

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 8, 2014

I) Call to Order: 3:31

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

In Attendance: David Foster, Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Scot Morse, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Claire Ferraris, Patricia Gimenez, Cornelia Paraskevas, Michael Baltzley, Breeann Flesch, Rahim Kazerouni, Erin Baumgartner (for Kristin Latham), David Doellinger, Scott Tighe, Mark Van Steeter, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Bob Hautala, 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.) Faculty Senate elections upcoming at next meeting.
 - a. Call for nominations from floor
 - i. No nominations forthcoming

b) Mark Weiss, University President:

- i.) WOU will be an Independent State University by July 1, 2015 at the latest. Board of trustees will be 11-14 appointed members; 8-11 from outside WOU to represent the broader community.
 - a) Formally requesting that senate provide 3 faculty candidates to serve at pleasure of governor on board of trustees. Does not need to be on senate. Nominations to be forwarded to Pres Weiss by July 14.
 - b) ASWOU is seeking student nominees and Staff senate non-faculty staff nominees
 - c) Town Hall meeting on Thursday at 11:30-12:30 in Columbia room for update on timeline and Q&A.

c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs:

- i.) Alex Kunkel selected NACDA emerging leader program.
- ii.) In preparation for educating new Board of Trustees about WOU identity, the NW accreditation report will be important.
- iii.) May 30-31 Teaching Talks II. 5-6 faculty to attend conference on course design and assessment to gauge mastery. Let Deans know of interest.
- iv.) Provost Council approvals of GIS certificate, ABs in Computer and Information Science are scheduled for May 8 review.
- v.) PSU will be campus partnering with CC and School Districts on evaluating credit for prior learning, which is a high priority for the HECC.
- vi.) OUS achievement compacts and Mission Alignment statements which are used for evaluation and funding allocations will be handled by the HECC. Deans and Faculty Senate need to be involved in review of our documents.
- vii.) Reminder that faculty should be prepared to manage class when campus is closed over span of days or weeks due to emergency.

viii.) Deans are working on College and Library Budget proposals. Emphasis on gaining state funding for student services, faculty recruitment and retention, and scholarship buy downs were more state money to become available.

d) Dan Clark, DEP

i.) Via email, will be facilitating campuswide conversation about role of Academic Technology on campus. Meeting set up with AIC chair.

V) Old Business:

a) Study Abroad restructure

i.) Resolution that decision be suspended pending IESC consultation and that IESC be consulted on any future restructuring

a. Previous 3-way coordination has allowed success in both study abroad and recruitment of international students, concern that shift in focus from Spanish-speaking programs to Asia may not serve the large latino community here in Oregon well.

b. Lack of clarity between parties if this was an educational or administrative/personnel decision.

c. Inclusion of Study Abroad consulting in Tina Palmer's job description retains institutional memory.

ii.) Motion to amend IESC resolution item 6 to clarify that Study Abroad program is not being eliminated but rather restructured.

a. Discussion

i. If the decision will not be suspended, perhaps item 6 requesting that suspension should be eliminated.

ii. It is symbolically important to have the resolution on the record.

b. Call to vote

i. 10 in favor, 9 opposed, 5 abstentions

iii.) Motion to have IESC review and refine charge to include consultation on international education issues, including study abroad.

a. Discussion

i. Should include examination of capstone course recommended by VPAA Scheck.

b. Call to vote

i. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

ii. motion passes

VI) New Business:

a) Shared Governance

i.) Social Sciences presents and requests consideration for resolution (available on Faculty Senate Website) recommending principles of shared governance

a. All to review the "WOU Faculty Governance Charter".

b. Faculty governance defined as principles, processes and structure to guide group decisions and representative action

c. Strength and diversity requires collaborative effort

ii.) Natural Sciences recognizes current fiscal and educational strength of WOU stems from shared governance and hopes for a renewed commitment to shared governance as WOU moves forward as an Independent Institution.

b) Institutional Learning Outcomes - LEAP

i.) AAC&U developed learning outcomes, Liberal Education, America's Promise

- b) Proposal to approve LEAP learning outcomes to build sound foundation to move forward for accreditation (Materials linked through Faculty Senate website)
 - i. LEAP outcomes align well to current institutional aspirations.
 - ii. Existing rubrics in place can be adopted or adapted as needed
- c) Take back to Divisions for discussion.

VII) Announcements:

- a) History MA program
 - i.) Program remains suspended, admitted students are finishing next year.
 - ii.) Follow up meeting to request short term suspension; program not reinstated
 - iii.) Thank you to Departments and Divisions for Support and to Dean and VPAA for continuing support of current students.
- b) Candidate Statement
 - iv.) Laurie Burton seeks presidency next year and has identified candidates with whom she would like to work to help guide faculty conversations to resolve issues facing WOU (handout distributed).
 - v.) Bob Hautula to get time next meeting for (at-large) candidate statement

VIII) Adjourned: 5:01