

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 27 September 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Rooms - University Union

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: M. Allison, V. Boynton, J. Brown, G. Delany-Barmann, D. DeVolder, R. Hironimus-Wendt, K. Kapale, C. Keist, N. Lino, B. Locke, S. Macchi, H. McIlvaine-Newsad, J. McNabb, K. Pawelko, J. Plos, C. Pynes, T. Roberts, M. Sajewski, D. Sandage, S. Szyjka, C. Tarrant
Ex-officio: Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost; Janna Deitz, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: D. Halverson, T. Sadler

GUESTS: Pat Anderson, Katrina Daytner, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Russ Morgan, Darcy Plymire, Aimee Shouse, Joi Wells, Ron Williams, John Wozniak

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. 13 September 2016

On page 5, the question about the Peace Corps was asked by Senator Delany-Barmann, not Senator Allison. (Allison)

On page 7, in the third paragraph change the fourth sentence to read, “Dr. Shouse responded that there are currently nine students majoring in Women’s Studies ...” (Sandage)

MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED

II. Announcements

A. Approvals from the Provost

1. Request for Creation of New Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences

B. Provost’s Report

Associate Provost Parsons announced that Interim Provost Neumann is attending the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting today, at which the new Mechanical Engineering major was approved.

Associate Provost Parsons announced that Thursday, September 29 is the “Town and Gown” event at 5:30 p.m. at The Forum. Homecoming Week begins Monday, October 3. The Homecoming Parade and game against Indiana State will be on Saturday, October 8. Mike Wagner, a 1971 WIU Accounting graduate, has been named the Grand Marshall. Associate Provost Parsons stated that Mr. Wagner has had a long career in investment banking following his football career with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Mr. Wagner participated in four Super Bowl games and earned two Super Bowl rings during his football career.

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

SGA recently held a retreat at Horn Lodge. Senators are also crafting a letter of condolence to the University of Illinois in sympathy for their recent shooting.

D. Other Announcements

1. The 30th annual Mary Olive Woods Lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29 in the Union Heritage Room. Peter van Inwagen, John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and Research Professor of Philosophy at Duke University, will present on "Evil and the Existence of God." In his lecture, Dr. van Inwagen will respond to the argument that evil cannot coexist with an omnipotent and morally perfect God.
2. The Board of Trustees (BOT) will meet on Friday, October 7, 2016. The packets that were delivered last week informed senators that comments or questions needed to be submitted to the Board of Trustees by Friday, September 23.
3. Chairperson Pynes recalled that some discussion about tabling a motion occurred during the last Senate meeting. He related that a senator asked if the motion on the floor could be tabled, which Chairperson Pynes understood to be a question and not an actual motion to table. Chairperson Pynes explained that motions can be tabled, but this is complicated because there are different ways in which this can be accomplished. He explained that *The Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, which governs Faculty Senate, prefers use of the phrase "motion to postpone" rather than "motion to table." Chairperson Pynes said that if a motion to postpone is made and then the subject is not brought back to the floor, it represents an attempt to make that topic go away because it is something the individual who made the motion does not want to vote for; alternatively, a motion to postpone can be made indicating a specific date that the topic will be brought back before the body. He added that to postpone without indicating a date for the subject to be brought back to the floor requires a two-thirds majority and the motion cannot be debated, while postponement until a later time can be debated and requires 50 percent to pass.

Chairperson Pynes explained that last week when a motion was made to table, he asked Parliamentarian Deitz about the voting requirement because he could not remember a similar motion to table in his three terms on the Senate. While Parliamentarian Deitz was checking, Chairperson Pynes allowed debate, which technically, depending upon which interpretation of tabling it was, the Chair was not supposed to do. When the Parliamentarian determined that debate should not have been allowed, Chairperson Pynes made the decision to allow discussion to continue on that topic rather than at that point telling those that had not yet had the opportunity to speak that they were not allowed to do so while others had already made their comments. He pointed out that *Sturgis* is less formal than *Robert's Rules of Order*, in large part to make it easier for senators to participate. Chairperson Pynes admitted he made a mistake, but qualified that his mistake was made in the best interest of the Senate body, to allow individuals to talk. Chairperson Pynes stated if he is to make a mistake, he will make one that is inclusive, and he does not think that allowing debate after the motion to table was made affected the vote. He added that it was very clear to him that Interim Provost Neumann would ask Faculty Senate to take up the issue of a Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences at some point, which appears to have been borne out by the vote.

Chairperson Pynes does not want senators at the table to think they cannot speak during the meetings; even though they may feel intimidated, he wants everyone to feel included, which is why he asked Senator Halverson to weigh in on the proposed new department when he had not yet commented because it affects the Quad Cities campus. Chairperson Pynes encouraged senators not to hesitate to ask him for clarification, and promised that when he is confused he will ask the Parliamentarian because she works for the Chair. He stressed that the Chair makes the decisions and rules on running the meeting and the Parliamentarian provides advice to the Chair, but the prerogative on whether to follow that advice is up to the Chair. Chairperson Pynes encouraged senators to be engaged and stressed that all senators should feel they have a voice at the table. He added that if any senators think he has made a mistake at any time, they should let him know.

Senator Roberts asked if a motion can be made to postpone until a subsequent Senate meeting; Chairperson Pynes responded that this is acceptable and only requires 50 percent of the body to approve it. Senator Hironimus-Wendt added there are two ways to accomplish this; at one Senate meeting, senators decided to not to “adjourn” but to “recess,” which meant that the conversation was continued at the next meeting where it left off.

Parliamentarian Deitz told senators that parliamentary procedure is designed to be an expression of the democratic process. She stressed that, while there are many ways to do things and “tricks of the trade,” Faculty Senate procedures should be kept understandable to everyone as much as possible and are not meant to intimidate or impede in any way senators’ representation of their colleges or of the University at-large. She added that it is important that everyone understands what Faculty Senate is doing so that no one feels their voice cannot be heard.

Chairperson Pynes did not get the sense that Senator Roberts’s desire when making the motion to table was to kill the proposal, so Chairperson Pynes’s default view was to talk about the motion to table while the Parliamentarian looked up the information.

4. Katharine Pawelko, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, was elected to represent the College of Education and Human Services in the recent Faculty Senate election. She will serve a two-year term. Chairperson Pynes thanked Senator Pawelko for attending today’s Senate meeting after only receiving notice of her win yesterday. He also remarked that the new electronic balloting process seems to be working well and is saving the Senate office money.

III. Reports of Committees and Councils

A. Council on General Education (Darcy Plymire, Chair)

1. Request for Inclusion in General Education
 - a) ANTH 215, Fantastic Archaeology: Ancient Astronauts, Shape Shifters and Bigfoot, 3 s.h.

GEN ED INCLUSION APPROVED

B. Senate Nominating Committee (Ginny Boynton, Chair)

1. Nominations to Fill Vacancies

SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

<u>Council on General Education</u>			
Cheryl Bailey, Communication	replacing	David Zanolla	Fall 16 only
			Basic Skills (Public Speaking)

UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

<u>Council on Talent Grants and Tuition Waivers</u>			
Zheng Li, Computer Sciences	replacing	Bhavneet Walia	2019
			At-large

<u>University Honors Council</u>			
Shankar Ghimire, Econ/Dec Sci	replacing	Samit Chakravorti	Fall 16 only
			B&T

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Social Responsibility Task Force (one faculty member from each academic college)

Laura Barden-Gabbei, Biological Sciences (A&S)

Janice Gates, Management and Marketing (B&T)

Gary Daytner, Educational Studies (E&HS)

Jeannie Galioto, Theatre and Dance (FA&C)

Two Senators:

Tim Roberts, History

Mallory Sajewski, University Libraries

General Education Review Committee (one faculty member from each academic college)

Gordon Pettit, Math, Logic, and Philosophy (A&S)

Marty Maskarinec, Computer Sciences (B&T)

Emily Shupe, Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, and Hospitality (E&HS)

Julie Dalmasso, Communication Sciences and Disorders (FA&C)

There were no further nominations. The slate of candidates was declared elected. Senator Boynton thanked Senators Roberts and Sajewski for volunteering serve as the Faculty Senate representatives on the Task Force. Chairperson Pynes added his thanks and also recognized the Senate Nominating Committee for their hard work filling the positions.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. BOT Meeting Action Items Consent Agenda Discussion

Chairperson Pynes explained that historically chairs of governmental bodies, including the Senate, write a consent agenda for the Board of Trustees stating that the bodies they represent consent to the action items on the BOT agenda. He recalled that in June a special meeting of Faculty Senate was held because the BOT agenda included action items that Chairperson Pynes did not feel that he could consent to on behalf of the full body. Chairperson Pynes said he has realized that the full Senate body should regularly have the opportunity to look at and consent to the action items rather than having the Senate Chair alone tell the BOT that they are all acceptable. He hopes that having discussion of the BOT agenda at today's meeting will set a new precedent for Faculty Senate. He warned, though, that often the governance groups must submit their report two weeks prior to the BOT meeting, so making sure that individuals have time to respond to the BOT agenda during their regular meeting times can be difficult. Chairperson Pynes, however, wants senators to be able to be involved and to see what is involved in those reports. He added that if any senator has a concern about a specific item, it can be discussed, and if there are no concerns then Chairperson Pynes will tell the BOT that Faculty Senate consents to all of the action items.

Senator Boynton asked about BOT General Discussion and Action Item 16.10/7, President's Executive Corporate Cluster, Fiscal Year 2017 Update. Chairperson Pynes explained that President Thomas has created a group to try to determine different funding models for the University. He related that President Thomas believes WIU cannot continue to rely on the state anymore and must discover different sources of funding. University officials visited Rankin Technical College in St. Louis to discuss ways to attract other sources of funding from corporations in an attempt to create a new funding stream. Chairperson Pynes said this is a big push in the Quad Cities and includes efforts to have WIU provide training for employees in some companies as well as other steps that the President's Executive Corporate Cluster group will try to take to increase student credit hour (SCH) production with corporate groups. The group will explore ways that WIU can maximize its involvement with the community through working closely with local corporations that normally are not involved with the University.

Chairperson Pynes pointed out that Resolution 16.10/5 on the BOT agenda proposes creation of a Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He pointed out that this first BOT meeting does not have a lot of action items and may be fairly short.

Senator Delany-Barmann recalled that the past two Executive Committee minutes include remarks from one of two faculty members who remain on the layoff list. She told senators she would feel remiss if at some point in the future senators saw a BOT agenda with these individuals' names on it without Faculty Senate ever having talked about these colleagues. Chairperson Pynes replied that Executive Committee members have a meeting scheduled at 5:00 today with one of those colleagues and will be meeting with the second faculty member on Wednesday, October 5. He said the two faculty members have been asking the Faculty Senate to do something, but the Executive Committee is not clear what that "something" is, and scheduling times to meet with the two has been difficult. Chairperson Pynes recalled that Faculty Senate did approve a resolution in December 2015 condemning the proposed faculty layoffs. He hopes to be able to bring back to the Faculty Senate more specific requests for action after meeting with the faculty members. Senator Delany-Barmann remarked that she was concerned that Faculty Senate not ignore the remarks from one of the faculty members related in recent Executive Committee meetings, but it does appear that ExCo is addressing these concerns, for which she expressed her thanks.

Senator Pawelko remarked that she received an email from the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) President today about new contract negotiations. She asked what the role of Faculty Senate is in that process. Chairperson Pynes responded that generally Faculty Senate does not weigh in on contract negotiations because each college has representatives on the negotiating team and there is a separate representative structure for the Union. He related that last year when the layoff list was announced, there was some tension between the Union and WIU Administration, and Faculty Senate held a meeting to try to help facilitate discussions between the two groups. He observed that the meeting went well and seemed to help faculty feel that their views were being heard and that Faculty Senate took their concerns seriously. Chairperson Pynes added, however, that Faculty Senate cannot do everything, so faculty need to let those bodies in charge of negotiations oversee that process because Faculty Senate typically does not get involved in that.

Senator Roberts observed that the BOT agenda indicates the Trustees will tour the campus at 2:00 p.m., after their October 7 meeting. He asked what the purpose is of this tour. Senator Roberts remarked that there is very little going on on-campus at 2:00 on a Friday afternoon in terms of academic activities. He added that if Trustees want to see what it is like to be in a WIU classroom, perhaps the tour should be scheduled for a different time. Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim Vice President for Student Services Ron Williams thinks the purpose of the tour is to view buildings and facilities on the Macomb campus, which is why it was scheduled during a time that would not be too busy. He added the Trustees want to see problems from a facilities management viewpoint. Chairperson Pynes stated that, because he is lucky enough to represent Faculty Senate at the BOT meetings, he knows there was talk last year about what buildings on the Macomb campus are to be razed, and Trustees saw pictures of what those areas would look like once the funds can be found to demolish the buildings. He stated that about three years ago WIU had \$500 million in deferred maintenance, so the tour will likely highlight some of those areas, such as stains on carpets in the higher floors from leaking roofs in some buildings. Chairperson Pynes noted that many Trustees do not live in Macomb and are unable to visit the campus that often. Senator McNabb stated that Senator Roberts introduces an important idea: having the Trustees observe the actual business of higher education. She recalled that when she was Faculty Senate Vice Chair during her earlier Senate term, the Executive Committee participated in lunches with BOT members and suggested they might enjoy observing the classroom environment. She asked if that is something that Faculty Senate might want to consider formally or informally in the future. She suggested Trustees could, at a future date, tour the campus and observing classroom teaching, so it would be less about facilities and more about students. Senator McNabb added that it is easy to be overwhelmed by the physical needs of the campus writ large, but it is different to be in an educational environment and see what it is that faculty are doing. Chairperson Pynes asked who participated in the luncheons with the Trustees; Senator McNabb responded that former Senate Chair Steve Rock and herself met with two or three

different BOT members in separate lunches. Chairperson Pynes observed that no more than two Trustees can meet at one time in order not to violate the Open Meetings Act. Senator Allison suggested that perhaps the campus tours could feature professors teaching in rooms that also need maintenance work, so that Trustees could see students in action along with faculty teaching in substandard facilities. Chairperson Pynes agreed that tours should not always feature the most recently renovated classrooms, such as Morgan 230. He stated that Faculty Senate could encourage the BOT members who are closest geographically to Macomb to feel free to visit at any time and ask those that travel to Macomb from a distance to stay an additional night.

Senator Allison asked if Trustees will see the minutes of the Faculty Senate before considering creation of the new Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She wonders if they have any idea of the conversation that occurred over this item. Chairperson Pynes responded that Interim Provost Neumann will speak about the action items, and Trustees can ask questions of the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences if they wish. He added that sometimes Trustees ask questions of the Faculty Senate Chair. He stated that the discussion could go in a number of different ways, and he does not know how they will handle this issue, but some BOT members may not be very happy about creating a new department. He added that it will be clear that Faculty Senate voted to support its creation. Senator Allison pointed out that the vote was 14 yes – 2 no – 5 abstentions, which is not unanimous. Chairperson Pynes stated that he will have that information in case Trustees ask for the vote. He also encouraged senators to come to the meeting on Friday morning but warned that they can observe but not speak during the proceedings. Chairperson Pynes stated, though, that the new BOT Chair, Cathy Early, is more likely to allow some public comments at the end of the meeting if there is time. Senator Hironimus-Wendt asked what the deadline is for registering to speak at the BOT meeting. Chairperson Pynes responded the deadline was Friday, September 23, but if a senator emailed and asked to make a comment, one might be allowed to speak late in the meeting, depending upon time. Chairperson Pynes thinks the BOT has become more welcoming to certain kinds of public comments in recent years.

Chairperson Pynes stated that if there are no further comments or concerns, he will write a consent agenda that indicates the Faculty Senate consents with the BOT action items.

Senator McNabb asked if there is any interest or initiative to send Faculty Senate packets electronically since ballots are now sent to senators electronically. Chairperson Pynes responded that while some faculty like and use iPads, others prefer paper that they can take notes on during the meetings. He noted that while every senator receives a packet of Senate materials, not every senator has an iPad to use during meetings. He added that Board of Trustees members receive their packets electronically, but he does not support Faculty Senators receiving their packets electronically. Chairperson Pynes believes that staring at devices during the Senate meetings may not be the best way for senators to engage one another. He thinks sending packets electronically may not be worth it and may raise issues of equity. Senator Boynton related that she has been on committees where materials have been sent electronically, and everyone prints out the papers to bring to the meeting anyway. She thinks sending Senate packets electronically would merely shift the cost of printing which is now covered by the Faculty Senate office to individual departmental offices. Chairperson Pynes suggested that it might be possible to offer an electronic copy for those who prefer to receive their materials that way, but not every department is sufficiently resource rich to be able to print out all of the materials.

Motion: To adjourn (McNabb)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary