

Western Oregon University
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 26th, 2013

I) Call to Order: 3:34pm

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

In Attendance: David Foster, Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Claire Ferraris, Cornelia Paraskevas, Thomas Rand, Michael Baltzley, Breeann Flesch, Rahim Kazerouni, Kristin Latham, Kim Jensen, Scott Tighe, 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:

a) Approved

IV) Institutional Reports:

a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President

- i) Online course evals off, paper forms available for review for faculty needing for PRC purposes.
- ii) Exec committee vote to stop online curricular proposal system. Proposals will be handled on paper until system can work effectively.
- iii) AIC – review role- charge relates to policy, planning, review, implementation, but most recently concerned primarily with funding. Perception of existing maintenance being ignored. Faculty can address such concerns through AIC.

b) Mark Weiss, University President.

- i.) Introduction of Cheryl Gaston, PR.
- ii.) TRUE presidents meeting with legislators last week received well. Main message was low interest in branch/affiliate model. Primary legislative interest in fiscal sustainability.

c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs

- i.) No OUS academic affairs meeting since last Senate meeting.
- ii.) Many upcoming items for Senate review in future.
- iii.) ARC issues meeting- VPAA Scheck is very receptive to meeting with any standing Senate committee.
- iv.) Dean Monahan connecting with Gen/Ed learning outcome characteristics for next Accreditation report. Need to have design in place by Mid-February. Appropriate amount of measurable “action verb” outcomes in major programs.

d) Travis Meuwissen, ASWOU President

- i.) Upcoming focus on tuition affordability, sexual assault education and awareness, cultural competency of faculty and staff. Main goal for Winter term is to revamp Stonewall center as LGBTQ community area and resource center appropriately staffed.
- ii.) Governance meeting for students interest in conversation between faculty, staff and students.

- e) Adele Schepige, ARC chair
 - i.) Review of certificates at WOU and others to examine requirements. Drafted requirements for what a certificate should look like. Division input needed on this draft.
 - ii.) Upcoming focus on AB programs.

V) Old Business

- a) Grad Committee Policy Changes: Graduate Faculty.
 - i.) Approved
- b) Changes to committee charges: Shift responsibility for individual course proposal review of D, Q, and LACC courses from ARC to Curriculum Committee.
 - i.) Approved
- c) Division/Program Feedback on University Governance: Reports on program and division level discussions on governance options.
 - i.) NSM, HPE, Social Sciences, Business/Econ, library all presented reports. Consensus was independent board top choice as opportunity to effectively serve students and maintain control over destiny and decisions, affiliate bottom choice.
 - ii.) General feeling that information for good decision-making was lacking at State level.
 - iii.) Students echo Divisional preferences.
 - iv.) Additional Divisional reports will be posted and/or presented at December Senate meeting.
 - v.) Faculty can move forward by writing editorial letters, writing and talking to legislators, and writing individual letters to President Weiss with focus on serving students best through preferred option. Faculty Senate may prepare position statement for President Weiss to add to institutional report due in January.

VI) New Business:

- a) New Minor: Organizational Leadership (David Foster).
 - i.) New minor housed in Behavioral Science Division to foster "soft skills: needed for workplace success.
 - ii.) High student interest, relies on existing courses and faculty, requirement for courses across at least three disciplines.

- b) New Program & Courses: Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader Specialization (Rachel Harrington & Laurie Burton).
 - i.) New specialization program to offer courses which will allow recommendation to TSPC. Not a certificate but an endorsement granted by TSPC.
 - ii.) Options for continuing education of practicing teachers, MS students, about 20 students annually anticipated.

VII) Announcements:

- a) Family weekend, Feb 7-9 2014 - Please contact Ed E-Nunu, enunue@wou.edu, if you have any ideas.

VIII) Adjourned 5:14 pm