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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Process / <a href="#">External Link</a></b>	<b>Notes and Outcome/Action/Completed</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	3:30 pm	
<b>Informal statements &amp; proposals</b>		None
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	<a href="#">January 27, 2020 Minutes</a>	Moved & seconded, approved unanimously
<b>President's Report</b>	Senate President Jarman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision on whether to implant E-verify has not been made – president is still considering what to do, and a more formal presentation will be given before university action is taken                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comment: would like more warning before the presentation is given in the Senate next time</li> </ul> </li> <li>• President's various task forces – intention is report back in 90 days                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you would like to know what the task forces are considering, please contact Senate President Jarman</li> <li>○ Website with task force reports will be uploaded quickly so that people can also see what is being considered</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some people have asked for an update about changes made at Disability Services – hope to provide an update in near future</li> <li>• Deadline for submission of ideas for the third (open) area for the President's Convergence Science Initiative is Friday 14 February – please send ideas to your Dean</li> </ul>

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- Three new goals have been added: increase international enrollment, returning adult learners, and graduate admission
- Overall enrollment has grown in recent years (~15,000 students to ~16,000 students today)
- There will be a significant reduction in the population of 18-year olds starting in 2026 (-14% by 2029), decline is unevenly distributed geographically across the United States
- Part of SEM plan is to grow underserved (minority, first generation, & low income) students
- One interesting challenge is the robust / good economy where individuals (e.g. community college graduates) choose to work rather than go to (i.e. transferring to) four year universities
  - WSU has been the school of choice for community c-[12.9 - 36.72 8o3D74lpQheof

## Senate Deliberation

## Rules Changes

- Attitudinal changes of college age individuals were presented
  - 51% of Gen Z's think that they can do ok without a college degree
  - 71% of businesses are open to alternative (non-degree) credentials
  - 42% of businesses say they will need to retrain their current employees

### Q/A session

- Comment was made by a Senator that many students appear overcommitted and that it is different from days when many faculty were going to school; response: students today may be different from our own experiences so knowing that may help with working with students
- A Senator pointed out that the statistics presented (3100 admits out of 5625 applications) indicated that WSU only admits ~60% of our applicants – why is it so low? Response: some applications are never completed and out of the 3100 admitted, ~1600 come to WSU but the rest generally go to community colleges and many of those eventually come to WSU

### Potential changes for discussion – not a first reading (included below)

- Would it be possible for Senators to vote if they are unable to attend?
  - Idea of streaming (video) of the meeting was considered by the Rules Committee, but captioning of streamed video may be cost prohibitive so it was not considered further
  - Two ideas, however, came up as a result: (1) alternative Senator who can vote if the primary Senator is absent and (2) proxy voting
  - Rules Committee considered a number issues associated with both ideas, but these were the two best ideas and are presented as possibilities; discussion followed.
  - Question was asked what the current rule is regarding individuals who go on sabbatical; response: there is already a process to have an “alternate” Senator for the sabbatical period
  - A number of Senators felt that an alternate Senator is problematic since such an individual would need to attend most meetings in order to be well informed about a topic under consideration – many faculty are already overloaded with service activities
  - Idea was raised that after a [Senate] proposal is finalized, put all documents up in Senate website, then have Senators vote online – comment was made that discussion is important and people change their viewpoint as a result; such a method [online voting] may encourage more absence [of Senate meetings]; online voting is discouraged in Roberts rules
  - Many discussions can be lengthy and complex so it might be difficult to be well informed unless Senators participate / attend meetings
  - Question was asked if recordings can be made and archived. Response: cost would be associated with this; if it is to be streamed, then absenteeism might be encouraged as well
  - Comment was made that if an individual agrees to serve on the Senate, then they are already committed to come to the meetings
  - Straw vote: significant majority opposed to proxy, alternate Senator or something else
- Other thoughts which were brought up:
  - Should there be a rule that there be quorum by division/college?
  - Perhaps consider allowing online voting for the General Faculty meeting
- Informal statements & proposals part of the Senate meeting – consider limiting individuals to 5 minutes (longer/more detailed written statement can be placed on the Senate website) and a total of 10 minutes for all informal statements in a given meeting – this idea will be brought

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- Comment was made that this would encourage individuals to be organized in their statement
- There was a suggestion that informal statements & proposals be limited to Senators – Rules Comm. Chair Sternfeld-Dunn will look into this, whether it is already in the Senate rules
- Question/comment: would speaker for informal statement be able to take questions, and if so would they still be limited to 5 minutes – Sternfeld-Dunn will look into this further
- Suggestion was made that the “must be limited to 5 minutes” be changed to “normally should be limited to 5 minutes”
- Since the Senate is an open meeting, videotaping