

- **Pastega Award – *Pastega Award for Excellence in Scholarship*** and the ***Pastega Award for Excellence in Teaching*** nomination process is open. Feb 26 deadline – submit to provost office. See the Jan 24 all fac/staff/student email announcement or go to <http://www.wou.edu/facultysenate/committees/pastega-award/>
- **Registration Policy adopted** – Updating the Senate that the university did go through a formal policy review on students needing to be registered to participate in classes. The policy is posted at the Policy Council web site.
- **Emeritus Faculty Policy** – had been posted for public commentary Senate Exec Committee is reviewing public commentary
- **Faculty and/or student research about Monmouth/Independence** – contact Jen Bracy or Erin McDonough. The Monmouth Engaged University Community Connections Committee is interested in knowing of university engagement.
- **Director of General Education opportunity** – An announcement will be released, shortly for this new 50% faculty appointment - 50% administrative appointment position to oversee the new general education curriculum. Doing final edits with Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- **New degree programs** – good place to start is discussing with your dean and let the HECC new program template serve as a guide. Our Board of Trustees is very attentive to how a new program will be sustainable and what state need is being served.
- **NWCCU** – review of our Fall 2018 Ad Hoc Report was very positive. We’ve been exempted from needing to refile our Year One Report on March 1, 2018. Mid-Cycle Report will be due, March 2019 and will include reporting on the program assessment and student learning outcome work that will be ongoing.
- **Opportunity for smart upgrades** – UCS successfully migrated our Banner databases to a cloud service and no longer receives Banner support from University Shared Services in Corvallis. This provided a one-time \$180,000+ savings. President Fuller authorized these funds to be invested in campus technology upgrades: 1) about \$70,000 for emergency clocks in building areas that do not have smart capability for broadcasting warning messages and 2) an additional \$100,000+ to upgrade a number of existing smart classrooms.
- **Closing comment** -- On March 8th, a group of WOU faculty will be participating in the **Teaching T.A.L.K.S.** (Today’s Academics Linking Knowledge & Skills) sponsored by the State of Oregon’s Learning Outcomes and Assessment Task Force and AAC&U and hosted at Oregon State University. Lynn Pasquerella, President of [AAC&U](#).

Attending: David Foster, Megan Patton-Lopez, Bryan Dutton, Lars Soderlund, Kristin Latham, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Patricia Flatt, Adry Clark, Carol Harding, Sue Monahan