

**Faculty Senate Minutes****January 12, 2016***Primarily paperless, [wou.edu/facultysenate](http://wou.edu/facultysenate)***3:15 – 3:30 p.m.***Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering, optional)**3:30 – 5 p.m.***Business Meeting*

## 1. Call to order 3:30 p.m.

## 1.1. Call of the roll:

Senators in attendance: Robert Winningham, Chehalis Strapp, Bojan Ilievski, Thaddeus Shannon, Diane Baxter (sub for David Janoviak), Diane Tarter, Lyra Behnke, Mike Olivier, Bob Hautala, Jennifer Taylor, Claire Ferraris, Jaime Marroquin, Cornelia Parskevas, Thomas Rand, Cheryl Beaver, Matt Ciancetta, Bryan Dutton, Amy Harwell, Shaun Huston, Isidore Lobnibe, Scott Tighe, Mark Van Steeter, Carmen Caceda, Chloe Hughes, Marie LeJeune. Paul Disney, Camila Gabaldon-Winningham.

Ex-officio in attendance: Laurie Burton, Katherine Schmidt, Melanie Landon-Hays, Stephen Scheck, Dean Wright (for Corbin Garner)

## 2. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting

Approved

## 3. Institutional Reports

## 3.1. Laurie Burton, Faculty Senate President

- Rooms - please note that we will be in both the Columbia and the Willamette rooms winter and spring terms
- Curriculum deadline - reminder curriculum proposals intended for the 2016-2017 catalog need to be routed to the appropriate committee (Curriculum, Graduate, Gen Ed, Honors) by February 9.
- Guest announcement regarding Martin Luther King celebration week, Thelma Hale, MLK committee
- Divestment update: The issue of divestment from fossil fuels was brought up at Faculty Senate on October 2014 and in January and February 2015. At the February meeting, we passed the following “Resolution to urge WOU foundation to investigate divestment from fossil fuels and to provide information about fossil fuel investments and alternatives with ASWOU, the WOU administration and the environmental club”. Dr. VanSteeter has sent a recent update on this project which is:

The Foundation plans to create a new “socially responsible” investment fund (in addition to the current one) that excludes investments in: i) Fossil Fuels; ii) Tobacco; iii) Firearms.

On December 5th, the Planned Giving and Finance committee of the WOU Foundation presented socially responsible investment options to the full board. The exact fund and amount of money to be transferred to it will be voted on by the full board March 5th, 2016. President Fuller expects the process to be completed by the end of this academic year.

3.2. Rex Fuller, University President – unable to attend  
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3.3. Stephen Scheck, University Provost

- Compliments on how the faculty handled the delayed campus opening on the first day of winter term.
- Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the WOU Board of Trustees met and dived into enrollment and retention. They also approved the educational psychology minor and it is now moving on to the Board of Trustees as a consent item at the January 27 Board meeting. Once it is approved, it will be shipped off to NWCCU for final approval.
- Site visits from NWCCU. April 11-13. We are in the draft stage of that report. It will be posted shortly at the provost's website and the faculty can gain access to it.
- Commended Ella Taylor and Adry Clark for hustling and rounding up colleagues in a team effort to submit a grant proposal to the HECC for a pilot project on career advising and mentorship opportunities. The proposal was funded.
- Spoke about the power and relationship that faculty have with students
  - All kinds of cases of faculty at various universities that have run into conflict with various organizations, administration and press due to academic freedom and first amendment right to free speech
  - We do have place and time type of rules
  - Asks that as we are viewed by students and the public as being educated and informed, when we touch on controversial subjects, we may have differences in opinion, but we voice those opinions in a way that honors academic integrity of the faculty
    - Have been a number instances on campus where a faculty members free speech was perceived by others as inflammatory or unreasoned
    - We should be mindful of our role as faculty and make informed and reasoned decisions in our communications.
  - Discussion about events that have happened at WOU that may have triggered a conversation about free speech.

3.4. Dean Wright, ASWOU Vice-President

- Corbin is gone for the month of January. He is active duty and is in Utah for training.
- ASWOU attended the OSA meeting; picked levels of policy support for the legislative session. February 3 OSA lobby day; February 11 is University day where student groups will go to the Capitol
- Director of public relations position is open. Recommend students to apply, applications will be available this week.
- Club trainings are occurring; way to bring clubs to light and to make them more efficient.
- Dean Wright will partner with SK Education Foundation and they are starting the WOU Literacy Foundation. Will be getting books and hosting programs on campus and he is putting together a committee for that.

4. Consideration of Old Business

4.1. Curricular item: Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader Graduate Certificate and MSSED-Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader

- Rachel Harrington, Teacher Education, Cheryl Beaver and Laurie Burton, Mathematics
- Unanimously approved (27 votes)

#### 4.2. Ratification of housekeeping changes to the IFS Constitution

Thaddeus Shannon, IFS senator

- Unanimously approved (27 votes)

#### 5. Consideration of New Business

##### 5.1. No new business

#### 6. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

##### 6.1. Academic Works

Kara Westervelt Parker, Assistant Director Financial Aid and Natasha Blair, Scholarship Coordinator

- We have invested in a new online scholarship application and management program called Academic Works. The WOU Foundation initiated the process of procuring and implementing this software as a means to more effectively organize and steward their many funds. Coincidentally, the product also makes applying for scholarships easier and choosing winners easier. They made a financial investment in this product, as did the university itself.
- Online application system for scholarships and donors; PowerPoint available and the video is linked on the Faculty Senate webpage.
- Using this allows us to prepopulate and save parts of the scholarship application for our students; this gives access to the 70 Foundation funds, and it will corral the departmental scholarships as well.
- Faculty need to be part of this process. 75% of students receive some sort of financial aid. We have a needy population, many are Pell Grant eligible. We need faculty expertise for being readers. We need our connectivity with what is going on around campus and particular knowledge about the learning opportunities students have. Faculty's evaluation of college-level writing is something that staff and administrators aren't fully equipped to assess.
- Departments will get a formal ask via an email to your department head from Financial Aid director Kella Helyer. There will be another video that we can watch to become more informed.
- Screening will occur late winter and mid-spring. Faculty should think about what time they can devote to reviewing general scholarship applications from the Financial Aid Office.
- Faculty can review online. You don't have to be on campus.

##### 6.2. Print Shop Services for Faculty

Leta Howell, Print Production Coordinator

- Remodeled the whole print shop
- Introduced faculty to all of the new machines and capabilities of the print shop (see video posted to [wou.edu/facultysenate](http://wou.edu/facultysenate))
- There are many options for paper and jobs; we have the option of delivery and pick up
- Can only print for WOU and government entities
- Always call the print office before you start your project.
- Request was made to know what services the print shop should offer faculty to make our lives easier

6.3. Dan Clark, Director Center for Academic Innovation

- Fourth in our Community Lecture Series, 6 pm—Executive Function in Children Born Low Birth Weight and Pre-Term
- Innovation Center Workshops: Tech Teaching Initiative, SOTI event pieces are parsed out. The upcoming session is about communication and instructor presence
- Moodle has been behaving pretty well.
- Tech Group: reviewing content management solutions.
- Kristin Mauro is joining us as the strategic partnership manager...joining us from Oregon State University

7. Adjournment at 4:33 p.m.

**5 – 5:15 p.m.**

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering continued, optional)