

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
December 10th, 2013

I) Call to Order: 3:37 pm

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

In Attendance: David Foster, Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Claire Ferraris, Gavin Keulks (for Cornelia Paraskevas), Thomas Rand, Michael Baltzley, Cheryl Beaver (for Breeann Flesch), Kristin Latham, Kim Jensen, Scott Tighe, Bob Hautala, Mickey Pardew, Rachel Harrington, Tracy Smiles, Stewart Baker

III) Correction to and approval of minutes:

a) Approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President

- i) Paper curriculum forms on website; print for approval and signatures and forward completed to Faculty Senate President.
- ii) Several minor course changes and program updates were approved by Executive Committee.

b) Mark Weiss, University President.

- i.) Fourth option for governance presented- four TRU schools form a single statewide university. Not well-received by board.
- ii.) Board President Donaghan's opinion was WOU may become independent. Legislature may move up date to request independence to July 1 2014.
- iii.) Success of an independent board will be measured by goals we set for graduates and financial sustainability.

c) Travis Meuwissen, ASWOU President

- i.) Testimonies provided re: student choice of OUS governance.
- ii.) Working on budget and voter registration drive.
- iii.) Lobbying visit scheduled for February 2.

V) Old Business

a) Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader Specialization.

i.) Approved

b) Minor in Organization Leadership.

- i.) Discussed offline, humanities involvement not sufficient; social science would like to see courses added.
- ii.) Approved; one in opposition.

c) Division/Program Feedback on University Governance:

- i.) Humanities, Creative Arts, Social Sciences support independence.
- ii.) Motion: Faculty Senate take position of support of independence; have the Executive Committee draft a letter to Matt Donaghan with copy to Mark Weiss
 - i. approved.

VI) New Business:

VII) Announcements:

- a) Eric Yahnke: 2014 budget is available on website. There will be a Webinar in January for budget monitoring.

VIII) Adjourned 4:05 pm