

Faculty Senate President's Report October 24, 2017

1. We will need a new Board of Trustees representative sooner rather than later. The term of the new representative begins July 2018. We must send our recommendation to Jim Baumgartner, Chair of the WOU Board of Trustees mid-January 2018 so that everyone in the selection, recommendation and approval process has the necessary time to carry out their responsibilities. We will begin our process this fall. The Executive Committee will review the process used last year, make changes as necessary and then proceed with the process.

2. Board of Trustees meeting- Wednesday October 25th, WUC, 1-6 p.m.

My report to BOT includes:

- Graduation requirements updates: General ED, Upper Division 62 cr, BA/BS
- Innovations in Education: showcasing Interdisciplinary Studies Degree (revised) and Organization Leadership (new graduate program in the curriculum system now)
- Service thanks to Dr. Tad Shannon, Computer Science, for representing WOU on the HECC HB 2998 Advisory Committee.

3. Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR): An announcement will be sent out this week to all faculty about filling the Faculty Athletics Representative position.

4. University Council Representatives

An announcement will be sent out this week to all faculty about filling the at-large University Council Representative position.

WOU faculty will have four positions on the University Council: Strategic Planning co-chair (Laurie Burton), WOUFT President or WOUFT designee, FS President or Faculty Senate Executive Committee designee, and a fourth as an at-large position. There will be a quick turnaround time on this because the next meeting of the University Council is Nov. 3rd.

5. General Education Program opportunities for more input: The General Education Task Force has reviewed input from the first town halls and survey responses. Some revisions have been made to the General Education Framework draft. Everyone is invited to come to more town halls and participate in the online surveys to help the task force refine the General Education Program Framework.

6. Committees: Some faculty senate committees appear to be having challenges with membership and securing committee chairs. The Executive Committee will be examining this closely and may be making some recommendations soon to help support our committee structures. We recognize that there are more committees, task forces, ad hoc groups and advisory groups now than before that require faculty participation to support student success.