Permanent Committees of the 2026-2027 WVU Tech Faculty Assembly

(Updated September 22, 2026)

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)	J.T. Hird	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)	Peggy Fink	Nursing (2028)
Patrick Brown	ACF Rep. (ex-officio)	Gifty Osei-Prempeh	At Large (2028)
Charan Litchfield	Senate Rep. (ex-offico)		

Academic Affairs (Previous Chair: Gifty Osei Prempeh)			
Cortney Barko	Chair, Arts & Sciences	Rachel Bragg	Arts & Sciences Curriculum
Josh Price	Chair, Business	TBD	Business Curriculum
Kenan Hatipoglu	Chair, Engineering	Yogendra Panta	Engineering Curriculum
Hillary Parcell	Chair, Nursing	Linda Angus	Nursing Curriculum
Gifty Osei Prempeh	At Large (2027)	Lisa McCool	Sen. Curriculum (nonvoting)
Aydan Hines	SGA Student	Douglas Terry	Sen. GEF (nonvoting)
Katelyn Null	SGA Student		

Academic Appeals (Chair: George Such)			
Nathan Sainsbury	Arts & Sciences (2028)	George Such	At Large (2028)
Leo Sheng	Business (2027)	Gracie Beaver	SGA Student
Afrin Naz	Engineering (2027)	Elijah Stewart	SGA Student
<vacant>	Nursing (2028)		

Academic Awards (Chair: William Church)			
Naresh Ramesh	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Muzibur Rahman	At Large (2028)
TBD	Business (2027)	Kasey Burgess	SGA Student
William Church	Engineering (2027)	Scott Robertson	Dean of Students (nonvoting)
Hillary Parcell	Nursing (2028)		

Athletics (Chair: Caroline McKelvie)			
Samia Hamati	At Large (2028)	Mark Vecellio	At Large (2027)
Caroline McKelvie	At Large (2028)	Patrick Brown	At Large (2027)
Matthew Linville	SGA Student	Ramon Simonassi	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)			
Tanya Pearson	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Peggy Fink	College Marshal
Cacie Bellini	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 (Chair: Zahmeeth Sakkaff)			
George Such	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Abbigail Warfield	SGA Student
Mark Jones	Business (2027)	Elijah Stewart	SGA Student
Zahmeeth Sakkaff	Engineering (2027)	Dan Sepion	Dean of Students (ex-officio)
Kara Cales	Nursing (2028)	Randy Hunt	Community, Pres. Appoint.
Brian Grove	At Large (2028)	Garrett Goosman	Administrator, Pres. Appoint.

Faculty Status (Chair: Chris McClain)			
Caleb Holloway	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Omer Lateef	At Large (2028)
<vacant>	Business (2027)	Patrick Brown	At Large (2028)
Muzibur Rahman	Engineering (2027)	Chris McClain	At Large (2028)
Kara Cales	Nursing (2028)		

Library (Chair: Rhonda Donaldson)			
Tanya Pearson	Arts & Sciences (2028)	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 (2028)		

Loans, Grants, and Scholarships (Chair: Patrick Brown)			
Tae Jin Kim	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Alyssa Bush	SGA Student
Melissa Farrish	Business (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
Mohsen Ajdari	Engineering (2027)	TBD	SGA Student
Kelley Coleman	Nursing (2028)	TBD	SGA Student
Patrick Brown	At Large (2028)	Karen Sparks	Registrar (nonvoting)
		Malik Wynes	Financial Aid (nonvoting)

Research (Chair: Crosby Hipes)			
Crosby Hipes	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Lisa McCool	Business (2027)
Cynthia Clark	Nursing (2028)	Mingyu Lu	Engineering (2027)
		Jemma Cook	At Large (2027)

Student Affairs (Chair: Caroline McKelvie)			
Mark Vecellio	Arts & Sciences (2028)	Tae Jin Kim	Arts & Sciences, Alt. (2028)
Caroline McKelvie	Business (2027)	Devin Noor	Business, Alt. (2027)
Winnie Fu	Engineering (2027)	Cameron Rusnak	Engineering, Alt. (2027)
<vacant>	Nursing (2028)	<vacant>	Nursing, Alt. (2028)
George Such	At Large (2028)		
Savannah Goins	SGA Student	Marie Lewis	SGA Student, Alt.
Melia Price	SGA Student	Gracie Beaver	SGA Student, Alt.
Emma Massey	SGA Student	Alyssa Bush	SGA Student, Alt.