

## Faculty Senate President Report July 11, 2017

### 1. Faculty Senate meeting dates:

- Next year's dates are posted at <http://www.wou.edu/facultysenate/calendar/>
- Note there is no meeting in December. December 12, the second Tuesday, is after finals week.

### 2. Faculty Senate Committees Reports:

- Joint Committee on Evaluation ( Mary Pettenger, chair) – see separate pdf (next page)
- Graduate Studies GLO update today (Greg Zobel, chair)
- International Education Committee (Rob Troyer, chair) - reports no major issues or concerns for Faculty Senate

### 3. Curriculum Approvals:

Curriculum course approvals:

- PS-dropped 2 courses;
- TE modified three courses

Curriculum Program approvals:

- Communication Studies modified program- added courses
- Previously approved Art and Design program changes. NWCCU considers a title change for a degree the same as a new program. We do not. Art faculty are having to re- submit some curriculum documents to account for that (like showing “new” instead of modify) but the approvals from faculty senate still stand.

### 4. University Technology Committee?

Faculty Senate president (Adele Schepige) Academic Infrastructure Committee chair (Dirk Freymouth) and UCS director Bill Kernan met to try to determine what our current academic technology and infrastructure status is at WOU and how that relates to creating a university technology committee and what a committee like that could do for WOU. A draft model of a technology committee structure was created. That draft model was shared with President Fuller. The draft model was shared Faculty Senate Executive Committee who provided ideas and helped refine the model. The revised technology committee draft model will be shared again with President Fuller soon.

To: WOU Faculty Senate  
From: Mary Pettenger, Chair of the Joint Committee on Faculty Evaluation  
Date: May 21, 2017  
RE: Status Report on Faculty Evaluations

The Joint Committee on Faculty Evaluation, as part of its Charge and Objectives, is offering a status report regarding the current state of the WOU Faculty Evaluations. The committee met once during fall quarter and has corresponded during the year on topics such as increasing response rates. Below is the report of our 2016-17 activities related to the evaluation instrument.

The main focus of the committee over the past year has been on:

- Response rates - comparison of averages and strategies to improve
- Question bank - validity and reliability of closed-ended questions, need for new questions relevant for online/hybrid classes, and the possibility of expansion of bank for faculty specific, department and division needs
- Evaluation results - comparison within and outside of WOU

Over the next academic year, the committee will continue to compile data, monitor concerns and the validity of the results, and discuss the possibility of revising and/or expanding the closed-ended question bank. At this time, the open-ended questions were included in the Course Evaluation survey without the participation of the committee. This topic may be addressed as well. In addition, not all divisions on campus are represented on the committee and new members are encouraged to join.