

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, 29 August 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

**SENATORS PRESENT:** J. Albarracin, D. Atherton, S. Bailey, B. Bellott, D. Brown, G. Cabedo-Timmons, C. Chadwell, L. Ebert Wallace, D. Gravitt, E. Hamner, D. Hunter, S. Ko, J. Land, A. Lewis, K. Perone, B. Petrocovicci, J. Sarra, Y. Tang, S. Turkelli, K. Wiseley, L. Wipperling

**Ex-officio:** Jeremy Robinett, Parliamentarian; Provost Manoochehr Zoghi

**SENATORS ABSENT:** D. Barr, M. Shadsuddoha

**GUESTS:** Victoria Baramidze, Tom Blackford, Amy Burke, Amy Carr, Sean Cordes, Dennis DeVolder, Pat Eathington, Heidi Elbe, Rich Filipink, Paige Goodwin, Jeff Hancks, Yuki Hasebe, Guiyou Huang, Randy Hyllegard, Sarah Lawson, Tonya Little, Russ Morgan, Mark Mossman, Lorette Oden, Kaycee Peterman, Renee Polubinsky, Linda Prosis, Justin Schuch, Emilyn Sevcik, Rashmi Sharma, Eric Sheffield, Sarah Shike, Baofu Wang

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. April 25, 2023

**APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED**

II. Announcements

A. Approvals from the President and Provost

1. Approvals from the President

- a. Change in timetable for early warning grades to week 6 for submitting and week 7 for student and advisor notices
- b. Allow MATH 100 and MATH 110 to be allowed to assign a grade of F (including FN and FW) to their other grading options (A through C and U).

2. Approvals from the Provost

- a. Requests for New Courses
  - i. ACCT 477, Professional Ethics and Regulation, 3 s.h.
  - ii. BC&J 323, Diversity Across Broadcasting and Journalism, 3 s.h.
  - iii. COMM 380, Special Topics in Applied Communication, 3 s.h.
  - iv. EM 492, Honors Internship Project, 3 s.h.
  - v. IS 335, Introduction to Cloud Computing, 3 s.h.
  - vi. IS 425, Artificial Intelligence Applications and Management, 3 s.h.
  - vii. KIN 111, Foundation of Tai Chi, 1 s.h.
  - viii. NUTR 220, Foods and Nutrition, 3 s.h.
  - ix. NUTR 320, Nutrition in Quality Foods Management I, 3 s.h.
  - x. NUTR 420, Nutrition in Quality Foods Management II, 3 s.h.

- b. Requests for Changes of Options
  - i. Early Childhood
  - ii. Elementary Education
  - iii. English as a Second Language
  - iv. Medical Sciences
  - v. Multilingual
- c. Requests for Changes of Majors
  - i. Anthropology
  - ii. Art (BFA – Teacher Education Option)
  - iii. Business Core
  - iv. Economics (BB)
  - v. Information Systems
  - vi. Middle Level Education
  - vii. Nutrition and Dietetics
  - viii. Nutrition and Food Service Management
  - ix. Special Education
- d. Requests for Changes of Minors
  - i. Cannabis Production
  - ii. Hospitality Management
- e. Requests for General Education Designation
  - i. CSEC 101, Introduction to Cybersecurity, 2 s.h.
  - ii. ENG/AAS 345, African American Literature, 3 s.h.
  - iii. MATH 206, Mathematics for Elementary Teaching II, 3 s.h.
  - iv. MUS 198, K-Pop, J-Pop, and C-Pop, 3 s.h.
- f. Request for WID Designation
  - i. COMM 311, Research Design in Communication, 3 s.h.
- g. Request for Discipline-Specific Global Issues Designation
  - i. SSED 354, Methods for Teaching Social Studies PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3 s.h.

B. Provost's Report

Provost Zoghi asked if the agenda could be reordered so that the President would speak before him.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

C. Other Announcements (Reordered)

1. President Guiyou Huang

President Huang related that he has been walking through buildings and meeting students since the fall semester began. He is grateful that many attended the university kick-off on Friday, August 18, presided over by the Provost. He said some people have told him it needed to last longer while others have told him they liked that the kick-off was “short and sweet.”

President Huang said the administration has set a number of institutional priorities and is focusing on two very important ones: financial sustainability (or financial viability) and recruitment/enrollment. He said this is not to imply that the other institutional priorities are unimportant -- the administration continues to work on other priorities as well and started to address these issues over the past couple of years -- but this is a pivotal year. President Huang said that a number of measures will be taken to put the university back on good financial ground, which is why it is the first priority. He said that because revenue generation is important, there has been much discussion about enrollment, retention, and seeking additional state support for higher appropriations, which he has been doing pretty aggressively since he has been at WIU. The President noted that state appropriations increased seven percent this year over last year's budget, which is a \$3.64 million increase. Additionally, WIU increased its tuition by three percent, which brought in about \$740,000. The two together resulted in a \$4.4 million net gain over the year before. He added that the last two years state appropriations increased five percent each year.

President Huang told senators that the university is starting this fall with a smaller enrollment; as of today, there are 7,066 students enrolled at WIU. That number may increase or decrease by the official tenth-day count, but President Huang does not expect major changes. The President is glad the enrollment is over 7,000 and noted that this number includes some very good students academically and others who may need more help. He said that once the numbers are finalized on the tenth day, enrollment must be reported to the Governor's office, then to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

President Huang related that over the past two weeks, over 30 new faculty have been welcomed to WIU. He said the Provost's office and Parliamentarian Robinett put on a great orientation for new faculty, and the President has seen a lot of enthusiasm and smiling faces. He said new faculty included both Unit A, Unit B, and some who have recently transitioned from Unit B to Unit A, as well as new C.T. Vivian Scholars.

The President told senators that the Student Success division hosted a lot of events to welcome and orient new students, both international and domestic, including students from states as far away as Virginia and New Mexico. He related that many faculty, staff members, administrators, and some trustees helped with move-in during a beautiful day with good weather.

President Huang said the Cabinet was kept busy over the summer and spent a lot of time looking at financial issues. Two new vice presidents have been added to the Cabinet: Paul Edwards, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Clare Thompson, Vice President for Advancement, Alumni Relations, and Athletics. Both new VPs have been at WIU about two months. President Huang stressed that the university needs to overcome its financial challenges, and Vice President Edwards has worked a lot on the development of a financial sustainability plan which will lay out projected income and expenses for the next five years. This plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its September meeting. President Huang related that the financial plan calls for the reduction and elimination of WIU's deficit; he is confident that the university will be able to reduce its deficit to zero within the next three years.

President Huang spent some time on the Quad Cities campus welcoming new faculty and students. He reported that the Quad Cities campus gained some new freshmen students this fall.

B. Provost's Report (*Continued*)

Provost Zoghi welcomed everyone back from summer break, with a special welcome to new colleagues. He said there are quite a few new Unit A and B faculty members on campus this fall. He hopes they will find WIU to be a great place for their academic careers and that they can grow their families in the Macomb and Quad Cities communities.

Provost Zoghi has been intimately engaged with new faculty events. He said Parliamentarian Robinett has done an excellent job coordinating these events and matching new faculty with peer faculty mentors. The Provost thinks students seem to be more engaged this fall on both campuses and very responsive. He hopes this is a good sign that the university will have better attendance and retention moving forward.

Provost Zoghi noted that the university is still waiting for final enrollment numbers. He will invite Associate Provost Mark Mossman; Justin Schuch, Executive Director of Retention Initiatives; and Miguel Huerta, Director of First-Year Advising, to Faculty Senate to report enrollment data after the tenth day.

Provost Zoghi reported that student retention has, unfortunately, decreased; early numbers indicate a drop from about 68 percent last year to about 58 percent this year. He noted that because student success and retention is one of the top institutional priorities, this is not a good sign. He believes that WIU has an excellent reputation of faculty and staff caring for students, and it is hoped that this reputation for helping students will continue.

Provost Zoghi reported that the group developing a strategic plan for Academic Affairs is working very diligently. They have met with several focus groups already and will continue that process over the next several weeks. The Provost related that the focus groups have so far identified five pillars, as mentioned at the university assembly: 1) empower student success, 2) enhance teaching and learning, 3) expand research, scholarship, and creative work, 4) grow and modernize infrastructure, both IT and physical campus infrastructures, and 5) develop and recognize the people within Academic Affairs. Provost Zoghi stated that these five pillars will be refined throughout the year. He stated that the formal steering committee will be reaching out to everyone in Academic Affairs, and he encourages everyone to provide their input and insight to the committee because this is extremely important. He stressed that student success is at the heart of everything we all do.

Senator Hunter asked if best practices would be developed for each of the five pillars in order to help implement the retention program more effectively. Provost Zoghi responded affirmatively. He said that is the whole purpose of this exercise and why the working group has been reaching out to various entities across campus in order to gather input and identify best practices moving forward. He added that everything will be about student success, diversity, and inclusivity; additionally, the budget and finances are top priorities at the university-level, and that will be the same within Academic Affairs as far as resource allocation.

C. Student Government Association (SGA) Report  
(SGA Representative to Faculty Senate)

Parliamentarian Robinett reported that SGA reached out to him to say that their representative could not be present for this meeting but in future will be Triston Eddlemon, SGA Vice President for External Affairs.

D. Other Announcements (Continued)

2. Future Academic Calendars (Informational)

Senators were provided in the Google Drive with academic calendars for 2025-26 through 2028-29, which were approved by the President in May. Chair Albarracin stated that any questions about the calendars can be directed to Linda Prosis from the Provost's office or to the Registrar.

3. Elections

a. Faculty Senate Vice Chair

Chair Albarracin explained that last spring Craig Whetten was elected Vice Chair but has left the university and can no longer serve.

**Motion:** To nominate Everett Hamner (Hamner/Hunter)

Senator Hamner stated that he is an English professor on the Quad Cities campus who also teaches in the Liberal Arts and Sciences program and works with faculty and students on both campuses. There were no other nominations, and Senator Hamner was declared elected.

- b. Senate Nominating Committee – one senator from the College of Arts and Sciences for a one-year term

**Motion:** To nominate Guada Cabedo-Timmons (Cabedo-Timmons)

There were no further nominations, and Senator Cabedo-Timmons was declared elected.

- c. Committee on Provost and Presidential Performance – four senators from any college, plus an Executive Committee member, for one-year terms

The Executive Committee representative will be determined at their next meeting.

**Motion:** To nominate Seyfi Turkelli (Turkelli)

**Motion:** To nominate Dave Hunter (Hunter)

Chair Albarracin asked Ms. Hamm how long should be allowed at this meeting for senators' nominations. Mrs. Hamm responded that if any positions remain unfilled, they will appear on subsequent Senate agendas until someone volunteers to fill them. Senator Hunter asked for Ms. Hamm to provide a brief description of the committee and the time commitment required. Ms. Hamm responded that most of the work of the committee occurs in the spring. The committee looks at the previous year's survey(s) of the President and Provost and determines if changes need to be made; if so, those changes must be approved by Faculty Senate. Ms. Hamm works with the committee to send the survey out in early spring. The committee works with the data resulting from the survey in mid-spring, and the report must be submitted to Faculty Senate at the first meeting in April.

Chair Albarracin asked if a member of the Executive Committee can serve on the Committee on Provost and Presidential Performance. Ms. Hamm responded that an Executive Committee member is required to serve on this committee, but ExCo at its last meeting decided that they would make the determination of who would represent ExCo at its next meeting.

Senator Gravitt asked if discussion could move on to the elections for other committees and then circle back to considering this one because there are other committees she might be interested in serving on, but if those fill up she would be interested in serving on what might be her second or third choices. Parliamentarian Robinett replied this would be allowable. Senator Gravitt specified she is more interested in the Provost's Advisory Committee and the Budget Transparency Committee, and the Committee on Provost and Presidential Performance is further down her list. Parliamentarian Robinett reminded Senator Gravitt that a discussion will occur next Tuesday regarding the committees which require a representative from the Executive Committee.

**Motion:** To nominate Katherine Pawelko (Pawelko)

Senator Gravitt asked if she serves on this committee as an Executive Committee member whether she would be taking a seat that could be filled by another senator. Parliamentarian Robinett responded that only this committee and the Budget Transparency Committee require representation from the Executive Committee, which will be discussed at next week's ExCo meeting.

There were no further nominations, so Senators Turkelli, Hunter, and Perone were declared elected. An election to fill the remaining vacancy will be on the next Senate agenda.

- d. Provost's Advisory Council – two senators (one two-year term and one one-year term)

**Motion:** To nominate Lora Ebert Wallace (Ebert Wallace)

**Motion:** To nominate Yong Tang (Tang)

There were no further nominations. Chair Albarracin asked how it should be determined which senator serves for one year and which serves for two. Parliamentarian Robinett replied that the two senators could state which term they would prefer or there could be an election. Senator Ebert Wallace stated that she only has one year left on Faculty Senate so would volunteer for the one-year term.

- e. Student Learning Assessment Committee – one senator to serve a one-year term

Ms. Hamm stated that Senator Barr expressed his willingness to her via email regarding serving on this committee unless another senator wanted to serve, but he is not present at today's meeting. Senator Barr served on the committee last year, and WIU Assessment Coordinator Lori Baker-Sperry said it would be fine for him to serve a second term. Senator Gravitt stated that since a senator has volunteered, she thinks Senator Barr should be elected by acclamation. There were no further nominations, and Senator Barr was elected to the position.

- f. Budget Transparency Committee – one senator from Business and Technology for a two-year term; one senator from Fine Arts and Communication for a two-year term; one senator from Arts and Sciences for a one-year term; plus Executive Committee member for one-year term

**Motion:** To nominate Boris Petrocovic (Petrocovic)

**Motion:** To nominate Lora Ebert Wallace (Ebert Wallace)

Senator Gravitt asked if she could represent both her college and the Executive Committee. Chair Albarracin said she does not think so but asked Ms. Hamm to weigh in. Ms. Hamm recalled that last year Faculty Senate allowed former Chair Bill Thompson to serve on this committee as a representative of both the College of Arts and Sciences and the Executive Committee, but that was an exception. She pointed out that this committee is supposed to have five members, so only if no one else from Business and Technology volunteered would Senator Gravitt be allowed to represent both. Senator Gravitt volunteered to serve as the ExCo representative or the Business and Technology representative, whichever one is needed the most. Chair Albarracin asked if Senator Gravitt could be elected as a senator if she is serving on ExCo; Parliamentarian Robinett responded that she can. Ms. Hamm added that ideally Senator Gravitt would represent ExCo if that is what is decided at next week's Executive Committee meeting. Senator Gravitt asked if Senator Atherton is interested in serving on the Budget Transparency Committee; Senator Atherton replied he would love to, but he only has one year left on Faculty Senate. Senator Gravitt reiterated her willingness to serve as the ExCo or the B&T rep,

whichever is needed; Chair Albarracin suggested she represent Business and Technology, and the ExCo rep will be decided next week.

Chair Albarracin related that the Executive Committee discussed having the Budget Transparency Committee closely review the new financial sustainability plan when it is made available. Senator Hunter asked how often the Budget Transparency Committee meets. Chair Albarracin replied that there is no rule about this; the committee can decide. Senator Gravitt noted that last year it apparently did not meet. She asked who runs the committee and if it has a faculty chairperson or is overseen by the administration. Chair Albarracin replied that it is a Senate committee. Parliamentarian Robinett added that since there is an ExCo member serving on the committee, that person will call the meetings.

Ms. Hamm pointed out that two senators volunteered for the single seat for Arts and Sciences so an election will need to be held. She suggested that since no senators have volunteered to represent Fine Arts and Communication, senators from that college could agree to have the extra Arts and Sciences volunteer represent them as a possible option.

**Motion:** To nominate Suyeon Ko (Ko)

Senator Ebert Wallace decided to withdraw her nomination. There were no further nominations, and Senators Petrocovi, Ko, and Gravitt were declared elected.

g. Ad Hoc Committee on Anti-Bullying Policies – one senator, any college

Chair Albarracin stated that this committee was proposed by Bill Thompson last year to investigate the different practices at the university that may make people feel mistreated or bullied and to design some policies to remediate or alleviate that problem. Senator Wipperling said it would be helpful to her to know how often committees meet so that she could know if they would fit into her schedule. Chair Albarracin responded that the new committees, such as this one, will have to decide among themselves when and how often to meet. She added that the committees will try to find a time to meet when the most members can attend and try to reach a consensus.

**Motion:** To nominate Lisa Wipperling (Wipperling). There were no further nominations.

h. Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence – two senators, any college

Senator Atherton asked how often this committee will meet and who will run the meetings. Chair Albarracin replied this is another new committee and has representation on it from Faculty Senate as well as administrators and faculty, so it will be up to the members.

**Motion:** To nominate Dan Atherton (Atherton)

Senator Atherton said it would be helpful to know who else is on the committee; Senator Hamner pointed out that Michael Lorenzen and Graciela Andrango have already volunteered to serve, according to the email sent to senators from Mrs. Hamm. He added that the charge indicates that a preliminary report is expected in mid-October and a final report in December, which indicates it is anticipated to be a one-semester commitment. Chair Albarracin noted that those deadlines could be revised if needed.

**Motion:** To nominate Senator Hamner (Hamner)

There were no further nominations, so Senators Hamner and Atherton were elected to serve on the ad hoc committee.

### III. Reports of Committees and Councils

#### A. Budget Transparency Committee (BTC) (TBD, Chair, 2023-2024)

##### 1. Annual Report (Bill Thompson, Chair, 2022-2023)

Chair Albarracin noted that the Budget Transparency Committee did not meet last year, so there is no report available.

#### B. Council on Admission, Graduation, and Academic Standards (CAGAS) (Rich Filipink, Chair, 2023-2024)

##### 1. Annual Report (Julie Cox, Chair, 2022-2023)

This year's CAGAS Chair, Rich Filipink, presented the report on behalf of Dr. Cox. Dr. Filipink stated that Dr. Cox did an excellent job as chair last year and thanked Registrar Sarah Lawson and CAGAS secretary Susie Fowler for helping to keep CAGAS moving along. The CAGAS report shows there were 63 requests for total late withdrawal last year, down from 89 the previous year; 39 requests for overload, seven less than the previous year; 19 substitution waiver requests, up from nine in 2021-22; 57 requests for late registration, up from 50 the previous year; and five new start requests, compared to eight in 2021-22. There were 50 reports of academic integrity incidents last year compared to 48 the year before.

CAGAS last year approved requests from the School of Education's Early Childhood Education program to adopt advanced placement credit, to waive FLGI as a requirement (which was denied by Faculty Senate), and that ECH students admitted with an AAS degree no longer be required to take a full slate of Gen Ed courses. CAGAS also approved a request to expand the policy that students transferring in AA or AS degrees nationwide (not just from Illinois and some Iowa institutions) be considered to have completed WIU's General Education requirements (except college- or departmental-specific Gen Ed courses). The council voted to approve lowering the GPA requirement for acceptance into certain programs in Education from 2.75 to 2.50. CAGAS was asked to consider a change in timetable for early warning grades, and after adjusting the original request by one week approved sending it forward to Faculty Senate.

### **NO OBJECTIONS**

##### 2. Proposed Revision of Penalties for GPA Deficiencies Policy

Dr. Filipink explained that this request was brought forward due to concerns about students who attend the university and enjoy the university experience but then get a 0.00 GPA at the end of their first semester. He stated that under the current system, these students would go on probation and then could attend WIU for another semester. He said this policy change would have those students immediately go on suspension because if they are not going to attend classes WIU is not going to take their money and continue to allow them to stay for a year. The proposal would add one sentence to the section on Academic Suspension: "In addition, any student who has a GPA of 0.00 (as a result of F, FN, FW, U, N, and/or XU) at the end of their first full-time semester of coursework will be academically suspended."

Senator Hunter asked who recommended this policy change. Registrar Sarah Lawson responded this was a group effort between her office, the Retention office, and the Provost's office. Senator Gravitt asked how many students this change would affect. Registrar Lawson

responded that three years ago this would have applied to 50 students, two years ago there was 100, and last year 150 students ended their first fall semester with a 0.00 GPA. Senator Gravitt observed that this could affect the budget if the university is no longer allowed to collect for the full year. Dr. Filipink responded that one thing the university has to address at the state level is its retention rate, and having students leave after the first year really hurts it. He noted that one way to improve the academic reputation of the institution is not to tolerate this sort of thing. Registrar Lawson added that this will also improve matters with WIU's Office of Financial Aid and the state Department of Education. She said it will also help address questions about whether scholarship money applies to one semester or two for these students.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

C. Council on Campus Planning and Usage (CCPU)  
(TBD, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Redina Finch, Secretary, 2022-23)

Chair Albarracin noted that last year the council had a charge that they felt they could not fully interpret. She stated that the Executive Committee this year will have to revisit that charge and redefine it for the coming year.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

D. Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI)  
(Amy Burke, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Paige Goodwin, Chair, 2022-23)

CCPI last year approved one new minor (Community Forestry), 30 new courses (up from 22 the previous year), 68 changes to existing courses (up from 52 last year), 15 changes to majors (up from eight last year), three changes to existing minors (up from one), 17 changes to options (up from eight), and four cross-listings (down from seven last year). The council also approved changes to its bylaws and its policies and procedures at its last meeting of the year.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

2. Request for New Course

a. PSY 486, Crisis Hotline Internship in Psychology, 3 s.h.

Dr. Goodwin told senators that the Department of Psychology has operated a crisis hotline since the early 1970s. She stated that in order for students to volunteer for the crisis hotline, they were required to enroll concurrently in PSY 487 and PSY 490 to develop the types of skills they would need to take hotline calls. Dr. Goodwin related that over the years the two courses have become quite crowded, and there have been several different purposes for the two in addition to developing hotline skills. She stated that over the years Psychology has engaged in the process of cleaning this up and, as part of that process, has created a free-standing hotline course, PSY 486. The course will be open to anyone with permission of the Hotline Program Coordinator, and students will still be required to enroll in the course before beginning their volunteer hotline work. Students must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.75, which was approved by CAGAS.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

E. Council on General Education (CGE)  
(Robert Kelly, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Tonya Little, Chair, 2022-23)

CGE approved five courses for inclusion in general education last year. Like CAGAS, they considered and approved a proposal that students transferring in an AA or AS degree be considered to have met their general education requirements, except for specific college or departmental requirements. CGE also created a subcommittee to review its policies and procedures; its recommendations are expected this fall.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

2. Request for Inclusion in General Education

a. KIN 111, Foundations of Tai Chi, 1 s.h.

Ms. Little told senators that this request was brought to CGE at the end of the spring semester and was unanimously approved for inclusion in the Human Well-Being category of gen ed. The course was assigned Goals 1 and 6 for assessment. Ms. Little related that CGE thinks this will be a popular course, and the instructor is excited to offer it.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

F. Council for Instructional Technology (CIT)  
(TBD, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Debra Allwardt, Chair, 2022-23)

According to the report, CIT discussed technology-related questions from committee and non-committee members. Greg Kain was invited to visit with the committee at their October meeting. Last year the Executive Committee had asked CIT to determine the results of the transition to students paying for copies in terms of changes in use, cost savings, and revenue. CIT posed the question to Mr. Kain who will report the results of this inquiry when he visits with Faculty Senate next month. CIT also developed a student survey to assess their technology needs, which will be completed and distributed by this year's council.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

G. Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA)  
(Jeff Hancks, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Jeff Hancks, Chair)

Brian Stone was elected chair last year but has since left the university, so Dr. Hancks, who served last year, completed the report. CIA last year asked to play a role in the strategic planning process for Intercollegiate Athletics, including meeting with the external reviewers and receiving an update from Athletics Director Paul Bubb once the report is finalized. According to the report, CIA members "were very excited that Paul Bubb, an experienced D-1 athletic director, was selected for this important position at this critical time." CIA had discussions with AD Bubb about the potential change in conference affiliation; the changing landscape in intercollegiate athletics, including the transfer portal and name/image/likeness rules; and the Athletics budget deficit and how that impacts the overall student athlete experience. CIA also discussed how the council might become more active in Intercollegiate Athletics' policy-making and oversight process beyond approving schedules. The report notes that AD Bubb has tried to mitigate student-athletes' missed class days by investing in a

number of mobile wireless hotspots so that students can participate in live-streamed courses and have more reliable access to WesternOnline while on the road. CIA “applauds AD Bubb for making this investment in our students.”

**NO OBJECTIONS**

H. Council for International Education (CIE)  
(TBD, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Sean Cordes, Chair, 2022-23)

The main activity for CIE last year revolved around “developing and clarification of the Council policies.” The document was approved by Faculty Senate in March. CIE also approved one course, SSED 354, for Global Issues designation.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

I. Council on Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID)  
(TBD, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Kaycee Peterman, Chair, 2022-23)

The WID Council report outlines the four main tasks accomplished by the council last year: continued implementation of the biannual rotation review of all WID courses throughout the university; approved WID designation for COMM 311; held a WID workshop, “Teaching Writing in the Discipline Online: A Roundtable Discussion,” which was well attended and informative; and reviewed WID course enrollments and sent email reminders to chairs/directors of any WID courses with enrollments over 25 (there were four for the year).

**NO OBJECTIONS**

J. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)  
(Katherine Perone, Chair, 2023-24)

1. Annual Report (Dave Hunter, Chair, 2022-23)

Senator Hunter expressed his thanks to Ms. Hamm for her assistance with the council’s work. SNC last year presented 86 faculty nominations to Faculty Senate to fill vacancies on Senate and university councils and committees, 27 more than the previous year. The 86 faculty nominations in 2022-23 included seven Library faculty members, 18 from COAS departments, 17 from COBT, 15 from COFAC, and 29 faculty from COEHS.

SNC also distributed the annual Faculty Interest Survey, to which 101 faculty members responded, six fewer than the previous year. Of these, 59 respondents identified themselves on the survey as tenured, 34 as tenure-track, and six as Unit B; two faculty did not respond to this question. There were 18 respondents from COEHS, 32 from COAS (including the Library), 29 from COBT, and 22 from COFAC. The Senate Nominating Committee last year made the decision to eliminate the gender question from the interest survey.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

2. Nominations to Fill Vacancies

**SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

Council on Campus Planning and Usage

Debra Allwardt, Health Sci/Soc Work replacing

Cindy Piletic

2024 E&HS

Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction

Carolyn Blackinton, Theatre/Dance	replacing	Courtney Blankenship	2026	FA&C
Cindy Piletic, RPTH	replacing	Paige Goodwin	2026	AT-LARGE

Council on General Education (CGE)

Donald Laney, Theatre/Dance	replacing	Suyeon Ko	2026	HUM/FINE ARTS
David Zanolla, Communication	replacing	Tonya Little	2026	PUBLIC SPEAK
Sebastian Szyjka, Education	replacing	Barry Birnbaum	Fall 23	AT-LARGE
Amy Carr, Race/Religion/Gender/MC	replacing	Bob Intrieri	Spr 24	SOCIAL SCI

Council on Intercollegiate Athletics

Janice Gates, Mgmt/Mktg	replacing	Brian Stone	2024	B&T
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Council for Instructional Technology

Steve Bennett, EAGIS	replacing	Andrea Alveshire	Fall 23	A&S
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**UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:**

Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Advisory Committee

Donald Laney, Theatre/Dance	replacing	Josh Wroblewski	2025	FA&C
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Bureau of Cultural Affairs

Hadley Kamminga-Peck, Thea/Dance	replacing	Elgin Mannion	2026	AT-LARGE
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CITR Advisory Committee

Michael Lorenzen, Library	replacing	Sean Cordes	2026	LIBRARY
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Honors Council

Sebastian Szyjka, Education	replacing	Young Gin Choi	2026	E&HS
Rong Zheng, AFED	replacing	Mark Bernards	2025	B&T

Intellectual Property Oversight Committee

Rong Zheng, AFED	replacing	Mark Boley	2026	AT-LARGE
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Provost's Advisory Council

Josh Averbeck, Communication	replacing	Heather McIlvaine-Newsad	Spr 24	AT-LARGE
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Radiation Safety Committee

Lisa Wipperling, Thea/Dance	replacing	Mark Boley	2025	AT-LARGE
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University Technology Advisory Group

Nicholas Miguel, Music	replacing	Jason Hawkins	2026	FA&C
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Dr. Filipink asked about the new Policy Review Committee. Chair Albarracin responded that this committee was established by the administration, and Faculty Senate asked for a faculty seat to be added to it. Dr. Filipink asked if the committee was established to review existing policies in the university's policy manual. Ms. Hamm responded the committee meets every other Thursday at 1:00 pm. She thinks they are trying to review all of the existing polices, and Faculty Senate last year thought it was important to have a faculty voice on the committee because currently there are no faculty serving on it. Dr. Filipink agrees it is important to have a faculty voice on this committee because the Remote Work Policy that was put in place changed a policy that applied to everyone to a much narrower policy that only applies to technology employees, which resulted in additional language needing to be added to the faculty contract.

There were no further nominations, and the slate of candidates was declared elected.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. Proposed Bylaws Amendment from CCPI

a. First Reading

Parliamentarian Robinett, who serves on CCPI, stated that this amendment would provide ex-officio status for individuals who regularly attend CCPI meetings and without whom the council would be unable to function. He added that over time the policies and procedures for the council have changed, and those revisions will come before Faculty Senate once the bylaws changes have been approved. Dr. Goodwin stated that CCPI would “run right off the rails” if Linda Prosis from the Provost’s office were not present at its meetings because of Ms. Prosis’s extensive knowledge of the undergraduate catalog.

B. For the Good of the Body

Chair Albarracin expressed her thanks to those volunteering to serve on different positions, and a special thanks to Senator Hamner for volunteering as Vice Chair. Parliamentarian Robinett expressed his thanks to those chairs who served last year on Senate councils and committees and extended a welcome to the new chairs who will be filling those positions.

**Motion:** To adjourn (Gravitt)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary