

## ‘FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 31 January 2023

4:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

### ACTION MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Thompson, Chair; Yong Tang, Vice Chair; Julia Albarracin, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Manoochehr Zoghi, Provost; Craig Whetten, Parliamentarian; Annette Hamm, Interim Faculty Senate Office Manager

1) Provost Zoghi told the Executive Committee that he is forming a task force to conduct an exploratory study on creating a new College of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration and would like a faculty representative. He will send an official request via email specifying any details about the faculty representation sought, and the Executive Committee can then ask the Senate Nominating Committee to determine a nominee.

2) As a follow up to a suggestion made by Senator Carr at the January 24 Faculty Senate meeting, Chair Thompson added to the resolution regarding Faculty Inclusion on the Policy Review Committee a final provision: *“And be it further resolved that Faculty Senate be formally notified as to any changes made in current or future policies that affect faculty.”* Chair Thompson stated that this will ensure that if Faculty Senate puts a representative on the Policy Review Committee, they will report back regarding what happens. In order to make clearer who will do the reporting, “by the faculty representative” will be added after “notified.” Senator Albarracin suggested that “intended” be inserted before “changes” so that the reporting occurs prior to the changes being finalized. The revised statement was unanimously approved to move forward to Faculty Senate and was placed on the February 7 agenda under Old Business.

3) RPTA faculty member Jeremy Robinett, who advises the Military Appreciation Club, worked with Registrar Sarah Lawson, Joani Wilson from the Registrar’s Office, and Ron Pettigrew from the Veterans Resource Center to draft a military/veteran support statement for addition to the Course Syllabus Policy. Dr. Robinett states in his email that the Provost supports the request, which will now go before Faculty Senate during New Business on February 7. If approved by Faculty Senate, the addition to the Course Syllabus Policy would go to the President for consideration.

4) CAGAS approved a request from the School of Education to expand its previously approved advanced placement credit “swap” program for Early Childhood Education (ECH) . The advanced placement process is currently limited to ECH students coming to WIU with AAS degrees but, if approved, would also include students bringing in AA or AS degrees. The changes to WIU’s ECH program are a result of legislative action to attract more students into early childhood education careers. The request will be presented to Faculty Senate on February 7 during Reports from Committees and Councils.

5) President Huang will visit with the Executive Committee on February 28 and with Faculty Senate on March 7.

6) Chair Thompson stated that Athletics has invited a consultant to help with their preparation of a strategic plan, but the strategic plan was not mentioned when Athletics Director Paul Bubb visited Faculty Senate in the fall. He noted that the Faculty Senate’s Council for Intercollegiate Athletics was not asked to participate in this process, and faculty were only invited belatedly to provide input. Chair Thompson suggested that the Athletics Director be invited to visit with Faculty Senate this spring to talk about his plans for Athletics, particularly since that division runs one of the largest deficit on campus, if not the largest. Ms. Hamm suggested that perhaps this visit could be combined with the Council for Intercollegiate Athletics reporting on student athlete absences, as they usually do in early spring, and Chair Thompson agreed that would be a good idea.

7) Ms. Hamm reported to the Executive Committee on the petitions that have been submitted so far for Fall 2023 Senate seats. It is likely that some seats will remain unfilled after tomorrow’s deadline. The Executive Committee agreed to extend the deadline by a further two weeks for any seats that remain vacant. Those faculty who submitted their petitions by the deadline will be declared elected if their seats are uncontested. Faculty in the appropriate colleges will vote for contested seats by electronic ballot starting on Monday, February 6.

8) Vice President Amber Schultz will speak to Faculty Senate on February 7 about enrollment and discount rates. Senator Amy Carr will also speak to senators on February 7 about the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Faculty Advisory Council, on which she serves as the WIU representative. Future guests to Faculty Senate include Computer Sciences professor Antonio Cardenas-Haro speaking about ChatGPT and Library Dean Hector Maymi-Sugranes speaking about Library initiatives on February 21 and President Huang on March 7. Chair Thompson suggested that Budget Director Renee Georges or Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration Shannon Sutton be invited to speak to Faculty Senate after the Governor makes his budget recommendations in February.

9) The Executive Committee finalized the remainder of the Senate agenda for February 7, and the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Hamm, Interim Faculty Senate Office Manager  
and Recording Secretary