



Request from the Senate Floor: Return to in-person/hybrid Faculty Senate meetings

1. Governor Jay Inslee announced that on 11/1/22, all remaining COVID-19 emergency proclamations and the WA state of emergency were ended. WSU leadership has supported the return for a robust in-person experience.
2. This motion is for a return to a pre-pandemic type of WSU Faculty Senate meeting. Prior to the pandemic, Senators meet in-person on their respective campuses. Campus meeting rooms were linked via video-/tele-conference.
3. Senators from each WSU System campus may gather in-person in a conference room equipped with the ability to connect to Zoom so that all campus conference rooms are linked. Conference rooms fulfilling these requirements have been identified for each campus and are available during the scheduled Senate Meetings.
4. Senators may also attend individually via Zoom from off-campus sites or their offices.
5. Guest speakers may present in-person from the conference room on their respective campus, or via Zoom.
6. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will manage equity among Senators.
7. The proposed format will undergo a trial run for meetings during the Spring 2023 semester. During the final meetings of the semester, a motion from the Senate floor will be proposed to continue the hybrid format. If that motion fails, meetings will return to Zoom only starting Fall 2023.
8. If during the trial run it is found that unavoidable technical problems (e.g., with sound or video) are occurring that obstruct the meeting from proceeding, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee may order that we return to Zoom only for subsequent meetings.