

Faculty Senate President's Report May 12, 2020

1. Curriculum: none new

2. Election of new senators:

According to our bylaws, new senators are elected by the units during spring term and serve for two years, unless noted otherwise.

3. Final grades deadline for Spring not movable:

I checked with Amy Clark since we are in an unusual term about whether the deadline for submitting final grades could be moved a few days later. Due to the need to work out financial aid for students and with mandatory furloughs for folks in university offices, we cannot move the deadline.

4. Interest in updating our bylaws to have a regular June meeting instead of July?

Currently, our bylaws state that we have regular FS meetings between October and May and once in July. Executive committee discussed this and wondered if there is support to change this to regular meetings October – June (one meeting in June), and no regular meeting in July? In any year, we could call a special meeting in July if there is essential business, and cancel the June meeting if there is lack of business.

5. Interest in extending the S*/NC grading mode?

According to Amy Clark, we have the option to extend the S*/NC grading past Spring term, but would need a vote by Faculty Senate or at least the FS Executive Committee.

6. Resolution from Social Science, supported by other campus units:

The members of the Division of Social Science, by unanimous resolution in our division meeting May 5, 2020, request:

Clear instructions from the administration on what students are being told about what to do if they or family or contacts have COVID.

Clear and accurate information about what faculty or staff should do if they learn that a student or a student's family or contacts have COVID and how we might best help them. What is WOU's plan for this and how can we all give a consistent message and the support they need?

We request that information about COVID and related materials appear in both English and Spanish on the WOU website and in emails to demonstrate that we see and care about all of our students and their families. More than ever, our campus extends to students' homes and communities.

Faculty members are on the front lines of daily interaction with students and we care about our students and their families. We want our students to feel encouraged, supported, and aware of all the resources that WOU is offering.