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Faculty Governance Task Force

Welcome Message from the Co-Chairs, Prof. Wendy Cadge & Prof. Susan P. Curnan

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the webpage for the Faculty Governance Task Force. We are pleased to be working with faculty across the university to consider how faculty are currently involved in decision-making at Brandeis, what the norms are at peer institutions, and whether we might want to make some changes moving forward. We will be in conversation with the Task Force during the fall semester and will send updates of our progress to the full faculty in advance of the October 20th faculty meeting and again in advance of the December 11th faculty meeting. Our timeline is ambitious, and we will again update everyone early in the spring semester about where things stand and next steps. This internal university webpage can be accessed using your UNET address/password through the Senate, Provost and President's websites.

We are committed to a transparent process meaning that none of the task force's conversations will be confidential and we encourage task force members to be in conversation with as many colleagues as possible about the work we are doing together. Background materials and agendas will be posted as they are available. We hope, eventually, to bring to the full faculty suggestions about how to best utilize faculty time in decision making processes. Any changes to the handbook will follow the process for changes outlined in the current handbook.

Please be in touch with questions, suggestions or feedback all along the way.

With thanks,

Wendy & Susan