

## Faculty Senate Meeting 10/23/12

- I. Call to Order: 3:30
- II. Roll Call: by circulated sign-in sheet.
- III. Correction to Minutes from 10/9/2012
  - a. Correction: On the second page, part a. “currently tier I, tier II, then PERS” changed to Tier I, Tier II, then OPSRP. The sentence that begins with committee, seeks to be “comparable”
  - b. Action: Minutes Approved

## IV. President’s Reports

### a. **Keller Coker, Faculty Senate –**

- i. If anyone wants to relay messages through Keller they are more than welcome to give the information to him to relay to the Senate.
- ii. Pure Insights – You can read about it on the handout, it is for our undergraduate students to present their best work. There are a couple of facts on there that have attributed to the success of Pure Insights. **Dec. 31** is the next deadline for the next issue of Pure Insights. Contact information on the handout.

### iii. Health and Counseling Center Insurance Information –

- 1. There were some changes to health insurance laws that greatly increased the costs for students to have health insurance at WOU; the decision was made to not require students to have health insurance through the university. It went from 400-500 a year to \$1500 a year and it was decided that this was too much for the university to charge students. The problem is that most students don’t know about it. However, some services are still free such as counseling, but once it goes as far as any lab testing and so on it is through the student’s health insurance or out of pocket. It has happened that students are turning down medical services they need because they don’t know how they will be able to take care of it. The insurance that is \$1500 a year can be accessed, as well as they can use their parent’s health insurance. The health and counseling center would like to talk to students. We need to go back to our divisions and ask faculty members to let students know that they don’t have the insurance that was there in the past and give them information that they need. This is all outlined on the sheet by the door

Q: you said this is a result of a recent change, is this from affordable care act?

A: Yes, I think it is. I think that is where this came from. What it was, it used to be up to \$5000 per incident, and the new one was much higher.

Q: one of the things we grappled with the year and the year before and it was 1500-2000 of additional cost to students per year and we thought that was an amount that was too high to ask of students to pay.

A: yes the first thing is to make sure students are informed and that they understand. Jonathan, there may be things that students can do as well

Jonathan: Yes we have a Director of student services and she is already planning these events.

**b. Mark Weiss Western Oregon University -**

- i. 20<sup>th</sup> day of enrollment is done. We are ½ of 1% below our total enrollment last year and the same amount below our FTE total last year. A couple dozen lower.
- ii. I had a hip replacement 6 months ago and there was a diagnosed complication with that, had to go in the hospital a couple times for that and had to be at home for about 4 and a half months. I met with the Chancellor yesterday and told him that I would follow whatever he felt was best for WOU - his conclusion was to ask me to stay and work as I have in the past from a virtual office at home down the road. That is what I will do, I won't be at these meetings, but occasionally you might invite me in if I have something to say or report. And in my opinion we are doing so many things right and well. At last week's Finance Committee of the Board of Higher Education meeting, held yesterday afternoon, every time it was mentioned, we were mentioned as doing things well along with the University of Oregon many times. Met with their staff members on Monday, and I didn't know if I would be staying or not, but I expected them to work together well as they have in the past with our goal clearly aligned in the best interest of our students and faculty to make them successful in their existence at WOU. A more formal message will be sent out in the next couple of days.

**c. Kent Neely, Provosts' Council -**

- i. Wanted to make a slight reference on the minutes:  
→ The examination of full time happened last year and this year is the tuition costs.
- ii. Rudy Crew, Oregon Chief Education Officer, will be coming to campus on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November in the Willamette room from 8:30-9:30. He has been conducting open forums around the community for him to express his vision and to take comments.

V. Old Business

- a. ARC Cultural Diversity Designation Report and Recommendations - Robert Monge

- i. We didn't talk to campus diversity committee in drafting these documents because initially it had not been formed, we didn't intentionally avoid involving them. Partly what we were focusing on was a curricular issue and if the faculty senate wanted to involve a higher campus committee we would be definitely open to it.
- ii. In terms of Sample Syllabus being used instead, the committee was pretty set in using an actual syllabus, and if it was going to be changed here it should be changed across the board for new curriculums.
- iii. As far as the language, we are happy and open to changing the definitions but we would request suggestions and input from the Faculty senate or divisions.

Q: We would like to talk about it in our next division meeting and bring it back, but are we sending the input to the ARC or bringing it back to Faculty Senate?

A: I think it would be more efficient to send the ARC the input and come back to this in the future.

→If your division is not represented you may send it back to the presenter.

Q: Did you send the ARC Cultural Diversity docs to everyone?

A: It should have gone to all faculty on Friday.

VI. New Business

- a. None.

VII. Announcements

- a. Jonathan Farmer: Thank you Faculty and staff for letting students come in classes, to push the agendas that we might have as a university. We registered over 50,000 voters in Oregon through the Oregon Students Association. We are the largest voter registration drive in the country and the benefits should be showed.
- b. OEIB Oregon Roadshow is tonight in which we will be bringing students there this evening to give testimony.
- c. Institutional Boards 759 was discussed this past weekend at EOU. Thank you all and mention that upstairs, on the plaza, there is an opportunity to donate food to the food bank on campus and these events are going on all week because it's food week.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 3:59pm