

Western Oregon University  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
February 25th, 2014

I) Call to Order: 3:32

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

In Attendance: David Foster, Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Jennifer Yang, Scot Morse, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Claire Ferraris, Cornelia Paraskevas, Thomas Rand, Michael Baltzley, Breeann Flesch, Rahim Kazerouni, Erin Baumgartner (for Kristin Latham), David Doellinger, Scott Tighe, Mark Van Steeter, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Bob Hautala, Edwin Cancel, Mickey Pardew, Rachel Harrington, Wangeci Gatimu (for Tracy Smiles), Dana Ulveland, Stewart Baker

III) Correction to and approval of minutes:

a) approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President:

- i.) Many curriculum proposals continuing to move through system
- ii.) We are fully behind the independent board proposal
- iii.) Upcoming discussion on new pools of enrollment.

b) Mark Weiss, University President:

- i.) Commitment for a matching gift from a donor for the new COE building. There will be a ground-breaking ceremony after breakfast and before commencement
- ii.) SOU has presented retrenchment plan and is having a vote of no confidence for their president; EOU is still planning retrenchment. If a vote of no confidence, The Board of Higher Education will have to either change administration or it will state its confidence in the administration.
- iii.) March 4th presenting plan for independent governance; March 31 to Full Board, vote in April 4.
- iv.) Eric Yahnke announces finance update meeting 2/27 at 3 pm in Columbia room.

c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs:

- i.) Congratulations to Mark Girod Dean, College of Education
- ii.) Kyle Rogers is new veterans recruiter in student affairs. A drop in center established in WUC for peer on peer counseling
- iii.) Departments and Divisions with curriculum proposals moving past WOU should be working with deans on OUS templates.
- iv.) Provost counsel is having a meeting next week to discuss mission alignment and new degree programs and how that fits with the board.
- v.) Promotions and reappointments are on President Weiss's desk. Recommendation that binders become e-portfolios.

d) Travis Meuwissen ASWOU President:

- i.) Vote drives from now until the end of the school year.
- ii.) Governance bill to get a student on HECC died in committee

- iii.) We are moving the stonewall center to the media center to make space for the veterans center
- iv.) Televised basketball game for 2 cans to get in free

V) Old Business:

- a) ARC proposal on Certificate Program at WOU (Adele Schepige)
  - i.) Two possible amendments to change the language
    - a. ARC- adds language “rules only apply to transcribed certificate programs that are part of existing academic offerings at Western Oregon University and are specifically listed in student transcripts.
    - b. Executive committee- “programs of different scope and purposes such as those aligned to specific industry training or certification may be approved but must be routed through the Provost’s office and if relevant, faculty senate committees.
  - ii.) If we just grandfather in the existing program, that may limit our future options.
  - iii.) There are continued concerns about the standards set by WOU for our certificates, and what a WOU certificate means, but if the goal of the certificate is to provide credentialing for professional reasons, shouldn’t we take that into account. One possibility is to offer two routes, an “academic” certificate and an “industry-aligned” certificate.
  - iv.) Some of the concerns about 12 or fewer credits are that those are less than the number of credits needed for minors.
  - v.) We should also consider why students would come to WOU for a certificate that requires them to take extra credits and pay more tuition when they could get the same certificate elsewhere for fewer credits?
  - vi.) Reminder that any new program approved by WOU still also will need to be HECC-approved, so those levels of oversight are in place.
  - vii.) Ultimately, we want to provide a route for programs to propose certificates that don’t meet the ARC-recommended criteria, but do align to an industry need.
  - viii.) Movement to approve ARC proposal with amendment from the Executive Committee
    - a. After discussion, new language: “Certificate programs of different scopes and purposes that do not conform to the above requirements—such as those aligned to specific industry training or certification—may be approved.” To be included after clause E.
    - b. Motion passes with 2 opposed

VI) New Business:

- b) New Minor in Information Systems
  - i.) We now only have a computer science minor. New minor would help differentiate the two degrees (Computer Science and Information Systems). Most our students will be business majors. We would have 10 or more per year.
- c) Program Change: Gender Studies
  - i.) Goal is to change the minor to make it more flexible.
  - ii.) In the current catalogue the minor in interdisciplinary. There is no discussion about that in this new program.
  - iii.) Social Sciences representatives will request more information for next meeting.

VII) Announcements:

d) Program Update- Computer Science and Information systems

i.) Most of it is adding classes to the major, more content and more choice of  
electives, math requirements are more explicit.

ii.) Both aligned with the AB and the Minor.

VIII) Adjourned: 4:59