

Faculty Senate Report

11/27/18

Interim Provost Winningham

The Dean of Library and Academic Technology Steering Committee has been convened and is currently providing recommendations regarding the advertisement and position description. It is my goal to begin the dean search in December. I am thankful for all of the steering committee members who are sharing their time and insights.

Retaining students who are currently at WOU, is a key part of our efforts to support student success. Niki Weight, Director of Student Success and Advising will be emailing each student who has not registered for Winter 2019 and give them information and support. With the help of many of the university's division chairs we did a similar campaign last summer. Next term, we will provide primary faculty advisors a list of their advisees who have not registered and a list of email addresses. We will also provide a possible email message they can simply copy and paste or customize. In a matter of a few minutes, students could get an email form their advisor, which could make a difference in helping a student register on time and graduate. These types of university-wide nudges have been used at other institutions to maximize retention and graduation.

We will have a WOU:Salem Town Hall on **November 29, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Columbia Room of the Werner University Center**. You are invited to grab a coffee and a cookie, and get updated information about the new WOU:Salem site. We will have updated posters with information about the space and course offerings at WESD. Come ask questions and talk to us about your ideas for the future of WOU:Salem.

We will be hosting an Open House at the WESD, located at **2611 Pringle Rd. SE, Salem, OR 97302 on Friday, December 7th, 4:00 - 6 PM**. We will have light refreshments and you are welcome to walk through the space to see what the classrooms are like. Sue Monahan and Hilary Holman-Kidd will also be on hand to answer any questions people may have about WOU:Salem.