

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 12th, 2013

I) Call to Order: 3:33pm

II) Call of roll (by circulation of sign-in sheet)

In Attendance: Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Jennifer Yang, Scot Morse, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Kevin Helppie, Claire Ferraris, Cornelia Paraskevas, Thomas Rand, Erin Baumgartner (for Michael Baltzley), Breeann Flesch, Rahim Kazerouni, Kristin Latham, Kim Jensen, Mark Van Steeter, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Bob Hautala, Edwin Cancel, Mickey Pardew, Rachel Harrington, Tracy Smiles, Dana Ulveland, Stewart Baker

III) Correction to and approval of minutes: (were unable to post ahead of time).

- a) Clarification: Contemporary culture means to be relevant in the 21 century.
- b) motion presented
 - i) Approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President

- i) When there is no response to a call for agenda items there will be no meeting.
- ii) Curriculum Committee
 - 1) Addressed 77 proposals for changed to programs. 35 from creative arts in dance to remove pre-recs (don't forget that there is a lot of work going on outside the senate. 34 from behavior science. 4 program changes.
 - 2) In queue: 9 new programs, 26 new courses and course changes, 6 need special approval.
- iii) ARC – focus on policy in certificates and the Gen Ed component of AB programs
- iv) Need to establish a method for setting goal at the university level for accreditation. Hopefully by December.

b) Mark Weiss, University President.

- i.) Feedback appreciated on topics presented via email or other.
- ii.) 600 students and parents at November 9 preview day.
- iii.) To improve identity and increase PR, Cheryl Gaston will be consulting over the next 6 months.
- iv.) He will be attending a regional luncheon to talk about how we and other school impact the economy.
- v.) Pew Charitable Trust article about Lopez brothers who really wanted to come here
- vi.) Chancellor's office performance appraisal of President Weiss and WOU overall positive. Areas for improvement are enrollment in serving Oregonians and providing opportunities that Oregonians need. Focus on diversity and downward trends in degrees in shortage areas.
- vii.) Salem/Keizer NAACP scholarship dinner opportunities for new contacts.

- viii.) Liberal Arts education needs to be coupled with ability of graduates to get jobs
- c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs
- ii.) Although we are not a vocational school, the reality is we are an access institution and every major needs to turn out individuals who can have jobs.
 - iii.) Virtual preview day, November 6. Small head count but an impressive audience that were engaged.
 - iii.) House bill of "college credit now" looking at opportunities for high school students to get college credit through dual enrollment. Math department has been leading way, Hillsborough HS conversation held recently about how to make this work. Need to make sure the quality measures up to our standards.
 - iv.) Positive that more AB degrees are coming through Curriculum committee. New enrollment streams and give us more control over such programs.
 - vi.) HECC update- the HECC will be using governance policies currently used by OUS. The Academic Oversight Committee is active this year to prepare/plan.
 - vii.) Request that curriculum materials take the catalogue and define where it goes exactly in the catalogue for ease of editing.
- d) Travis Meuwissen, ASWOU President
- ii.) Regarding governance, tabling to get information about to students, hosting event tonight to get student opinion to take back to president. Affiliate campus least popular with students.
 - iii.) Student Concern: When does TBA go onto the schedule for classes? Online classes and by arrangements listed as TBA.
 - iii.) ASWOU president attending an OSA meeting to talk about issue choosing for the next 2 years.
 - iv.) Tuition advisory committee- request for faculty to nominate students who might be interested in being on this committee let Travis know so he can nominate them.
- V) Old Business
- a) No old business.
- VI) New Business:
- a) Graduate Faculty Status- new proposed language disseminated. Language changes fit needs and maintain standards.
 - Q: Do external committee members need to be WOU faculty, just outside the department?
 - A: Can be external to WOU.
 - b) Committee charges. Move charge 4 regarding determining if course meets LACC, Q, or D designation from ARC to Curriculum Committee.
 - Q: What about W classes?
 - A: Writing intensive has its own committee we do not plan to change that at this time.
 - c) Faculty perspective of University Governance

- i.) Mark Weiss' office sent out the results of an online survey of faculty regarding preference.
- ii.) Mark VanSteeter: Faculty senate is the only entity that has a hand in all the departments. Request that senators return to divisions and talk about core values, key issues, the fears, the best options, and bring it back next meeting to craft statement from Senate.
- iii.) Thaddeus Shannon: By December's meeting, we would like to hear from everyone considering the implications of each option in the programming in which we teach. Reminder that there is a sense of urgency with the 5 year business plan due in February
 - Q: At what point are we going to get more information about the options?
 - A: Not much more has been forthcoming from state. President Weiss suggests focusing on what's best for Oregon students who want to come here.
 - Q: Would appreciate feedback from provost and deans etc. to help with prospective.
 - Q: Student representative request to keep students first. Most students chose to come here, not to OSU.
 - Q: Do we have a sense for what an affiliate campus would be?
 - A: No firm definition from state for what affiliate is.

VII) Announcements:

- a) Update on the "minor options" Fire Service Administration degree, overall results are positive.
- b) Family weekend, Feb 7-9 2014 - Please contact Ed E-eunu, enunue@wou.edu, if you have any ideas.
- c) WOU Athletics website has link to buy t-shirts to support the John Apgar t-shirt foundation.

VIII) Adjourned 5:09pm