

March 19, 2024

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

Motion Title: Facilitating a faculty senate session aimed at offering a public forum for both the authors of the open letter titled "Time for a Change at Washington State University (WSU)" and the WSU administration to engage in discussion and address the concerns outlined in the letter.

Motion: I propose that the faculty senate allocate a dedicated session or meeting specifically for providing a forum where both the authors of the open letter titled "Time for a Change at Washington State University (WSU)" and the WSU administration can engage in dialogue facilitated by the faculty senate, aiming to address the concerns outlined in the letter.

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. While others are actively discussing the letter and its content, the Faculty Senate has not yet addressed it. 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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