



March 27, 2024

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Faculty Senator, Dogan Gursoy
RE: Amended Motion Proposal for the WSU faculty senate to facilitate a public forum

Motion Title: Facilitating a public/live-streamed meeting between any concerned faculty (including authors of "Time for a change" and WSU American Association of University Professors) and President Schulz and Provost Chilton.

Motion: I propose that the faculty senate facilitate a public/live-streamed meeting between any concerned faculty (including authors of "Time for a change" and WSU American Association of University Professors members) and President Schulz and Provost Chilton following the response from the WSU Board of Regents based on the information they gathered during their multiple meetings with concerned faculty. The faculty senate shall facilitate the meeting prior to May 15 even if there is no response from the WSU Board of Regents based on the information they gathered during their multiple meetings with concerned faculty. Priority shall be given to questions submitted in advance, to be reviewed and organized ahead of time by the WSU Faculty Senate executive committee.

Details and Justifications: The open letter titled "Time for a Change at Washington State University (WSU)" was published by a group of WSU faculty and has garnered significant media attention. The WSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) also wrote a response to "Time for a Change" and initiated a survey on faculty concerns. While others are actively discussing the letter and its content, the Faculty Senate has not yet addressed these documents. Given its endorsement by 207 concerned WSU faculty members, the WSU Faculty Senate is the appropriate forum for discussing both the letter and the issues it raises. This aligns with the statement made by a WSU spokesperson, confirming that WSU's Faculty Senate serves as the designated platform for debating such matters.

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