

## Faculty Senate President Report February 14, 2017

### 1. Executive Committee Business

#### Curriculum proposals approved:

- Course modifications in ART, ENG,
- New courses and course modifications in ART
- Dropped courses in German Language

#### General Education Committee Request:

The General Education Committee requested a pause in proposal submissions for D, Q, W and LACC courses. The FS Executive Committee read the Committee's charge and original tasks passed by Faculty Senate in 2015. The GEC charges are on the committee page ([wou.edu/facultysenate/committees/](http://wou.edu/facultysenate/committees/)). Some initial tasks for the GEC are in the original memo put forward (and passed) at Faculty Senate. This can be found in the [LEAP Next Steps memo](#) and is shown below. This is associated with the May 26, 2015 meeting on the [Faculty Senate archives page](#).

#### GEC INITIAL TASKS

1. Review D, LACC, Q and W guidelines, and revise / align to LEAP outcomes and value rubrics. Begin with LACC courses which currently have no proposal guidelines.
2. Over the next three years, receive assessment data from the Assessment Facilitation Steering Committee on current general education courses, and, at the end of the three-year period (end of Spring Term 2018), revisit the selection of GELOs based on analysis of the gathered assessment data.
3. In collaboration with the deans' offices and the current faculty members working on making WOU a Passport institution, provide recommendations on WICHE passport learning outcomes and proficiencies

The GEC has established Q designation guidelines. W designation guidelines have been in use for years although they are not yet LEAP rubric aligned. GEC reported they are currently working on the D designation guidelines. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee agrees that a pause in D proposal submissions is appropriate given that the GEC is currently working on updating those guidelines to align with LEAP rubrics. A pause in LACC proposals is appropriate because LACCs do not have any designation guidelines and GEC has yet to work on establishing those. The GEC should continue to review Q and W since those guidelines are established.

### 2. Catalog Deadlines

- **February 21, 2017:** Last Curriculum or graduate committee for course/program changes
- February 28, 2017 - New Business – Faculty Senate
- March 14 - Old Business – Faculty Senate

**3. Academic petitions**

The Executive Committee became aware of possible problematic issues regarding the use of Academic Petitions after the Academic Requirements Committee received a report about a problem. The problem centers around the communication loop of who is informed and who approves or denies the Academic Petition. The current form has two signatures required- student and advisor. The Executive Committee then met with Provost Scheck and Registrar Amy Clark to discuss the communication loop and form. The Registrar was already in the process of revising that particular form. The Registrar will work with the Academic Requirements Committee to complete that revision. Also, the ARC will work to help establish an appropriate communication loop in the process of submitting and approving or denying the petition.

<http://www.wou.edu/registrar/files/2016/02/Academic-Petition-form.pdf>

**4. General Scholarship readers update**

Follow up from Natasha Roman's information report at the last meeting. As of Monday, February 13th the total number of readers is 27. You can still sign up. Note: You have all of March to read a batch of scholarship essays. You can read a few at a time if you want.

**5. We still need a Faculty Senate Secretary.**