

# Provost Winningham Faculty Senate Report

October 8, 2019

## 1. *Free Speech on Campus: Controversial Speakers, University Preparedness and Legal Considerations*

- Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Time: 4:00-5:30pm, with refreshments starting at 3:45
- Location: WUC - Columbia Room
- Moderator, Dr. Kathy Cassity, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Opening Remarks: Dr. Rex Fuller, WOU President
- Panelists:
  - Rebecca Chiles, WOU Director of Public Safety
  - Ryan Hagemann, WOU Vice President and General Counsel
  - Erik Morgan, ASWOU President

## 2. **Academic Excellence** Promote academic excellence in an engaged student-centered learning community.

- NWCCU – Tremendous progress between April 2016 and April 2019
- 7-year program review
- New General Education Program with General Education Learning Outcomes and programmatic processes
- Assoc. Provost for Academic Effectiveness to monitor and support academic excellence
- Graduate Learning Outcomes, Undergraduate Learning Outcomes, General Education Outcomes aligned with program outcomes, and course goals
- Professional Learning Communities (various Gen Ed PLCs, Graduate, Online)
- Work on SPC certificates notifications
- Robust faculty development support
- University Council scorecard
- Mission fulfillment matrix
- Writing Center, Math Center, Science Center and Tutoring Program

### 3. Gainful employment reporting update and stand-alone certificates.

The U.S. Department of Education posted its final regulatory action regarding Gainful Employment (GE), fully rescinding the Obama-era rule. While the rescission is effective July 2020, under this regulatory action, the Secretary of Education is exercising existing authority under Section 482(c) of the Higher Education Act that allows for the early implementation of any final rule upon publication in the Federal Register.

We will be able to offer stand-alone certificates if they are at least one year of full time study, that is 27 quarter credits for graduate certificates and 36 credits for undergraduate certificates. It could be possible to have embedded certificates with the lower credit requirement and stand-alone certificates with the one year requirement.

[http://www.wou.edu/facultysenate/files/2015/09/Requirements-for-Certificate-Prog-Curric-Proposals\\_October-2018.pdf](http://www.wou.edu/facultysenate/files/2015/09/Requirements-for-Certificate-Prog-Curric-Proposals_October-2018.pdf)

4. Team Teaching Agreement ratified with 100% yes vote on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Thank you to Dr. Emily Plec and Dr. Scott Beaver, WOUFT Bargaining Team and Carson Campbell for their work in reaching this agreement

5. WOU is now officially recognized as an Age-Friendly University. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 WOU's Faculty Senate voted unanimously to endorse our application to become an Age-Friendly University, after Dr. Melissa Cannon gave a presentation.