

- **Wish to recognize Michael Baltzley (biology)**...Michael presented a proposal for a state-wide ASOT-Biology transfer degree to the Joint Transfer Articulation Board (advisory board to the HECC). I appreciate his efforts to lead this state-wide effort.
- **Web-add to classes in first week... second update** adding classes throughout the first week of classes was brought to President Fuller's attention at a recent Shared Communications meeting. Currently, students can add classes through 11:59 PM Tuesday of first week of class. Deans and division chairs will examine extending through the first week. A year ago, we opened web access to the first two days and noted we'd follow-up on how that worked before extending to a full week.
- **Reminder about HB 2871**...requires colleges/universities to prominently designate courses whose course materials exclusively consist of open or free textbooks or other low-cost or no-cost course materials (implemented for the 2016-2017 academic year). Deans will work with division chairs and Registrar Amy Grant on identifying courses and how we may note these courses in the schedule of classes.
- **Minor curricular proposal edits...for field trip-courses** – use course comments note on Banner schedule
- **Discussion on state-wide Accelerated Learning standards.** – documents on Senate web site; request that faculty members review and send impressions to me to take back to Provosts Council.
- **Offering the 180 credit degree** -- Wished to reaffirm with Faculty Senate that we need to make true progress on policies that support graduating our students in 180 units. The WOU Board of Trustees, the HECC and certain legislators are very sensitive to degrees with excess credits.
- **Closing comment**... Two weeks ago an alumnus introduced Professor Molly Mayhead and me to a vice president for the National Notary Association to present WOU a check for a scholarship award in communication studies. The VP flew up from Los Angeles to present the check as a gesture of the Association's respect for the work a WOU alumnus has done for the organization.