Appoint.

Faculty Status (Chair: J.T. Hird)

Taejin Kim	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Rachel Bragg	At Large (2026)
<vacant>	Business (2027)	J.T. Hird	At Large (2026)
Muzibur Rahman	Engineering (2027)	Doug Terry	At Large (2026)
Kara Cales	Nursing (2026)		

Library (Chair: Rhonda Donaldson)

Kate Horton	Arts & Sciences (2026)	George Such	At Large (2027)
KyungMoon Kim	Business (2027)	Rhonda Donaldson	Head Librarian (ex-officio)
Omer Lateef	Engineering (2027)	Alyssa Bush	SGA Student
Patsy Stoots	Nursing (2026)		

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

Patrick Brown	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Marie Lewis	SGA Student
Melissa Farrish	Business (2027)	Georgia Godbey	SGA Student
Mohsen Ajdari	Engineering (2027)	Alyssa Bush	SGA Student
Kelley Coleman	Nursing (2026)	Lindsey Grimes	SGA Student
Kate Horton	At Large (2026)	Karen Sparks	Registrar (nonvoting)
		Malik Wynes	Financial Aid (nonvoting)

Research (Chair: Naresh Ramesh)

Naresh Ramesh	Arts & Sciences (2026)	Josh Price	Business (2027)
Cynthia Clark	Nursing (2026)	Mingyu Lu	Engineering (2027)
		Jemma Cook	At Large (2027)

Student Affairs (Chair: Caroline McKelvie)

Samia Hamati	Arts & Sciences (2026)	George Such	Arts & Sciences, Alt. (2026)
Caroline McKelvie	Business (2027)	Devin Noor	Business, Alt. (2027)
Winnie Fu	Engineering (2027)	Cameron Rusnak	Engineering, Alt. (2027)
<vacant>	Nursing (2026)	<vacant>	Nursing, Alt. (2026)
Brian Leary	At Large (2026)		
Ryan Hayden	SGA Student	Gracie Beaver	SGA Student, Alt.
Adam Mosley	SGA Student	Nickolas Escobedo	SGA Student, Alt.
Melia Price	SGA Student	Mia Valenzuela	SGA Student, Alt.