



**Faculty Senate Minutes
March 8, 2016**

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering, optional)

3:30 – 5 p.m.

Business Meeting

1. Call to order 3:30 p.m.
2. Call of the roll:
Senators in attendance: Jaime Marroquin, Carmen Caceda, Marie LeJeune, Kevin Helppie, Jennifer Taylor, Bob Hautala, Cornelia Paraskevas, David Janoviak, Rob Winningham, Lyra Behnke, Mike Olivier, Cheryl Beaver, Chehalis Strapp, Matt Ciancetta, Bryan Dutton, Thomas Rand, Amy Harwell, Shaun Huston, Isidore Lobnibe, mark Van Steeter, Scott Tighe, Melanie Landon-Hays (for Chloe Hughes), Tad Shannon
Ex-officio in attendance: Laurie Burton, Katherine Schmidt, Melanie Landon-Hays, Stephen Scheck, Rex Fuller, Corbin Garner
3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting
Approved
4. Institutional Reports
4.1. Laurie Burton, Faculty Senate President

Faculty Board Representative

WOU was informed yesterday that we have to have our names forwarded by April 8 to be confirmed by the Governor and the Senate during May legislative days, which does not give us enough time.

Therefore, the Board chair James Baumgartner will be discussing a process with the Board, and for our faculty representative we will do two things:

- a) Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas will continue to serve as the WOU Board faculty representative through summer 2016
- b) Once the process is clarified with the Board, we will proceed with the plan we have in place during spring term to provide the Board chair Dr. James Baumgartner with a list of faculty appropriate for serving on the Board, so that he may forward names to the Governor for confirmation during the September Senate session.

We will announce details at the April 12 Faculty Senate meeting

Faculty Senate Officer Elections

Per our bylaws, election of officers takes place during the second Faculty Senate meeting in April (election of at-large senators takes place during the second Faculty Senate meeting in May).

2.4 The slate of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, and at-large Senators shall be made by a Nominating Committee.

2.5 The Nominating Committee shall be selected by faculty senators at the March meeting.

2.6 The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members: the past president of the Faculty Senate serving on the current Executive Committee, a second member chosen from the current Executive Committee, and two members at-large from the current Faculty Senate. The Past President shall serve as chair and coordinator.

Dr. Katherine Schmidt, current Faculty Senate Vice-President has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, and our past president, Dr. Thaddeus Shannon will need two members at-large from the current Faculty Senate. Senators Marie LeJeune and Cheryl Beaver volunteered to be on this committee.

Policy Committee

The first official WOU Policy committee meeting will be on March 17, I will have a report on our charge and progress at the April 12 Faculty Senate meeting.

4.2. Rex Fuller, University President

- Brief updates: completed legislative session. A key outcome for WOU, legislature included funding for the Oregon Military Dept. to relocate to Umatilla. The Oregon Military Academy building will transfer to WOU. The timing isn't clear; it depends on the sale of bonds and relocation to Umatilla. The building is currently used for some classes and is about 60,000 sf of space that we need to think about its best use.
- Universities as a group asked for \$15 million. Not included in the budget but there was a good turnout at University Day when all seven universities worked together to raise the profile of higher education. We had good conversations about improving student support and success. First time all universities were at the capitol on the same day. This sent a good message to the legislators. Council of Presidents continues to make efforts to work together.
- Governor signed minimum wage bill. Polk County increased to \$9.75 on July 1st. It will affect our budgeting for next year. IFC process included an allowance to go toward that. This increase will be part of the budget planning for FY17.
- Working on tuition scenarios for next year. The range being proposed is up to 3% for a resident UG tuition plan and the tuition increase for Western Promise will be higher. Our goal is to be positioned in the same price range as SOU and PSU, particularly. Many of our students look at those two campuses for comparison. The final decision will be taken to BOT in April.
- Discussion of Oregon Promise and how it continues to give free tuition at community colleges. 16,000 students made application. Western's efforts have been to rejuvenate and connect with our 2 + 2 transfer relationships. The applications have followed county-by-county populations. Historically, WOU's largest transfer partners are Chemeketa and Linn-Benton; goal is to create linkages and multiple pathways.
- The Strategic Planning process will move forward in earnest in Spring Term.

4.3. Stephen Scheck, University Provost

- Complete provost's report has been added to the faculty senate webpage under information and reports.

4.4. Corbin Garner, ASWOU President

- Has been away on military duty this term
- Incidental Fee Committee process is looking at a \$14 increase, which brings it to \$341 per term per student. This includes roughly \$13,000 to address the minimum wage increase. Committee did not address salary compression; it will be addressed in the future. Summer fee is going up \$12.
- Through the work of Dr. Pettenger, WOU was named a tree campus by the Arbor Day Society. Celebration will be on April 8th and there will be some workshops on how to preserve trees on campus.
- Spring Term Vote Drive. Faculty may be contacted in the next couple of weeks to have students come to classes –no obligation, but it is appreciated. Vote drive should be wrapped up by April 26

5. Consideration of Old Business

5.1. Quantitative Literacy Designation

Robert Monge, Library and Media Services

- Proposed new questions and rubric process for the Q designation
- Breeann Flesch accompanied to answer questions. For courses with a current Q classification, there will be a quick review process as they are grandfathered. In the future, there may need to be applications for re-evaluation and renewal, as needed.
- Proposal is to adopt the new designation form aligned with the LEAP outcomes. Approved unanimously.

5.2. Curricular item: Reading Specialist Graduate Certificate

Melanie Landon-Hays

- No questions. Approved unanimously

5.3. Curricular item: ESOL Certificate

Maria Dantas-Whitney

- No questions. Approved unanimously

5.4. Curricular item: Dual Language/Bilingual Education Certificate and associated coursework

Maria Dantas-Whitney and Carmen Caceda

- No questions. Approved unanimously

5.5. Curricular item: Undergraduate Teacher Preparation and associated coursework

Marie LeJeune

- No questions. Approved unanimously

5.6. Curricular item: Early Childhood Studies (major) and Early Childhood Only (teaching authorization) and associated coursework

Cindy Ryan

- No questions. Approved unanimously

5.7. Curricular item: Education Studies Major (Non-licensure)

Dana Ulveland

- Designed primarily for students not licensed to teach in public schools. Many International students want an education degree and won't teach here. Social Sciences were consulted to help strengthen the program by adding Social Science coursework options. This program also benefits the small number of students who come through and are not required to teach in a classroom. This allows them to get an education major, without going through TSPC and doing that required testing, and there may be students who simply might like to pursue an area of study and get some educational background.
- Discussion of hidden prerequisites not listed on program.
- Discussion of putting advising guides in place to show what the major really requires.
- This item of business was given a tentative approval, with the requirement that the added Social Science coursework would be reviewed at the division level before final approval by Faculty Senate.

6. Consideration of New Business

6.1. No New Business

7. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

7.1. Academic Infrastructure Funding Recommendations

Dirk Freymuth, Academic Infrastructure Committee Chair

- There was single cycle of funding for AIC this year, building renovations requests are no longer processed through the Academic infrastructure Committee.
- In this single cycle year, there were 11 proposals. The budget has also been reduced from \$200,000 to \$100,000. That decision is because of the single cycle and the committee is unsure if it is permanent. Dirk noted that this change does not reflect the historical funding of non-building related faculty proposals, that is, historically; those were not half of the money spent.
- Noted that all of the proposals together could have been funded if the full budget from last year was available this year. There are legitimate proposals that should be supported without reservation, but the budget was used responsibly and funding was within the \$100,000. This was presented so that the Faculty Senate had some ideas about how funding decisions are made.
- The plan is to also present which proposals are ultimately funded when that information is made available.

7.2. Report on results of faculty survey regarding minors and additional credit hour requirement information

Joel Alexander, Academic Requirements Committee Chair

- The ARC was tasked by Faculty Senate to look at the issue of required minors at WOU.
- Many other Universities no longer require minors. Linked PowerPoint outlined the pros and cons of minors, as well as the link between student retention and minors.
- Comments about our feeder schools, transfer students often arrive with 100 or more credits; they already have inflated hours. Presented results of a Faculty survey about minors. Discussion on more methods for getting more information on this survey: Checking with students through ASWOU, looking into graduate school requirements, etc.
- Provost Scheck maintained that 180 credits is a significant number. WOU needs to deal with this and not have it just go to the ether. College affordability is a factor for our

students. Would like for the Faculty Senate to continue to discuss these options in a very intentional way. Nationwide, there has been a movement toward proficiency. If we keep the minor, then we need to look at curricular programming and how it fits with accreditation. Portland State is looking at proficiency and moving to below 180 required hours for graduation.

7.3. Fostering Collegiate Success

Emily Plec, Communications Studies

No time for presentation, please see document linked to wou.edu/facultysenate

7.4. Dan Clark, Director Center for Academic Innovation

- Weiwei had her baby. She'll be gone for 12 weeks. There are some coverage options. Community lecture series is on Thursday—Garima Thakur is exhibiting her artwork. Dan sent a survey about a video content management system. Looking for a better system

8. Adjournment at 5:10 p.m.

Motion and approval to extend meeting at 5 p.m.

5 – 5:15 p.m.

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