

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Hailey Bibbee, Administrative Associate

FROM: Marybeth Beller, Faculty Senate Liaison to Legislative Affairs Committee

DATE: September 24, 2024

RE: Committee Report

The Legislative Affairs Committee met on September 24, 2024. We have scheduled meetings for the first Tuesday of each month beginning in December, with an agreement to have further meetings as needed, depending on legislative action.

Marybeth Beller will serve as Chair for this academic year and Tim Burbery will serve as Secretary.

The committee discussed the Governor's upcoming special session and the possible impacts that another tax cut could have on higher education. As the state's budget still has problems funding solutions to foster care and the prison systems, another tax cut will likely trigger further cuts. Higher education does not have a statutory mandate for state funding; we should therefore be wary of any more tax cuts.

The Legislative Affairs Committee will meet again on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:00 in Teams.