

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, 18 February 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Union Capitol Rooms/WIUQC Riverfront 205

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: J. Albarracin, D. Banash, M. Bean, B. Bellott, S. Cordes, S. Czechowski, G. Delany-Barmann, R. Filipink, J. Franken, D. Hunter, I. Lauer, T. Lough, M. Maskarinec, D. Oursler, B. Perabo, C. Pynes, J. Robinett, R. Sawhney, M. Stinnett, F. Tasdan, E. Taylor, K. Zbeeb (via teleconference)

Ex-officio: Billy Clow, Interim Provost; Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: J. Choi

GUESTS: Andrea Alveshere, Andy Baker, Steve Bennett, Tom Blackford, Keith Boeckelman, Ginny Boynton, Amy Carr, Peter Cole, Jack Elfrink, Spencer Foust, Sarah Haynes, Buzz Hoon, Angela Lynn, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kristi Mindrup (via teleconference), Russ Morgan, Mark Mossman, Lorette Oden, Tim Piper, Renee Polubinsky, Jim Schmidt, Araceli Villagomez

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. February 4, 2020

MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

II. Announcements

A. Approvals from the Provost

1. Request for New Course
 - a. HORT 357, Cannabis Biology and Production, 3 s.h.
2. Request for New Minor
 - a. Cannabis Production

B. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Clow reported that dates will soon be set for the legislative testimonies in Springfield. Interim Provost Clow met with Interim President Abraham yesterday to try to get information gathered for this year. WIU's date will be in the middle of the institutions providing testimony, so Interim Provost Clow said that WIU officials will get about a 24-hour preview of questions being asked of other schools. He added that the legislative session testimonies occur first, followed by testimony before the Illinois Senate approximately a month later. The Governor's budget address will also be happening soon.

Senator Tasdan asked if Interim Provost Clow has heard anything about next year's budget in terms of percentage to be received from the state. Interim Provost Clow replied that WIU has been promised to receive the same budget as last year. He remarked that the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) made rather a conservative request; WIU requested a little more because our institution was hit hard by the budget crisis, but there is no expectation that the University will receive 17 percent. He reported that if the state comes through with what they have promised, WIU would receive two to five percent.

Interim Provost Clow told senators there were 400 bills signed on Monday for consideration during the current session, many of which relate to higher education, and Jeanette Malafa, Assistant to the President for Government Relations, is going through all of them because they may hit the floor

soon. Senator Albarracin asked if WIU representatives will attend the Governor's budget address. Interim Provost Clow responded that Interim President Abraham drove down today; Ms. Malafa will attend, and Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance Letisha Trepac may also be attending.

C. Student Government Association Report
(Araceli Villagomez, SGA representative to Faculty Senate)

Ms. Villagomez announced that SGA scholarships have been posted on PurplePost. Senator Czechowski asked if that means that students who applied last semester will find out if they received the scholarship. Ms. Villagomez clarified that what is being posted currently is the opportunity for students to apply for the scholarship this semester; last semester's student award recipients should have already been notified. Senator Czechowski asked about the amount of the scholarship award; Ms. Villagomez replied that she thinks they are a little over \$300.

D. Other Announcements

1. Chairperson Pynes announced that Friday, February 21 is national Anthropology Day. The WIU Department of Sociology and Anthropology will host a luncheon at noon on Friday as well as career presentations and activities.
2. Election results for the faculty positions on the Presidential Search Committee are complete. The committee members are:

College of Arts and Sciences -- Brian Bellott, Chemistry
College of Business and Technology -- Gordon Rands, Management and Marketing
College of Education and Human Services -- Jim LaPrad, School of Education
College of Fine Arts and Communication -- Brian Locke, Music
WIU Quad Cities Campus -- Susan Brooks, Mathematics and Philosophy
University Libraries -- Jeff Hancks, Malpass Library
Faculty Senate Chair's Designee -- Julia Albarracin, Political Science

Questions about the search should be directed to either Christopher Pynes ca-pynes@wiu.edu or Polly Radosh, mf-radosh@wiu.edu.

3. Nominations are being accepted for eight vacancies on the Faculty Senate. Nominating petitions can be found on the Senate site here: http://wiu.edu/faculty_senate/elections.php. Petition forms must be returned to the Faculty Senate office, 323 Stipes Hall, by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20.
4. Senator Cordes announced that University Libraries will be transitioning to a new search system in June 2020. He explained that currently there is a different way to search for books, for journals, and for iShare, and these will be combined into one system. He stated that during the circulation transition period there will be one week where individuals can only check out books that can be checked out from WIU manually, but this will occur over the summer. He said that Library staff are currently working on the back end by re-coding everything for the interface with the new system.

Senator Cordes believes the Library will offer training sessions on the new system through the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR). He also suggested that faculty may want to bring their classes to the Library to hear an overview of the new process for the first couple of semesters it is operational because it will be radically different than the current system. He stated that once the new system is completed, however, everything will be much more pulled together and accessible. Senator Cordes related that there are dozens of institutions that use this system, and it is being used for journals already. He offered to provide senators with a list of institutions that are currently using the system if they wish to take an advanced look at it.

III. Reports of Committees and Councils

A. Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (Steve Bennett, Chair)

1. Curricular Requests from the Department of Kinesiology

- a. Request for Change of Major
 - i. Exercise Science

CHANGE OF MAJOR APPROVED

2. Curricular Requests from the Department of History

- a. Request for New Course
 - i. HIST 385, History of Drugs, 3 s.h.

Senator Hunter suggested that the abbreviated title HIST & DRUGS be changed to HIST OF DRUGS to better reflect the title of the course. History professor Peter Cole agreed to this friendly amendment, and this change will be made before the request is sent to the Provost's office.

Ms. Villagomez asked how Dr. Cole plans to address the concerns expressed by Lorette Oden, Chair of the Department of Health Sciences and Social Work, in relation to topics covered in HE 123. Dr. Cole responded that the course as he has proposed it encompasses the history of the subject, which he believes is distinctly different than how people explore health and drugs. He stated that while the course will explore why people use drugs, it will be viewed through the lens of the history of drugs, and he sees room for more than one course on that subject. He explained that in the same way that Economics courses exist while at the same time History teaches about the Great Depression, he does not really see any conflict. Dr. Cole sees the two courses as different disciplines exploring the subject in their disciplinary ways. He noted that he also teaches about the history of agriculture and many other subjects which are also offered within their own specific disciplines; it seems appropriate to him as a historian to talk about the changes over time on this topic.

HIST 385 APPROVED

3. Curricular Requests from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- a. Requests for New Courses
 - i. ANTH 180, Cannabis Culture: The Anthropological Study of Cannabis, 3 s.h.

Senator Lauer suggested that the abbreviated title of the course be changed from CANNABIS CULT to CANNABIS CULTUR. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad, who created the course, agreed to this friendly amendment.

Senator Cordes asked if this course will talk about cultivation or growth or about the economic issues related to cannabis. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad responded that the course will not talk about the cultivation of cannabis other than anthropological patterns of cultivation around the world. Senator Cordes said he was wondering more about whether the course would talk about

cottage industries and such products as cannabis oil. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad said the course will discuss the rise of different ways in which to ingest cannabis and how they are affected by economics, history, and urbanization patterns. She added that the course is cross-cultural since it is from an anthropological viewpoint. Senator Cordes observed that cannabis is an economic generator in many cultures. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad added that the course will include field trips.

Senator Czechowski asked if the course will discuss social media, packaging, and design, as well as cannabis advertising. She related that the graphics on marijuana packaging are amazing and almost makes it look candy-like. She wonders if the course will discuss who this packaging is being geared to attract. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad responded that she will include critical analysis about how large pharmaceutical companies use cannabis as a big money crop, so the course will take a look at this, but what Senator Czechowski is describing is not her area of expertise so she may have to reach out to colleagues.

ANTH 180 APPROVED

- ii. ANTH 205, Drugs and Culture: From Magic Mushrooms to Big Pharma, 3 s.h.

Senator Lauer suggested that the abbreviated title of the course be changed from DRUGS & CULT to DRUGS & CULTUR. Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad had no objection to this friendly amendment.

ANTH 205 APPROVED

4. Curricular Requests from the Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences

a. Requests for New Courses

- i. REL 180, Religion and Drugs, 3 s.h.

Ms. Villagomez asked what the difference is between this course and HIST 385, History of Drugs. Liberal Arts and Sciences professor Sarah Haynes responded that this course will be taught from a religious perspective and will examine the religious use of drugs, whereas HIST 385 will provide a historical orientation. She said REL 180 will look at a wide perspective of actual drug use in religious contexts. She stated, for example, that Dr. Cole's course will talk about social justice issues of cannabis whereas REL 180 is purely religious in focus.

Ms. Villagomez asked about the relationship between REL 180 and REL/ANTH 324, Religion, Magic, and Shamanism. Dr. Haynes responded that anthropology encompasses religion, so Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad may cover a little bit of religious information in her courses, but anthropological studies cover a wide range of cultural issues, not just religion. Dr. Haynes explained that her course is focused on religion while Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad's course is broader; Dr. McIlvaine-Newsad looks at an anthropological/theological perspective, whereas Dr. Haynes will look at the religious perspective of drug use.

REL 180 APPROVED

- ii. LAS 420, Senior Seminar in Cannabis and Culture, 3 s.h.

LAS 420 APPROVED

- b. Request for New Interdisciplinary Minor
 - i. Cannabis and Culture

NEW MINOR APPROVED

B. Council on General Education (CGE)
(Andrea Alveshire, Chair)

1. Request for General Education Designation

- a. ANTH/REL 225, Myth and Ritual, 3 s.h.

Senator Franken asked if there will be a section on drugs; Dr. Haynes responded that there will not.

GEN ED DESIGNATION APPROVED

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. For the Good of the Body

Senator Albarracin informed senators of a new project on campus to make WIU more welcoming to immigrant students. Workshops are being offered to faculty, staff, and graduate assistants through the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) about how to better serve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and other immigrant students. Workshops will be held February 19 and 26 and March 5, 16, and 26.

Senator Albarracin said the project also involves asking faculty for 15 minutes of class time to educate their students about immigration. The classroom presentations will mostly occur in March and April. Faculty interested in the workshops or classroom presentations can contact Senator Albarracin at J-Albarracin@wiu.edu.

Motion: To adjourn (Filipink)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Susan Czechowski, Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary