



**WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ASAC)
REGULAR MEETING
Meeting No. 7, October 12, 2017
President's Conference Room, Lieuallen Administration Building
10:00 – 12:00 PM**

(1) Call-to-Meeting and Roll Call

Committee Chair Lane Shetterly called the committee meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Trustees Shetterly, Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas and Gloria Ingles in attendance. Although a quorum was present, Chair Shetterly moved action items until after Trustee Kelsee Martin joined the meeting at 10:30 AM. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephen Scheck and Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Dukes were present.

Invited guests attending: Dr. Sue Monahan, Associate Provost; David McDonald, Associate Vice President; Dr. Adele Schepige, President of Faculty Senate; Dr. Mark Girod, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Kathy Cassity, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

(2) Approval of April 14, 2017 Draft Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

(3) Action items:

Proposal for a new B.A./B.S. degree in Sustainability

Scheck reviewed the proposal with the committee. Trustee Martin moved approval; Trustee Paraskevas seconded -- the committee members unanimously recommend forwarding the proposal to the full Board of Trustees for approval. The program capacity is already in place so essentially a no-cost program.

Proposal for a new B.A./B.S./B.F.A. degrees in Art & Design

Scheck reviewed the proposal with the committee and how the reorganization of existing art and visual communication design degrees will better serve student options for career goals. Existing art and visual communication design degrees will continue to be supported by the art department in order to service existing 2+2 international transfer articulation degree MOUs with partner Chinese universities.

Trustee Paraskevas moved approval; Trustee Martin seconded -- the committee members unanimously recommend forwarding the proposal to the full Board of Trustees for approval. The program capacity is already in place so effectively a no-cost program.

(4) Reports & Discussion Items

- a. Scheck and Monahan provided printed copies of the final fall 2017 Ad Hoc Report to Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU). Copies will be provided to other Trustees at the October 25, 2017 Board meeting. An electronic copy of the report can be found at:

<http://www.wou.edu/provost/files/2017/09/NWCCU-Ad-Hoc-Report-9-15-2017.pdf>

- b. University staff are pleased with the progress noted in the report and the university will be in good position for submitting a March 2018 updated Year One report to NWCCU. As previously noted to the Board at its July 2017 meeting, the university's March 2017 Year One report was removed from consideration by NWCCU until after the new Mission and core themes proposal to NWCCU had been approved; hence, the need for an updated Year One report.
- c. Dukes reviewed with the ASAC how President Fuller has assigned him with responsibility for oversight of undergraduate admissions and all financial aid operations. This was necessary because of the recent appointment of former Associate Provost Dave McDonald to a new position as Associate Vice President for Public Affairs and Strategic Initiatives.
- d. Dukes updated the ASAC on the latest enrollment statistics: overall headcount down about 1.9% and total credit hours down about 1.4%. These percentages will remain relatively constant for the remainder of the fall term. The positive aspect is that the university had been modeling its budget around a 3-5% drop in enrollment. Oregon freshmen are down, transfer students up, out-of-state and international counts are up.
- e. Dukes updated the ASAC on the October 2nd dedication of the new Health and Counseling Center. Trustee Cec Koontz represented the Board at this dedication. The facility is in full operation.
- f. Dukes reviewed the latest Campus Climate Survey report and the National Study of (student) Learning, Voting and Engagement results.
- g. Scheck updated the ASAC on activities that have been on-going since originally sharing strategies (the 30-60-90 initiative) with the ASAC on revision of general education, majors, minors and transfer friendly programming to achieve realistic attainment of the 180 credit to degree. Much work is progressing on the revision of the general education framework with multiple town hall meetings this fall. Intent is to have general education redesign adopted by the Faculty Senate in winter term.

Senate President Schepige, a member of the general education task force, noted that early feedback from the faculty about the new general education framework could be lumped into three categories: general questions, concerns about time demands for implementation and suggestions for positive opportunities to participate in general education programming. Schepige noted that the task force will be sharing the new design with student groups; Trustee Martin volunteered to assist. Much operational planning will follow adoption of the framework for launching the curricular offerings in fall term 2019.

- h. Invited guests engaged in a general discussion with ASAC on types of development work on-going for production of new undergraduate and graduate degrees. Some proposals may be coming before the ASAC before the end of the academic year. The university is focusing on unmet need in the state.
- i. Scheck noted that Dr. Tad Shannon, associate professor of computer science and former Faculty Senate President, is serving on the HECC-facilitated committee to address HB 2998 -- the "transfer student bill of rights" legislation. The university's on-going work on general education/180-credit degree will position WOU to readily comply with outcomes of the HB2998 work.

(5) Adjournment

Chair Shetterly asked for any further discussion, hearing none, he thanked all for their participation; meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.