

Provost Winningham's Faculty Senate Report October 13, 2020

1. Winter 2021 course delivery modality decision timeline

- 10/9 – revision scheduling worksheets were due (course change sheets can now be submitted)
- 10/23 – decision deadline, but the decision could be made earlier
- 11/9 – early registration week
- 11/16 – registration week

2. Institutional Research will move into Academic Affairs beginning January 2021 and report to Associate Provost Mike Baltzley.

3. Open Educational Resources Stipend Program

We are pleased to announce that the WOU Textbook Affordability Initiative Steering Committee will provide a second round of funding for the OER Stipend Program this fall. Awards will range from \$1000-\$4000 for instructors to adopt, adapt, or create OER resources for their course(s). The goal is to significantly reduce course materials and textbook costs for students, yet provide access to high-quality, pedagogically creative, open educational content for teaching, learning, and research. Both tenure track and non-tenure track faculty are invited to apply for this competitive grant, which is administered by the Textbook Affordability Committee, Hamersly Library and Academic Innovation.

For questions about this program, please contact Sue Kunda at kundas@wou.edu.

4. WOU responses since the last Faculty Senate meeting on July 14th

- WOU delayed the final Article 15 report due date from Aug 15 to late October, in order to have more faculty input
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) received the dean reports and produced a report that was given to the Article 15 Taskforce
- FSEC met with Article 15 Taskforce
- During the above meeting, idea of convening faculty panels and a Faculty Senate Sustainability Taskforce was proposed
- We had three panel discussions with representatives invited from each academic division, during August and September
- Faculty Senate Sustainability Taskforce has been convened
- Data files were put in a folder, linked within the Portal