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If you're not sure of your appointment, we have a list we can check.

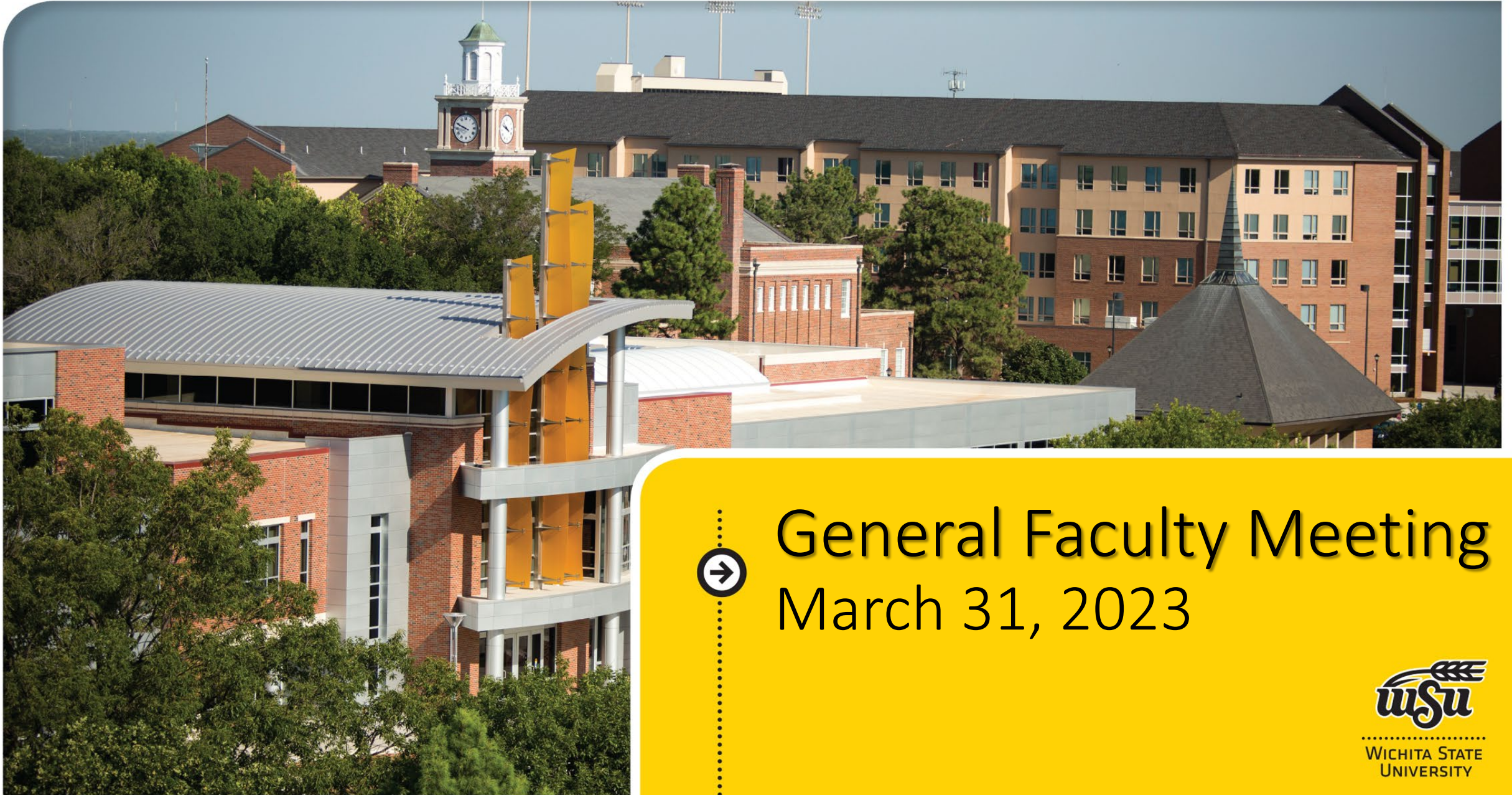
Faculty only in
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Everyone else in
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Thank you!

Photos will be taken for our records.





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WSU Today Announcement

Posted in WSU Today [March 1](#), [March 2](#), [March 7](#), [March 30](#). Email announcements sent to FA/F2 faculty March 9, March 21, and March 29.

Faculty are called to participate in shared governance at the general faculty meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 31 in 110 Woolsey Hall. Faculty will vote on the following two agenda items:

- [General Education Transfer policy](#) implementation (note that the lists on page two are now inaccurate because the proposal was amended in Faculty Senate to exclude first-year seminar courses from buckets one through six):
 - The [General Education Transfer framework](#) was adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents on June 15, 2022. How to best implement it at WSU was initially tasked to the General Education Committee. The committee proposal was amended in Faculty Senate, then approved in Faculty Senate on Feb. 27. In order to ensure that faculty have sufficient time to research and consider the implications of amendments to this proposal, any substantive amendments should be emailed to Susan Castro at susan.castro@wichita.edu by Tuesday, March 21. Find the [running list of amendments proposed in advance here](#).
- [Policy change allowing the General Assembly to meet electronically or dual mode](#):
 - The electronic meeting policy was approved by the Faculty Senate in 2022 but cannot take effect until approved by the General Assembly.

Direct accommodation requests, amendment proposals and questions to Susan Castro, president of the Faculty Senate, at susan.castro@wichita.edu.



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Moment of Silence



Agenda and procedure outline

Moment of Silence

Opening statement from President Castro (3 minutes)

Proposal 1 short description: Permit FS President to hold online or dual mode General Faculty meetings.

“VII. Online Meeting and Voting Provisions for remote/online meeting and voting specified for Faculty Senate meetings shall apply to General Assembly meetings, except that all faculty are voting members.”

Brief explanation (Castro)

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with proposal)

Open discussion, including any amendments proposed from the floor

Close discussion

Vote on proposal 1

Proposal 2 short description: Adopt KBOR Systemwide General Education Transfer Framework with 3cr FYS and 3cr diversity content course in bucket 7.

Brief explanation (Castro)

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with proposal)

Open Discussion (see next page for amendments)



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Agenda and procedure outline

Amendment proposed in advance: Remove the requirement of 3 hours of First-Year Seminar from Bucket #7. [This would have the effect of making FYS no longer a General Education requirement.]. Not a “friendly” amendment - vote is required.

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with amendment)

Discussion

Vote on proposed amendment

(if not moot) **Amendment proposed in advance:** Allow First Year Seminar (FYS) courses to be counted as a disciplinary course in Bucket #5 or #6, as originally proposed by the General Education Committee. Not a “friendly” amendment - vote is required.

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with amendment)

Discussion

Vote on proposed amendment

Call for further discussion or additional amendments to proposal 2.

End discussion

Vote on proposal 2



Proposal 1: Meeting Mode

Short description: Permit FS President to hold online or dual mode General Faculty meetings.

“VII. Online Meeting and Voting Provisions for remote/online meeting and voting specified for Faculty Senate meetings shall apply to General Assembly meetings, except that all faculty are voting members.”

Brief explanation (Castro)

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with proposal)

Open discussion, including any amendments proposed from the floor

Close discussion

Vote on proposal 1



Proposal 2: GenEd Framework

Short description: Adopt KBOR Systemwide General Education Transfer Framework with 3cr FYS and a 3cr diversity content course in bucket 7. (Full implementation by Fall 2024)

Brief explanation (Castro)

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with proposal)

Open Discussion (see next page)

General Education (GE) Requirements at Wichita State follow the KBOR system-wide GE transfer framework and are comprised of 34-35 credit hours organized in six discipline-based “buckets” and an institutionally designated bucket. A student who satisfies all seven buckets will complete the GE program.



English: 6 hours



Communication: 3 hours



Math & Statistics: 3 hours



Natural & Physical Sciences:
4-5 hours
(must include a lab)



Social & Behavioral Sciences:
6 hours
Choose from at Least Two Subject Areas



Arts & Humanities: 6 hours
Choose from at least Two Subject Areas



Institutionally Designated: 6 hours

3 hours of First-Year Seminar***

FYS may ONLY count for GE credit in Bucket #7

Students who have earned an Associate Degree or 30 credit hours prior to high school graduation and before starting classes at WSU as a degree-bound student, may be exempt from taking a First-Year Seminar course.

3 GE hours with Diversity designation

(May be satisfied by bucket 4-6 requirement.)

If diversity requirement is satisfied in buckets 4-6, and/or student is exempt from FYS, the student must take additional Gen Ed approved courses to reach a total of 6 cr in bucket 7. *(May include disciplines not included in buckets 1-6. No repeat courses.)*



Proposal 2

Advance Amendment 1

Amendment proposed in advance: Remove the requirement of 3 cr of First-Year Seminar from Bucket #7. [This would have the effect of making FYS no longer a General Education requirement.]. Not a “friendly” amendment - vote is required.

https://www.wichita.edu/services/studentssuccess/first_year_seminar/

Call for motion and second (required to proceed with amendment)

Discussion

Vote on proposed amendment



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Proposal 2

Advance Amendment 2

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Call for motion and second (required to proceed with amendment)

Discussion

Vote on proposed amendment



Proposal 2

Discussion, vote

Call for further discussion or additional amendments to proposal 2.

End discussion

Vote on proposal 2



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FYS Course Content

https://www.wichita.edu/academics/facultysenate/documents/40819/GenEd1stYearSeminarProposal.Overview_Updated3.25.19.pdf

FYS Course content will be roughly divided as follows: 70% on disciplinary content, 25% on Student Success content, and 5% on the Common Read. Student success content can often and should be thematically presented to align with academic content. Student Success content must include information literacy (for example face-to-face sessions, online tutorials, videos, and/or resource guides) and at least three of the following components: financial literacy, goal setting, degree planning, career planning, time management, stress management/mental health tips, study skills, test taking tips, note taking tips. As part of WSU's commitment to applied and experiential learning, all courses should require attendance at (or viewing of) Convocation, as well as including a beyond-the-classroom learning opportunity.



From 2019 Faculty Senate Recommends Motion Regarding
General Education 1st Year Seminar; Submitted by Senate
General Education Committee

To require all incoming first time in college (FTIC) students to enroll in a First Year Seminar (FYS) during their first or second semester at WSU starting AY 2021-22, with the course to count toward a general education requirement in the arts, humanities, social sciences or natural sciences (as determined by the general education committee).

Courses will be taught by full-time tenured, tenured track, emeritus faculty and non-tenured track faculty (Assist. , Associate, Full)

