Faculty Senate Minutes

May 25, 2021

**Virtual Meeting**

*Primarily paperless, wou.edu/facultysenate*

# 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering, optional)

# 3:30 – 5 p.m.

# *Business Meeting*

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# 1. Call to order

# 2. Call of the roll (by typing your name into the chat)

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# 3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting (see website)

* Minutes approved as posted

# 4. Institutional Reports

# 4.1. Faculty Senate President

* Report available on the Faculty Senate website
* Recorded a video of congratulations for graduates through this meeting

# 4.2. University President

* No report on the Faculty Senate website
* Unable to attend

# 4.3. University Provost

* Report available on the Faculty Senate website
* **Comment:** Thank you for the information. Do you have any information about students who are enrolling in classes but not participating/showing up?
* **Provost Winningham:** I don’t have any of that information. I imagine it’s available, and Financial Aid should be tracking that. I’ll see if I can find anything and give a report next time.

# 4.4. IFS Report

* No report on the Faculty Senate website
* No update

# 5. Executive Committee Business

* 5.1 Nominating Committee (Kristin Latham-Scott, Chair/Past President)
* Election for At-Large senators (4 positions & 4 nominees):
  + Alicia Ibaraki (incumbent)
  + Earlene Camarillo (incumbent)
  + Lars Soderland (incumbent)
  + Chloe Hughes (new candidate)
* IFS senators (1 position & 2 nominees)
  + Cheryl Beaver and Megan Patten-Lopez
* **Elected:**
* **Alicia Ibaraki - 100%**
* **Earlene Camarillo - 100%**
* **Lars Soderland - 100%**
* **Chloe Hughes - 95%**
* **Cheryl Beaver - 63%**

# 6. Consideration of Old Business:

* 6.1 Proposal for Handling Non-Disciplinary Student Complaints (Emily Plec)
* Report posted
* **Ava Howard**: Amendment to the proposal: If passed, resolutions would go to ASWOU, President’s Office, and HR (more inclusive)
* **Alicia Ibaraki**: The Behavioral Sciences Division is supportive of this idea overall and the increased transparency but has suggested we table this to the fall to work out more details and have time for discussion. **Motion to table item until Fall** (no date discussed for tabling, open to group consensus, otherwise will fall onto first meeting of Fall). Motion Seconded.
* **Emily Plec**: Just to clarify, I see this resolution as a way to provide support, it is an expression of collective will rather than the creation of a policy. It is a way to support the work being done by administration to create policy and move forward.
* **Stewart Baker**: Clarification: Ava’s amendment is a “friendly amendment” so there is no need to vote unless there’s an objection. Also, tabling the vote is not amendable.
* **Emily Plec**: Regardless of outcome here, I am grateful for folks’ support and in favor of anything that improves communication and outcomes in these situations!
* **Motion passes - 15 YES votes, 4 NO** votes

# 7. Consideration of New Business

* 7.1 Data Analytics (BA, BAS, and Minor) (Breeann Flesch)
* Report posted
* **Comment**: There has been a lot of research demonstrating that there is a need in the job market for these programs and work with community colleges to make sure there is a transfer pathway. We really think this major is value-adding for students choosing to study at WOU. There is a need for this expertise (with how big data is going).
* **Comment:** This is exciting! Right now, Oregon is re-designing math standards to add data science content, and many are concerned that there are not enough educators with the advanced skills to teach these areas. This will really help.
* **Breann Flesch:** We are looking forward to opportunities to collaborate as we move forward with this.

# 8. Discussion items

* None

# 9. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

* 9.1. Proposed Academic Sustainability Committee (Steve Taylor and David Janoviak)
* Report posted
* We will plan to get the committee up and running when we return in Fall 2021.
* 9.2. CoC: Report on Faculty Service (Melanie Landon-Hays and Stewart Baker)
* Report posted

* 9.3. Graduate Program Assessment Rubrics (Melanie Landon-Hays)
* Report posted
* **Comment**: The Elementary Math is piloting the first two rubrics, so we will let you know how it goes.
* **Melanie Landon-Hays**: We are looking forward to getting outside views and objective feedback.

# 10. Announcements

* None

## 4:26pm motion to adjourn

# 5 – 4:26 p.m.

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering continued, optional)