

Faculty Senate Meeting 11/13/12

- I. Call to Order: 3:31pm
- II. Roll Call: by sign-in sheet
- III. Correction to the minutes from 10/9/2012:
 - a. Any objections to approval of the minutes from last meeting?
 - b. Hearing none: Minutes approved
- IV. Institutional Reports:
 - a. **Keller Corker, Faculty Senate President**
 - i. Not present. Nothing sent from Keller Corker.
 - b. **Mark Weiss, University President**
 - c. Mark Weiss is in surgery as we speak that will take until at least 5pm today, he hopes that if he recovers as expected that he will be able to work from home after Thanksgiving. His recovery will continue - this is the first of two operations; the second is a permanent hip replacement. Everyone is stepping up to take on a little more, and there is an expected continuation of work as expected and if you need help we can help.
 - d. **Kent Neely, University Provost**
 - i. The provost counsel met since the last senate meeting, one of the things that has occurred is in the last census, only OSU saw a growth in enrollment...other institutions have struggled such as EOU and SOU, it's a trend worth our watching, and an indication that we have a greater number of non-Oregonians who are going to higher education here. There is a reorganization going on in higher education, HECC higher education coordinating commission is saying they have supervisory above OUS, which is still working out as they create their place in the universe. HECC has been charged with developing a relationship with Western Governor's University, created in the mid 90s; they offer online degrees, primarily graduate; they are interested in providing Oregonians another choice. Currently in the OUS there are unfilled seats, we have room to grow as a system, its puzzling that they are competing with the students we want on our campuses. They want access to the Oregon Opportunity Grants, we make contributions out of our regular budgets to the Oregon Opportunity Grants and not a lot of us think it is likely that they will do the same. If you have any questions I'd be happy to answer.
 - ii. Q: does the governor appoint HECC members?
 - iii. A: Yes to the best of my understanding.
 - iv. Q: Who's in charge of that? I'm very confused, OUS, OEIB, it's a cluster?
 - v. A: I don't know - it's fair to say Rudy Crew is supervising OEIB, but the process is such that the budgetary authority is

produced by them, they make reference to the funding through OUS and they still need the chancellor's office to administer.

- vi. Q: Western Governors University is active in Oregon?
- vii. A: It's not geographically limited, just primarily for the Western states. This is to create a formal relationship.
- viii. Q: Who are the faculty?
- ix. A: From a variety of places, not unlike the University of Phoenix. One prediction is that there will be brokers where students can go to where they can pull courses together from a variety of places to pull together a degree.
- x. Any other questions?

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

- a. California State University Transfer Degree proposal (David McDonald)
 - i. I bring forward a proposal - to catch up the times, in 2010 the California legislators passed legislation for a degree to transfer from Community Colleges to larger universities.
 - ii. Western already accepts the following: ASOT AAOT, IGETC, This would be adding the California State University Transfer Degree to the degrees we accept as transfer, their LACCs are similar to ours, same number of credits, C- grades count towards that, the Cal state accepts only a C. It is a more pure academic degree. The proposal is for us to get permission to go ahead and accept the proposal.
 - iii. Q: Where can we access the details of what that degree requires?
 - iv. A: here is a quick look; I will give the copy to Keller so he can forward it to you.
 - v. Any other questions?
 - vi. Q: Can you give us a reason why we would not want to do this?
 - vii. A: I cannot think of a single reason. This gives students one more place to go, and hopefully brings them here.
- b. Informational presentation: Focus on leadership conference (Marshal Guthrie)
 - i. Joined by Dave Sundby; Here today to talk about Focus on Leadership program. How many people here would consider themselves somewhat familiar with Focus on leadership? Very few. This presentation got emailed out this morning, what this is it's a one-day event that helps students grow in leadership skills. We have 100-120 students who present, usually about 12 presenters from on and off campus, February 2nd, 10am-4:30pm, theme this year is Leader Bowl 2013, Leader Bowl VIII.

- ii. Right now we are 95% confirmed that our keynote presenter is Mac Bledsoe, founder of Parenting with Dignity and organization that helps foster happy self-directed children with a strong value structure.
- iii. We presented last year and were able to get many presenters from the faculty senate.
- iv. Benefits of presenting: Resume and vitae builder, try out a new topic and presentation styles, free lunch and participant gift, get to know your students better, Mingle with other faculty or staff members, and you may learn something.
- v. You may not directly teach leadership but you do in indirect ways, each field has a tie to leadership.
- vi. You may also partner up with someone if you do not want to present alone or are not sure if you want to.
- vii. More information: www.wou.edu/foi
- viii. Contact Trenton Nettles: nettlest@wou.edu
- ix. Q: how long do you expect the presentations:
A: 50 minutes
- x. Q: would you be willing to come to division meetings?
A: Absolutely.
- xi. Q: who are the students that are going to be there?
A: First year to fifth year, students involved on campus in general. If you believe in extra credit and want to offer that then that's a hook. Advanced leadership to first year developing skills.
Q: some students were required to attend the whole thing and sometimes part, is there a suggestion?
A: The whole day is very much encouraged.
Q: What's the last date presenter can decide they want to participate?
A: There's no set date, but before next term would be ideal.
Thank you all.

VII. Announcements:

a. None

VIII. Adjournment: 4:31pm