

Faculty Senate President's Report

9 October 2018

1. Student Conduct Committee is looking for volunteers. Please see the attached call for participation from 17 September—they still need volunteers.
2. Dr. Asao Inoue will be on campus Monday, October 29th. 830-10 am is a round table discussion meant to foster and identify ways to increase hiring diverse faculty and staff at WOU. 1030-1130 Dr. Inoue will present a lecture, "Changing The Rules of The Grading Game, or How Can We Assess so That People Stop Killing Each Other?" with discussion afterwards. From 1230-4 pm is an antiracist writing workshop. Interested? Questions? Contact Leigh Graziano, grazianol@wou.edu.
3. In response to a query by Dr. Harding, FSEC determined that since Divisions currently internally review both AP credit examinations as well as transfer courses for appropriate credit and courses, extending this internal review to CLEP/FLATS exams makes sense. It's their curriculum; they are the subject matter experts—thus they should determine how credits are applied.
4. FSEC is considering offering a working lunch centered around training folks in Roberts Rules. Please email fspresident@wou.edu if you are interested in participating.
5. Given the mounting work Faculty Senate is facing, and increasing demands on our time and attention, FSEC requests that all individuals offering reports provide the majority of their information in written format and focus their verbal comments on the key, sensitive, or critical issues. This way Faculty Senate time can focus on creating discussion, building knowledge, and seeking clarifications.
6. In response to an administrative request, the Faculty and Staff Senate ECs have agreed to meet on the 5th Tuesday of October, January, and April. The joint ECs will meet on October 30th with Interim Provost Winningham to determine the working agenda(s) and plans for the January and April meetings. Most likely the 5th Tuesday January and April will be joint full faculty and staff senate meetings. If there is an issue you think is important to be considered for the agenda, please email fspresident@wou.edu with "5th Tuesday" in the subject line.
7. Malissa Larson and Ryan Hagemann have agreed to present and answer questions re: disability and accessibility accommodations at the 23 October 2018 Faculty Senate. We have scheduled 15 minutes time for them.
8. Last year, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee conducted a survey about service work at WOU. As the results were presented last year, a number of our colleagues expressed concern; others asked what, if anything, we could do about it. During Faculty Senate last year, a variety of possible solutions or adjustments to committee structure and committee scope mentioned, discussed, or offered.

The current Faculty Senate Executive Committee believes it is appropriate to form a Committee on Committees in order to review the current scope of Faculty Senate committees, workload, charges, and related matters.

As the Faculty Senate ByLaws, Article VII, Section 2, states:

"When deemed necessary, the Faculty Senate should select from its own membership a Committee on Committees to advise it on matters pertaining to structure, charge, and functioning of committees. Such action should be taken during any year featuring wide-scale committee assessment and review."

Thus committee membership is limited to Senators. FSEC plans to follow this process. What follows is suggested and ideal--none of these are required.

- a. Limit membership to five with one non-voting FSEC member
- b. Seek representatives from CoE, CLAS, and library
- c. At least one member be an assistant professor
- d. The FSEC will vote to determine who the non-voting FSEC member is.
- e. Other members will ideally have experience chairing one or several Faculty Senate committees on campus.

The Committee on Committees will determine the scope of their charge.

All nominations should be sent to Faculty Senate President and Vice President. Nominations of another person should be approved by that person before submitting their name; self-nominations welcome. Nominations or self-nominations should include a brief discussion of why you are interested and the perspective that you bring to the Committee on Committees. Nominations due 16 October 2018. Notification will follow shortly.

If more than five nominations or self-nominations are received, the FSEC will review and determine committee makeup based on the priorities listed above. Any questions or concerns should be directed to fspresident@wou.edu; these will then be shared with the FSEC.