



Faculty Senate Minutes
November 10, 2015

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3:15-3:30 p.m.

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Business Meeting

1. Call to order—3:30 p.m.
2. Call of the roll (by circulation of sign-in sheet)
Senators in attendance: Rob Winningham, Chehalis Strapp, Bojan Ilievski, David Janoviak, Rebecca McCannell, Diane Tarter, Mike Olivier, Bob Hautala, Jennifer Taylor, Claire Ferraris, Jaime Marroquin, Cornelia Paraskevas, Thomas Rand, Cheryl Beaver, Matt Ciancetta, Bryan Dutton, Amy Harwell, Shaun Huston, Isidore Lobnibe, Mark Van Steeter, Carmen Caceda, Chloe Hughes, Marie LeJeune Camila Gabaldon, Paul Disney
Ex-officio in attendance: Rex Fuller, Stephen Scheck, Corbin Garner, Laurie Burton, Katherine Schmidt, Thaddeus Shannon, Melanie Landon-Hays
3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting
Approved
4. Institutional Reports
 - 4.1. Laurie Burton, Faculty Senate President
 - **Robert's Rules**; reminder that we have short versions available on the table and at wou.edu/facultysenate
 - **IFS**: The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Ike Nail will continue his three year IFS senatorship this year (this three year term started last year) and that our Past-President, Tad Shannon will be attending the first IFS meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year at OHSU. He will be able to determine if he can attend more meetings once those are determined at the first meeting.
 - **Faculty Senate Committee Organization**: The Executive Committee will have our first meetings this week with the committee chairs of the seven Faculty Senate committees (AIC, ARC, CC, GEC, Grad, Honors, IESC) to begin our committee project. By the end of the year we hope to have 1) An organizational chart, 2) Faculty Guidelines and Information for serving on Faculty Senate committees and 3) Committee Chair Guidelines and Information for Faculty Senate committees
 - The **AFSC** has met and will be sharing recommendations with the Provost; we look forward to their future reports.
 - **Veteran's Day** - I hope everyone had a chance to read my allfacstaff on "Student observation of Veteran's Day". The Executive Committee was pleased that Provost Scheck brought this issue to our attention, and as the email announcement indicates, encourages all faculty to honor our student's individual choices to observe Veteran's day.

4.2. Rex Fuller, University President

- Please notice the International Week allfacstaff email. The entire week is dedicated to what we do internationally and our hope is that faculty can highlight international week and make appropriate international connections in classes. We'd like to see more students study abroad and celebrate students who are here from other countries, while integrating these experiences into our classes.
- Impressed with the number of activities happening at WOU
- Attended presidential meeting of AASCU (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) —AASCU represents our peers. We discussed the increasing diversity of our nation and the growing educational attainment gap and what it portends if we don't do something to stop it. We've had some success closing that gap, especially with our Latino students. We are ahead.
- Attended the WOU Board Meeting on October 28th. Have been hosting receptions and alumni gatherings in Salem and two in Portland, have been on the road to talk to service clubs such as Rotary to talk about our mission, met with many faculty and division chairs to think of planning for next year, and looking into the NWCCU report that will be a launch pad for our 2016 planning process
- There is a final serious concern. At the beginning of the academic year, at the State of the University address, we thought our enrollment statistics were excellent, but with our official numbers now in, we see our incoming freshmen numbers are up 9% and a larger number of degree seeking students and we've lost students in the middle; softening in retention rates and overall numbers. We're down about 230 full time students. Every hundred full time equivalent student is a loss in revenue of about a million dollars. Going into the HECC formula for coming years, it is linked to degrees. We have a three year moving average of low enrollment. We'll be doubling our efforts to improve retention. Every percentage point of retention rate is 9 students. We are below our peers in overall retention. We're at 69% compared to our peers at 74%. If we do that we'll be able to fill back that middle. We'll look at easier ways to transfer. Enrollment management will be a strategic discussion going forward.
- There was some discussion about advising students who are struggling with finances or are not really ready to be in college.

4.3. Stephen Scheck, University Provost

- Please also see the Provost report 11.10.15 posted to archive page
- Part of that murky middle for juniors and seniors are transfer students coming in. In prior years, there's been a decreasing community college enrollment. We'll be on the receiving end of those lower numbers. To make transferring to WOU as simple as possible we will need to update our articulation pathways for the various degree programs with our primary feeder community colleges. I'll be enlisting the deans to work with the departments and programs with this.
- Assessment Facilitation Steering Committee: Erin Baumgartner, chair and Paul Disney as vice-chair. Affirmed their appointments. It's part of our overarching cultural change that we are data driven and assigning resources as needed
- Advisor holds: We're in that season of winter term advising holds. There are holds on all students. No doubt there will be a case of a student desperate to have a hold taken off, if an advisor is not available. If other faculty are comfortable, you can call the academic advising at 88428 and let them know the student's name and your name and academic advising will lift the hold. We don't want the student to get bounced around if they have a good plan for what they wish to take.

- Received an email from faculty that they were being approached by book buyers. Friendly reminder that book buyers are not authorized to be on our campus. We are a no solicitor campus. We also wish to recognize the intellectual property rights of text book authors.
- Shout out to faculty in College of Education---hosting two accreditation bodies, NCATE and TSPC. That accreditation is starting Sunday through the 17th. Appreciate all the hard work that they have put into this.
- Four year graduation paradigms are being worked on the deans. By the end of the year we wish to provide an idealized 4-year paradigm of courses that a properly prepared high school graduate would start in the freshman fall term. There is pressure in Salem and with the legislature for universities to show how we graduate a state supported student in 4 years.
- We will be posting on a website at the registrar's office the one year out schedule of classes so that students and advisors will know what is tentatively being offered. This would be equivalent to the year-long schedule that used to appear in the back of the old printed term schedule of classes.
- Veteran's Day. Do appreciate what our veteran's do for us and our country. We ask everyone tomorrow at 11 AM to engage in a moment of silence and we'll run TAPS at 11am and at 5 pm.
 - *Discussion:*
 - Mark Van Steeter: Question about the major curriculum imperative initiative. Any proposals that come across your desk will not be signed unless they have finished that report. We're concerned about a bottleneck.
 - Steve Scheck: 1) Request issued a year ago and 2) NW commission requires us to review our programs every 5 years. We don't have a really sophisticated 5 year process (per the recession). Doing this major program review is a good start. Departments aren't being asked to study Gen Ed but only the content specific to their own degree.
 - Chloe Hughes: Respond to the discussion about transfer students. I see a lot of transfer students. One of the things that is problematic for retention and recruitment is that they have a huge number of credits when they come to us and when they come to me they are almost out of financial aid.
 - Steve Scheck: That very subject is on the Joint Transfer Articulation Committee (HECC-related advisory committee) agenda. There is a movement across the state stimulated by legislation about possible design of pre-majors in community college. What would be the ideal coursework they would take before transferring. An unfortunate defect is the well intentioned AAOT transfer degree is great if your chosen degree track has flexibility to take all of your gen ed early on, but doesn't work if you have 3 or 4 years of stair step coursework in your chosen major. JTAC is looking at some of those problems.

4.4. Corbin Garner, ASWOU President

- Our elections did end. Thank you for encouraging your students to vote. We got about 5 ½% votes. Dean Wright elected as VP and Courtney Thomas elected to Judicial Board. We have 13 open senate slots and we have 30-40 who are being checked to see if they'll accept the position.
- Statewide student survey---over our goal of 15% of student body. Our results indicate that WOU students want a) affordable education, 2) affordable textbooks, 3) affordable housing and access to housing. We'll vote soon on how we'll prioritize those issues.
- WOU food pantry spotlighted in the Chronicle of Higher Education. 59% of our students identify as food insecure. They came to our campus to see how we're addressing that.

Across the country we are not doing enough. It's sparked a conversation across the country of how we'll address these needs. We'll be working on this across the year.

- Working on trying to host a TEDx event in Spring Term this year. We're looking at all the rules right now. Brainstorming topic ideas.

5. Consideration of Old Business

5.1. Curricular item: Writing Track and associated coursework

(Katherine Schmidt)

- This concerns only the writing track that is upper division offerings. Kat showed the proposal from last time and discussed moving from a cafeteria model to a pathway model.
- Thomas Rand: move to approve the writing track and associated coursework, Cheryl Beaver: second, all in favor---motion carries, none opposed

5.2. Curricular item: Educational Psychology-new minor

(Chehalis Strapp)

- Information posted on the website, it will be a collaborative minor.
- Proposed by COE...elective options, thought they'd be good classes to get a sampling of the options of education
- Rob Winningham: Move that we accept as proposed, Cornelia: Second, all in favor---motion carries, none opposed
- Steve Scheck: teaching moment. Dean Girod and Chehalis and everyone behind this proposal, we'll work on getting it into the format we need for the NW commission but it will go through the academic and student affairs committee of the WOU Board of Trustees and will get done in time for next year. Minors, certificates and anything that is more than changing coursework more than it exists will go through that committee of the board.

6. Consideration of New Business

No new business

7. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

7.1. Commencement Mechanics

Tom Neal, Director Physical Plant

- We have had our first commencement meeting and formed subcommittees. We are seeking methods for cutting down on the length of the program and adding more seating for family members.
- Explored the benefits and disadvantages of the current program.
- Good discussion of what faculty would like to retain and modify---the gauntlet, add a faculty tent for shade, have two name callers, childcare for faculty so they can stay.

7.2. Accessing Windows 7 Applications: Anywhere, Any Device

Bill Kernan, Director University Computing Services

- Presented the VDI (virtual desktop infrastructure) that has been around for several years. Additional functionality has been added. Can access through <https://wouvdi.wou.edu> It works best on Chrome or Firefox. For web access, select the icon on the right of the screen. If you have a Mac or a PC, you can do the horizon client. Bill's blog is found here: <http://www.wou.edu/wp/underthehood/>

7.3. Announcements

Burton for Dan Clark, Director Center for Academic Innovation

- Western Oregon University's *Center for Academic Innovation* is pleased to announce the **Community Lecture Series** for the 2015-16 Academic Year. These once a month presentations are free and open to the public, and provide an excellent opportunity for community members to engage with WOU faculty and explore informational topics related to current areas of research and expertise.
- Our second session, **Brain Health and Aging**, presented by Dr. Rob Winningham from the Behavioral Sciences Division, will be held **TUESDAY, November 17th at 5:30 PM** in room 205 of the Instructional Technology Center. On-campus parking (in Lot A) is free, and light refreshments will be provided (reception starts @ 5:30, presentation begins @ 6). All members of the Community are cordially invited. Please Join Us!
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Clark at 838.8361 or clarkdan@wou.edu.

8. Adjournment: 4:45 pm

5:00-5:15 p.m.

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