

To: Faculty Senate
From: Natural Science and Mathematics
Date: May 5, 2017
Re: Resolution on 30-60-90 proposal

Administration often has conflicting priorities; for example, administration needs to balance legislative pressures against the academic mission of our university. Faculty, in contrast, are generally able to focus on academic issues while downplaying the realities of outside pressures.

One of the reasons shared governance is so valuable is that it acts as a system of checks-and-balances on these two perspectives. When that system is working, administration brings ideas to faculty and allows faculty to vet their ideas before decisions are made.

This process of shared governance is so central to the long-term health and success of WOU that it was reaffirmed by faculty, staff, administration, and the WOU Board of Trustees as a core value in our new strategic plan, "Forward Together".

In recognition of these principles of shared governance, we request that Provost Scheck abide by the following process regarding the draft WOU Way 30-60-90 curriculum that has been discussed in Faculty Senate:

After completing their work over the summer and fall, the General Education Task Force will submit their proposal for revising common curricular components, including, but not limited to, general education requirements, required minors, B.A. and B.S. requirements, and "free electives", to the WOU curriculum portal for review by both the Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee. We also recommend that the task force actively seek input from their faculty colleagues throughout the curriculum development process. Following committee review, the General Education Task Force will present their proposals to Faculty Senate as new business.