

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 11, 2014

I) Call to Order: 3:31

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

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

III) Correction to and approval of minutes:

a) approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President:

i.) Faculty Senate elections will happen in April. Nominating committee consists of Past-President and one member of executive committee along with two members-at-large.

a. Call for nominations

i. Dana Ulveland

ii. Cornelia Pareskaves

b. Nominating committee of Gavin Keulks, Erin Baumgartner, Dana Ulveland, and Cornelia Paraskeves approved.

b) Mark Weiss, University President:

i.) Legislative session finished last week

a) Study mandated for the JECC for free tuition for community colleges for 2 years.

b) \$5 million bond approved for Oregon Military Academy building; \$8 million requested.

ii.) TRU update

a) EOU and SOU got \$0.5 million each to get them through this year.

b) EOU president is one of 2 finalist at a university in Kentucky. There provost is taking a job in Oklahoma

c) SOU voted non confidence in their president, VP-finance, and provost

iii.) Independent Governing Board for WOU requested last week to Special Commission of State Higher Education Board; full request will be presented March 31st to be voted on April 4th.

iv.) Dr. Richard Woodcock is the donor for the new COE building. OUS Chancellor has approved naming building.

c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs:

i.) Congratulations to Rachel Harrington, Cheryl Beaver, and Laurie Burton on the first math specialization endorsement in the state of Oregon.

- ii.) The Window of Opportunity Campaign should become business as usual. Academic Affairs will continue to engage in strategic planning to look for organization improvements and enrollment growth.
- iii.) Status report on Academic Affairs' efforts to find new efficiencies
 - a. The DEP has absorbed CTL with a recasted mission of DEP is to support current and future learning platforms and provide market analysis services to academic units.
 - b. TRC has been moved to Hamersley Library, providing more hours of access to the TRC and reducing staffing costs.
 - c. Kathy Hill moved to the Provost's office; she can now provide data mining service for the entire campus.
 - d. The Office of international Student Support was created last Spring, staffed part-time by Robert Troyer
 - e. Neng Yang promoted (with no pay raise) to VP for International Education and Development as this title has value to our international partners.
 - f. An Admissions office recruitment staff was converted into a Veterans recruiter. And a new Veterans service center will be housed in current Abby's House location.
 - g. Michele Price's retirement provides opportunity to house a study abroad counselor position in the Office of International Education and Development. This aligns with current OUS strategies and national trends. VP Scheck would like IESC to review opportunities for capstone reflection credit for study abroad students.
 - h. Movement of Tina Palmer's position to 100% time at AALC will eliminate need for counselors to staff intake desk.
 - i. Registrar Nancy France is going to retire in June, a national search has commenced and this is an opportunity to look at new efficiencies in the registrar's office.
 - j. LAS and COE Deans have been charged with program review to examine areas of growth and compression.
 - k. A difficult decision to suspended admission to the History Graduate program, with teach out of current students and no impact on faculty lines.
- d) Travis Meuwissen ASWOU President:
 - i.) Tuition advisory this year. By April 4th will be drafting a letter in support of tuition by down but this is only a quick fix
 - ii.) IFC is coming to a close. Senate did not approve budget
 - iii.) Food pantry account is over \$6 thousand. Development of a board to figure out how to best spend the money would like to include a faculty member- please contact Travis if interested.
 - iv.) Working with atheletics on fundraising
 - v.) Going to London to the sister school to try and get people to come over
 - vi.) Fundraiser to clean people's cars - sign up in the learning center
- e) John Rector, IESC Chair
 - i.) As a healthy institution, we should behave as such. The decision to restructure the Office of Study Abroad was not done in consultation with the IESC and faculty should be put back into the process.

- ii.) Official statement circulated (available via Faculty Senate Website).
- iii.) We currently send between 80-100 students abroad, and should maintain the quality we've worked hard to build.
- iv.) While it was an oversight on part of VPAA Scheck not to consult with IESC, the charge of the committee does not include a role in administrative decisions.
- v.) The cost savings are represented by salary savings of over \$50K/year and the movement of Tina Palmer to Academic Advising. There is also less need for site visits and risk management performed by WOU staff. Current salary costs of department are \$200K annually; a counselor can be hired at \$32K. The OSU shared services group can also provide support.
- vi.) This does not represent a shift in sending students to China.
- vii.) Regarding serving students better and strengthening enrollment, the effect on recruitment and perception by students should be strengthened if students can prepare for Study Abroad in the International Student Services Center.
- viii.) Motion to Suspend Discussion to next meeting.
 - a. Passed with 5 opposed.

V) Old Business:

- a) Information System Minor
 - i.) Motion to approve
 - a. Passed unanimously

VI) New Business:

- a) Gender Studies Minor
 - i.) An elimination of the change dropping the requirement to take courses from two different divisions changes the impact of this program change.
 - ii.) Motion to approve the amended Minor
 - a. Passed unanimously
- b) MA in History
 - i.) The program is healthy, but with low enrollment. The program has not been eliminated from books, but new student admissions have been suspended. Running the program has not required additional personnel costs.
 - ii.) History Department will be meeting with administration next week and would like to table discussion until after that meeting.

VII) Announcements:

- a) Rehabilitation Counseling
 - i.) Program has an upcoming 40th anniversary.
 - ii.) Currently accredited by CORE and seeking dual accreditation by CACREP.
 - iii.) CACREP requires 90 credits, and more classes added with assistance of Psychology.
 - iv.) Program will now be Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program.

VIII) Adjourned: 4:51