

Faculty Senate President's Report January 9, 2017

1. Executive Committee Curriculum Approvals

Courses: CJ, SPED Program Modifications: SPED, CJ, Psychology

2. University Council

- We had the first two meetings of the University Council fall term and two more are scheduled for winter term.
- There are four faculty members on the UC; Faculty Senate president, WOUFT president, Strategic Planning co-chair and an at-large faculty position currently filled by Paul Disney.
- At the UC we discussed the NWCCU report and the seven-year visit recommendations. We are working on the process for Strategic Plan Implementation.
- Campus units and Academic divisions should expect to hear from their vice-presidents and deans about addressing the WOU Strategic Plan.

3. The Executive Committee begins the Committees Project

- Why are we examining the status of committees with faculty representation
- We are having difficulty getting faculty to chair some committees.
- A few Faculty Senate committees do not have representatives from every division.
- New non-Faculty Senate committees are being added this academic year or have been formed in the past few years.
- Faculty Senate bylaws state faculty serve a one-year term on a Faculty Senate committee.

The Project:

- Identify all the committees that faculty serve on, including non-Faculty Senate committees. Examples: AFSC, Faculty Development, PLCs, ...
- Total the number of faculty positions available on committees
- Examine the current calendar structure of when Faculty Senate committee meet
- Examine bylaws, years of service on a Faculty Senate committee and the number of divisions needed to be represented on each Faculty Senate committee

The Executive Committee hopes to make a report of findings and make recommendations about changes needed, if any, to improve our committee operations.

4. The Minor – proposal from Provost Scheck.

- The Executive Committee has decided to include this proposal as new business on January 23. The proposal is currently queued at Curriculum Committee, but the curriculum programmer will move it directly to Faculty Senate since the ARC has already discussed this idea (previous year). Senators can then bring the proposal to the February division meetings for discussion so that a vote can happen at the February 13 meeting.