

## **Faculty Senate Report by Interim Provost Winningham 2/26/19**

### **Enrollment and Fiscal Pressures in Oregon**

1. Marylhurst closes – The 125 year old college has closed due to declining enrollment. In 2103-14 they had 1409 students but in Fall 2017 they only had 743 students.

[https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2018/05/marylhurst\\_university\\_to\\_close.html](https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2018/05/marylhurst_university_to_close.html)

2. Linfield is looking to cut 20-25 tenure track faculty, given they are facing a \$3 million deficit.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/education/enrollment-decline-may-force-staff-cuts-at-linfield-college/>

3. Concordia is closing select programs, including English, history, chemistry, global studies and community psychology.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2019/02/higher-education-hits-low-ebb-as-arts-school-announces-shutdown.html>

4. Willamette has reduced “about two dozen” faculty, after offering an early retirement program.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2019/02/higher-education-hits-low-ebb-as-arts-school-announces-shutdown.html>

5. 112 year old Oregon College of Art and Craft will be closing, due to low enrollment.

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-college-art-craft-close/>

## **Outreach Effort to Oregon College of Art and Craft (OCAC)**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, OCAC will have a transfer day and we will be there with promotional materials and a remission/scholarship for any student who transfers to WOU. I am pleased that Dr. Gary Dukes was able to help us put together an award package so quickly. I am also thank you for Tim Hutchings' willingness to participate in the transfer day event.

## **Team Teaching Update**

We had 6 First Year Seminar proposals for fully collaborative team taught courses. In 2019/20 we will fund full FTE for both faculty. While this has a significant cost, the professional development opportunity for faculty (and the benefits to students) are significant. Moving forward, WOUFT and WOU will be trying to get language into the CBA so we can continue to do this after 2019/20.