

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 22, 2014

I) Call to Order: 3:30

II) Call of roll (by circulation of sign-in sheet)

In Attendance: David Foster, Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Scot Morse, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Kevin Helppie, Claire Ferraris, Patricia Gimenez, Cornelia Paraskevas, Thomas Rand, Michael Baltzley, Laurie Burton (for Breeann Flesch), Rahim Kazerouni, Erin Baumgartner (for Kristin Latham), David Doellinger, Terry Gingerich, Mark Van Steeter, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Bob Hautala, Amber Feist (for Edwin Cancel), Mickey Pardew, Rachel Harrington, Tracy Smiles, Dana Ulveland, Stewart Baker

III) Correction to and approval of minutes:

- a) Approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President:

- i.) Calls for nominations were sent yesterday for WOU governing board. Intend to gather names, confirm willingness to serve, and gather CV, statements, and relevant materials to forward to President Weiss by the end of May. It is uncertain yet how many nominees will agree to serve, but there is not a plan to vote on these nominees at this time.
 - a) This is an opportunity to proceed with discussion of nominees to be forwarded. The process should be respectful and open. The letter from the governor is fairly clear on the criteria, and that the board members should represent interests of the state. As President Weiss intends to forward no more than three names and has asked Faculty Senate for input, shouldn't we have a vetting process?
 - b) Staff Senate and Student Senate have established processes to select their nominees.
 - c) The suggestion to make nominee CVs, statements, and questionnaires available via the faculty senate website for Division review and discussion and to conduct an anonymous vote, perhaps via the President's office has been made, and Senate President Shannon invites suggestions for how to structure the process prior to the May meeting.
- ii.) COE has two programs with no enrollment to be eliminated. No faculty or adjuncts have been cut in this process.
- iii.) Many new courses in the curriculum process, including some new graduate courses in Computer Science.

b) Mark Weiss, University President:

- i.) Eastern Oregon University just named their interim President, Melanie Rose is now that Chancellor of the OUS for its final year.
- ii.) The response to requests to serve on the WOU Governing Board has been very positive.

c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs:

- i.) Congratulations to Pastega award winners: Katherine Schmidt (teaching), David Doellinger (scholarship)
- ii.) They will have a reception May 1st at 3:30. Please RSVP to Kathy Hill
- iii.) We have another Academic Advising Award. This will be our 7th award.
- iv.) OUS Provost's council is vetting degree and certificate proposals. We will continue to

- leverage our campuses for competing for market share. Programs that address state needs are very important,
- v.) For example, CS is offering realtime classes with Southern and OIT. This has gotten the attention of ETIC and this will help us secure funding from ETECH.
- vi.) Thank you to faculty for involvement in OEIB and work on joint academic programming
- vii.) Volunteers are always needed to chat with admitted students in degree programs. Contact Rob Findtner if interested.
- d) **Travis Meuwissen ASWOU President:**
 - i.) If you know of any students who you feel would be a good candidate for WOU Governing Board please forward names ASAP. We feel like we have a good group of students as of now.
 - ii.) Student email about public opinion about tuitions, informational drive at ASWOU election sites.
 - iii.) ASWOU has been asking a lot of classes to help with voter registration drives and THANK YOU for working with us on this. April 29 is the voter registration deadline.

V) Executive Committee Elections

- a) Candidate Statements
 - i.) Laurie Burton represents a group of candidates who would like to work together: Laurie Burton, president; Katherine Schmidt, vice president; Erin Baumgartner, secretary; Camila Gabaldon-Winningham and Adele Schepige, senators-at-large.
 - a) It is important to have your voice heard and we should all do the survey monkey about online classes
 - ii.) Bob Hautula, candidate for senator-at-large has been on Senate for 8 terms and Executive committee for 7 terms, 2 years on ARC, 6 years on Honors. Not running with anyone but he can work with everyone.
- b) Voting results:
 - i.) President:
 - a. Laurie Burton, 23 votes, elected
 - b. Write in: Tad Shannon, 3 votes
 - ii.) Vice President:
 - a. Katherine Schmidt, 27 votes, elected
 - b. Write in: 1 vote Tracy Smiles
 - iii.) Secretary:
 - a. Erin Baumgartner, 24 votes, elected
 - b. Write in: Dana Uvelad, 1 vote
 - iv.) At Large:
 - a. Camila Gabaldon, 18 votes, elected
 - b. Bob Hautula, 18 votes, elected
 - c. Adele Schepige, 13 votes

VI) Old Business:

- a) Statement on shared Governance
 - i.) The statement is meant to be directed to the University Community
 - ii.) It does not represent a technical change in what we do now, but we felt that Western is in a really good position right now because of shared governance and as we move forward with an Independent model, we wanted to recommit to the process that has been working so well for us.
 - iii.) Suggested amendments
 - a. Preamble: Strike first sentence, and begin second sentence with "We reaffirm

the following principles of shared governance”.

- b. Item 1, first line. Replace “Leaders of all sections” with “All members of the University community”
- iv.) Motion to vote on supporting revised statement with amendments
- v.) Motion to table until next meeting so division can discuss revised statement
 - a. Motion to vote withdrawn
 - b. Vote to table until next meeting passed unanimously
- b) Revised Institutional Learning Outcomes-
 - i.) Senate to vote at first meeting in May on a catalog change to replace institutional aspirations with LEAP outcomes. Oregon is a LEAP state, so this would be an appropriate move.
 - ii.) This will not have any financial impact in a negative way and may save money since rubrics are already developed.
 - iii.) Current focus is on the undergraduate degree. Its the institutional outcome that the rubrics can be adapted to work with many types of programs. Not just LACC or General Education. The alignment is not one-on-one, but all of our aspirations are covered by the LEAP outcomes.
 - i.) A PDF of all rubrics can be posted for review on faculty senate website. Divisions should review and discuss, including any possible modifications to LEAP outcomes.

VII) New Business:

- a) New CS/IS Graduate Courses.
 - i.) Eight new courses (three CS and five IS to support MS degree in Software Engineering and Management and Information Systems.
 - ii.) With one exception, all of will be taught as slash courses and the 400-level versions have already been approved)

VIII) Adjourned 4:55