

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 February 2026
4:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Robinett, Chair; Lisa Wipperling, Vice Chair; Alice Melkumian, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Mossman, Provost; William Gblerkpor, Parliamentarian; Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Office Manager

GUESTS: President Mindrup; Sarah Lawson, Registrar

1. *IBHE resolution*

Chair Robinett related that institutions across Illinois are being asked to pass some type of resolution encouraging more advocacy from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). He has requested the language that Northern Illinois University (NIU) is voting on tomorrow as they will be the first to potentially pass this resolution. He asked if the Executive Committee would approve a similar resolution being brought to Faculty Senate on February 24 under New Business; he would send the resolution out to ExCo prior to the meeting once he has NIU's language. He said the resolution would be in support of the IBHE doing something rather than being positioned as a castigation of them. ExCo supported this resolution being added to the agenda.

2. *Rebuild reports and creation of schools*

Provost Mossman said he was overwhelmed by the number of get well emails while he was in the hospital; it gave him a sense of caring and real community support.

Provost Mossman met with the Constituency Committee this afternoon and reviewed the request for revision of the schools within the colleges. He noted that the College of Business, Health, and Community Programs (CBHCP) has been resolved with the exception of voting between Computer Sciences and Mathematics, which is still going on. He said that the College of Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Education (CHASE) is at various stages of voting, but there seems to be general agreement as to how the schools are forming. He recalled that during the Faculty Senate vote last spring there was not support for a combined School of Humanities and Social Sciences, so Interim Dean Kyle Mayborn and Associate Provost Jessica Lin have met with the departments involved, and a proposal is coming forward to separate those two. He added that the Constituency Committee is also reviewing the Rebuild committee reports, which will be posted on the Provost website as soon as possible.

Registrar Lawson asked if there will still be departments within schools. Provost Mossman replied that it depends on the college because most of the College of Business and Technology were already formed into schools. He said the idea is consistency with disciplinary expectations. Provost Mossman explained that within CHASE there will be a Department of English, for example, under the administrative unit of a School of Humanities. He is not sure if the schools will be headed by a program director, department chair, or some other terminology, but they will get release time for those responsibilities, which is currently being worked on between the administration and UPI. Provost Mossman noted that right now there is a one-size-fits-all model, no matter how big or how small, and he thinks this will allow for better adjustment of the workload of those positions. He noted that the Physics Chair has the same contract as the Director of LEJA or Chair of Psychology even though Physics has three faculty members and the other two are much bigger.

Chair Robinett pointed out that the form senators will vote on Tuesday, February 24 will be the same form they voted on in May; at that time each school was voted on separately, so this time the form will also be divisible for senators to vote separately. He will include the former chart of the schools and the new proposal for comparison purposes; votes from last year will be included as well as the current votes. He hopes that faculty will understand that Faculty Senate has been involved in this process from the beginning and at fairly high levels.

Chair Robinett said the documentation will include faculty numbers and numbers of undergraduates and graduate students; student counts are based on the Fact Book from Fall 2025, so the numbers may be a little off. Senator Wippering asked if the numbers include minors; Chair Robinett responded that they do not. Provost Mossman recognizes this is an incomplete picture; he acknowledged that Women's Studies, for example, has a small number of students but offers huge Gen Ed sessions. Chair Robinett said he has tried to be consistent, and senators did not see minor numbers when they voted last May. Senator Wippering asked if the faculty numbers include those who are retiring at the end of the year; Chair Robinett said that they are included in the count because retirements are not confirmed at this point. He said the faculty count is based on Faculty Senate-eligible faculty – those who have full-time contracts and are Unit A or B – on February 5, 2026.

Chair Robinett said senators will be provided with the votes from each unit as well. He will send the complete information out to senators on Saturday to look through prior to Tuesday's meeting. Provost Mossman remarked that the response rates for the voting are great; Chair Robinett added that some are having Faculty Senate coordinate the voting while others are doing it in-house. Chair Robinett said that if all of these proposed changes pass with the numbers they have now, CHASE would have 13 votes on Faculty Senate next year while CBHCP would have 12; the Senate would grow to 25, but representation will grow with at least one senator per school. Senator Wippering asked if these numbers include at-large senators; Chair Robinett responded that it does and also includes that a number of chairs will return to faculty lines.

Chair Robinett related that the Rebuild Academic Use of Space Committee will be walking through buildings on Thursday and Friday of this week. He said they are trying to go through these spaces in order to understand the data that has been received, but it does not mean that any decisions have been made. He remarked that Registrar Lawson has been fantastic in providing data, as have the chairs and directors, so there has been a lot to process. He added that the group will not go into every building; they will go into those that make the most sense to prioritize for General Education and the primary spaces for those larger classes where the most students might be engaged.

2. *Senate Constitution and Bylaws amendments*

Chair Robinett said the ballot for voting on changes to the Constitution is being built, and on Tuesday, February 24 senators will vote article-by-article. He added that if no senator asks that the votes be divided, he will ask for a motion to do so because he would like senators to vote separately whether to affirm the amendments or not. Once approved by Faculty Senate, the Constitution will be sent out to the eligible faculty to vote on, and once approved by the faculty it will be sent to the President shortly before spring break. Chair Robinett stated that just after spring break, Faculty Senate will consider changes to the Bylaws; he will ask the Faculty Governance Committee to meet again to look over changes to the Bylaws before they go to the Senate. He said once the Constitution is approved and it is determined what the representation model will be, Ms. Hamm can send out the election notices for next year's Faculty Senate.

3. *CGE membership*

Chair Robinett related that the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC) has submitted a name to fill an at-large vacancy on the Council on General Education (CGE). He noted that CGE operating papers specify that no more than six representatives can come from one college, and the addition of this individual would bring that number to seven. He told ExCo he is bringing this to their attention because he has made an attempt while Senate Chair to be transparent in cases where there is a proposed deviation from established policies and procedures to explain why that request is being made.

Senator Melkumian asked why the threshold was established at six. Chair Robinett pointed out that CGE used to be comprised of 12 members, and the idea was not to have more than six from any one college so that no college could override the others. He added that now CGE has ten members since two Gen Ed categories have been eliminated. Chair Robinett plans to attend the CGE meeting on February 26 and ask them, as they review their policies, to open up their membership during the review to more than the current council members; he has observed that a lot of academic areas are missing, and thinks that if General Education is to be considered a university-wide endeavor with university-wide implications, there should be more representation on the review committee.

Senator Wippering remarked that the council seems fairly unbalanced. Chair Robinett replied that it has always been unbalanced, but Gen Ed has primarily been taught by Arts and Sciences faculty. He said this college has always had more representation by virtue of the basic skills categories coming from their area. Senator Melkumian pointed out that if one college has six of the ten seats currently, they already have the majority to swing a vote, so one more representative from that college will not change much. Senator Wippering agreed, adding that those with a stake in the game should be the ones making the decisions on this council. Provost Mossman thinks the person who has volunteered to serve would be excellent; his only hesitation would be that his appointment might subvert existing policy. He thinks that because of that this needs to be a really thoughtful decision. He noted that while the individual has served on Faculty Senate and is very invested in the institution, it needs to be crystal clear why Faculty Senate is making this decision.

Chair Robinett said that while he agrees with Senator Wippering's earlier statement, everyone at WIU has a stake in Gen Ed; it should be the guiding principle of what everyone thinks students should know upon completion of their education and is a game where everyone has skin because it supports the entire university. In addressing Provost Mossman's point, Chair Robinett pointed out that SNC has tried to solicit people for this position prior to this individual volunteering; the council's position is that if there are people willing to serve, they should be allowed to do so. He said there is language in CGE's operating papers that says if no faculty volunteer to fill a particular vacancy, it can be filled by a different faculty member. Chair Robinett just believes that any time when these issues come up, it need to be acknowledged that an exception to the rules is being requested.

Senator Melkumian pointed out that sometimes it is hard to get faculty to serve on any committees, but now someone has indicated a willingness to serve who will clearly contribute a lot, and CGE is a hard council to serve on. Chair Robinett observed that Faculty Senate has a responsibility for shared governance and has to be clear how vacancies are being filled and what process is used for appointments. He said that if ExCo has no objections, he has no problem with this appointment since the individual would be an incredible addition, but he would not want the decision to be swung by who an individual is rather than by the operating paper specifications. He will ask Senator Gravitt, who chairs the Nominating Committee, to make clear at Senate that there are lines in the operating papers that make it possible for this individual to serve, that ExCo clearly discussed what the limitation would be, and that they did not feel the limitation was necessary at this time.

4. *President Mindrup*

President Mindrup said the administration this season has focused on the Governor's Address tomorrow where they hope to learn what is happening with funding for higher education; she is aware that the IBHE has recommended a 3 percent increase. She said the administration has budget testimony prepared to give to the House on March 19; WIU will be one of the first to testify and will make the case for full funding as well as continuing to advocate for the equitable funding formula within the state. She noted that Vice President Schuch was in Springfield today to participate in a press conference about the equitable funding formula, and UPI has been working to make sure the message gets out about the importance of the formula to students and communities.

President Mindrup said another focus of the season is strengthening enrollment; as much attention as was paid last year to the financial situation is being paid to investing in enrollment so that the institution can stabilize and continue to position itself for incremental planned growth. She pointed out that a six-year decline in retention was halted this spring, and REACH retention is also up; she is happy to see those stable and slightly increasing numbers, which align well with plans expected over the next few semesters. President Mindrup said a dip in enrollment was expected, but with retention and increasing the number of applications from transfer students, the data is starting to turn around and indicate some positive trends. She noted that a number of initiatives are underway, including some with outside experts to tap into the resources they have to expand WIU's market in order to expand access for students. She said the university's scholarship model is also being reviewed so that WIU can continue to be competitive across the state and beyond.

President Mindrup emphasized that Academic Affairs, Student Success, Admissions, and Enrollment Management are all working together; they had a kick-off at the beginning of the spring semester to discuss initiatives that they would explore to pursue shorter-term enrollment strengthening. She noted that WIU has had some success with the MBA model, and efforts are underway to convert that to some additional access

points through online efforts; there are some activities through departments in the existing colleges and the new structure to explore ways that this model can be more broadly applied. She said scheduling and the ways the university creates entry points for students are being reviewed so that students can access courses throughout the calendar year for opportunities to catch up or stay on track with financial aid. She noted that some departments are working on micro-credentials and courses that contribute to continuing education credits.

President Mindrup is aware that Chair Robinett and others are looking at the opportunities offered by artificial intelligence. She related that a couple of weeks ago, school administrators brought teachers on campus for the opportunity to learn a little more about AI in an educational setting. Whether courses or professional development opportunities, President Mindrup thinks WIU is well positioned to get in on conversations around AI's technology and its educational impact.

President Mindrup related that the administration is considering ways to strengthen WIU's relationships with community colleges. She said one way is working closely with community college partners in the Quad Cities, particularly with Black Hawk College, to strengthen their relationship with the QC campus as well as with the Macomb campus. She thinks those partnerships are critical as the university works to create multiple entry points for students.

President Mindrup is excited to have someone at WIU with a lot of contacts in the military network to create educational opportunities for students within that population as well as market and promote a positive story for WIU. She noted that recently a positive piece was published about WIU, and those efforts will continue. She stated that while WIU is more than a number, there have been some impressive numbers recently that describe some of what is happening at the university. She noted that the School Psychology program has received a \$3.6 million grant to promote mental health programs. She is also excited about the grade point average success of WIU's student athletes, who are doing great both on and off the court. Student-athletes had a collective 3.31 GPA last semester, with some teams, such as women's basketball, as high as 3.77. She noted that athletics and its campus culture have positive effects on the university's retention goals.

President Mindrup highlighted some students who have won awards recently, including the livestock judging team and some Political Science students who received recognition for their professional certification project. She noted that WIU will be hosting the traveling Illinois Supreme Court in a couple of weeks, which will create a great learning experience for students as well as introducing attendees to the campus.

President Mindrup remarked that the Goldfarb Center for the Performing Arts has reached the stage of looking at details involved with activating its spaces and making sure that the Center is a focal point which will draw people to WIU. She thinks it offers a lot of opportunities, programmatically as well as with the events that will happen in that space to bring people together.

The President looks forward to welcoming more high school students to campus. She noted that a successful Discover Western was held yesterday, and the Illinois High School Association will be bringing one of their basketball tournament games to the campus. She looks forward to continuing to expose high school students to the great things happening at WIU in the coming semesters.

President Mindrup expressed her appreciation of the faculty involvement in all of these efforts through mentoring, curriculum, and navigating the every-changing landscape of higher education, including AI and the way it affects learning. Chair Robinett asked if it would be beneficial for faculty to attend the March 19 budget testimony before the House, noting that there have been times historically when they have attended. President Mindrup responded that typically the presenters are invited to the session, but she cannot recall how many times other attendees have been in the audience. Provost Mossman has attended the sessions twice and recalled that Governors State included their union rep one year. He said usually he attends with President Mindrup and Vice President Roselieb, but sometimes a lobbyist or WIU alums attend to provide support. President Mindrup said that faculty are welcome to attend if they wish; the presentations are held in an open room, and there is an opportunity to show support that way. She would like for faculty to let her know if there is any particular content they think should be covered in the presentations to highlight the impact of WIU. She thinks there are a variety of ways to be inclusive of faculty in the voice the administration is carrying forward to testify on behalf of the university. Provost Mossman suggested that if there is a faculty contingent

they coordinate with WIU's Governmental Liaison Zach Messersmith because he organizes the effort. Chair Robinett noted that this year the presentation falls during spring break, which might afford faculty an opportunity to attend who would normally be teaching. He recognizes that UPI is also trying to organize faculty attendance at the April 16 equitable funding event. President Mindrup observed there are opportunities to listen into the March 19 session if faculty are interested in the content, the presentation, and the questions and answers; a link is available for this. She said WIU will present first on March 19, which means they will not know what to expect but will try to be prepared; she said they typically ask for what they need, itemize what they think will have the most impact and potential for students, and highlight the contributions of WIU students to our region. She plans to present WIU as a university that wants to grow and continue to make an impact on the state and beyond.

Chair Robinett noted that in previous budget presentations WIU representatives have spoken about the Quad Cities Innovation Campus and deferred maintenance. He asked if these continue to be the university's primary asks of the state legislature. President Mindrup replied that these will certainly continue to have a presence in their report. She noted that the bill for the Quad Cities funding is still active, so that is a separate ask from what they will present in their testimony, although they will give a nod to that as well. She said access, affordability, student scholarships, and those sorts of things will go toward showing that WIU is an accessible university and that WIU's designation as an opportunity university shines in what they are asking for from the state. She noted that WIU representatives will be able to show the work they are doing to shore things up regarding deferred maintenance while also asking the state to hold up their end of the bargain.

Chair Robinett noted that the Quad Cities campus has benefitted from a lease agreement for part of the campus, and some furniture has been brought down to the Macomb campus. He asked where the Quad Cities campus stands now overall. President Mindrup acknowledged the Quad Cities campus is changing in size and shape, but said the university will continue its mission on that campus. She said the portfolio of offerings there has been renewed to focus on high-demand programs based both on student interest and on what the community is asking for from WIU; Education, which has been a priority for the QC campus for 30 years, Engineering, and, at the graduate level, Counseling and Museum Studies will be among the key programs offered.

President Mindrup reiterated that community college partnerships will be strengthened for first- and second-year courses; she noted that WIU dabbled in recent years in offering Gen Ed courses on the Quad Cities campus, but as WIU is shoring up its resources, this is an opportunity to tap into that partnership and create stronger ties and opportunities for students on both campuses. President Mindrup observed that the overall footprint of the QC campus has changed, and operations have been consolidated into one building, Riverfront Hall. She in the past worked closely with designing the Quad Cities campus and thinks Riverfront is the signature space with the easiest access and allows WIU to do what is needed. She said the lease agreement with the Moline School District will tie up buildings A and B for about a year and a half starting at spring break so that they can temporarily relocate one of their grade schools; this will be revenue generating for WIU during this period of time.

President Mindrup said WIU is looking for more longer-term opportunities since the Board of Trustees approved the possibility of a sale of a portion or all of the Quad Cities property at some point. She told ExCo the university is looking at strategic partnerships along these lines but is not looking to sell to just any particular entity with interest in riverfront property; she wants to make sure there are opportunities associated with the proximity of the campus. She emphasized that even with any possible change in ownership of the property in the Quad Cities Complex, WIU will maintain its presence in Riverfront Hall. She suspects there might be some concern that WIU is giving up on the idea of growth in the Quad Cities, but that is absolutely untrue; she would argue that since moving to the Riverfront location, the university's growth has been hampered because it is a less visible area in the community, so any growth that might occur can be explored through partnerships in space around the community. She recalled that in the past WIU has offered courses in the community colleges, the police department, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, and a variety of places in order to increase WIU's footprint and its visibility through those partnerships, and that is a model that can be returned to as WIU starts to see growth in the Quad Cities.

Provost Mossman added that the Quad Cities Manufacturing Institute (QCMI) continues to have an active partnership with WIU, the University of Illinois, and Iowa State. He thinks those schools, like WIU, are

seeing potential enhancements in manufacturing with the Rock Island Arsenal. He noted there has been more traction in the last couple of weeks on this than there was in the past year. He thinks the vision of this partnership is really positive for WIU.

Senator Wippering asked if a technical director for the Goldfarb Center for the Performing Arts has been determined yet or any other staffing. President Mindrup responded this is in progress. Provost Mossman added there are a lot of moving parts, and it will take a university-wide effort to make sure the Center is successful. He does not know exactly where the search is other than to know that it is ongoing. President Mindrup confirmed the ad has been posted. She emphasized the concept of a team approach across the university in regard to the Center; WIU has a lot of subject-matter expertise across the institution on everything from ticket sales to traffic flow to technical aspects of a performing arts center, and the expertise of CPA Director Anne Lefter is one piece of that. President Mindrup noted that when a performing arts center is standalone, a team is hired, but when it is integrated into a university that expertise spans across divisions and units within the university. She is very happy that there is great collaboration happening across divisions and anticipates working out details of implementation in the coming months; those plans are in the works, and the right people will be around the table to make it happen.

Chair Robinett asked if there are any updates on the Advancement and Legal Counsel searches. President Mindrup responded that Anne Burton will begin her full-time work as WIU's Legal Counsel on April 1. She said one candidate has been interviewed for Executive Director of Advancement, but the search is still open and another applicant has come forward; a determination is being made on whether that candidate will be brought to campus. She would expect a similar start date for this position depending upon the offer and acceptance process.

President Mindrup announced that a new Director of Internal Audits, John Murphy, has been hired and started at the beginning of the spring semester. She said he is overlapping with former Interim Auditing Director Rita Moore a little bit so that they can cross-train, but he has hit the ground running. Chair Robinett observed that it is not often that succession and training gets to play out at WIU, so it has been good to see Ms. Moore and Mr. Murphy go to meetings together. He noted that Ms. Moore has taken a role in introducing Mr. Murphy and explaining what his duties will be. He thinks that even if it means paying a little bit more to keep both people for a while, it is worth the time in not having to reset. President Mindrup agrees it is a plus when this can occur, and in a position like Internal Auditing it is absolutely necessary because of the technical information that is necessary to make sure the university is staying on track with the different areas of reporting and accountability.

Chair Robinett recalled that this time last year the conversation was about immediate budget concerns. He asked how President Mindrup would describe the current budget situation at this point in the year. President Mindrup replied that the plans laid out to stabilize WIU's budget situation have come to fruition. She said while the university is certainly not flush with finances at this point, the administration anticipates finishing the year on solid ground while continuing to look for opportunities to strengthen finances. She hopes that enrollment strengthening can provide revenue generation and plans to continue to advocate for state support while not counting entirely on it. She said the university is stable and just above the line at this point with a positive turnaround. President Mindrup said the administration will work with the Foundation on the \$2 million loan for which they received approval. She would characterize that as less of emergency funds than when the administration originally approached the Foundation and worked to put this together; it is something that will provide an opportunity to fortify efforts with some activities that have a good return on investment. She said the university is in a good spot now to identify what has been proven to have an impact on strengthening enrollment as well as opportunities to further brand WIU on webpages and other ways the university presents outwardly to make sure that it is competitive with peers and other institutions. She feels really positive about the momentum gained with financial sustainability and anticipates that momentum will continue to build through messaging and the impact of positive efforts.

Chair Robinett often hears from parents and students that the condition of WIU's sidewalks really need improvement. He thinks that this might be low-hanging fruit to make the campus more attractive when students are visiting during Discover Western. President Mindrup thinks spring will bring opportunities for campus aesthetic improvements; this is something she and Provost Mossman always have on their radar, and she thinks some simple things that can be done to tidy up campus landscaping to make a difference. She plans

to work with Facilities Management to emphasize this, particularly for high-traffic areas, to make sure those are aesthetically pleasant for visitors and for WIU employees as well.

Senator Wipperlind related that there is a quite a mold issue in the storage areas of the Department of Theatre to the extent that only three people are allowed to be in those spaces wearing respirators. She has heard from students during lessons that Facilities Management is not owning this issue and working to address it. She does not know what is happening with this but stressed that students and faculty need a healthy space so that they do not get sick. She was unsure if the President was aware of this and wanted to make her aware of it if not. President Mindrup said she has not heard of this specific issue but will connect with Vice President Roselieb to see what the status is on it. She recognizes that often it is a matter of pushing something to a higher priority on the to-do list; the health conditions of WIU spaces are vitally important, and she appreciates Senator Wipperlind bringing it to her attention. Chair Robinett observed that Facilities Management, like a great many areas of the campus, has been undergoing many changes in terms of its leadership and staffing; like many, they are trying to do more with less. He stressed this is not intended to dismiss this issue but just to say that he has found Facilities Management to be very willing to address issues. He suggested that Senator Wipperlind may want to contact Justin Griffith, Acting Director, who is very good responding to emails and communicating with the Academic Use of Space Committee. He said that Mr. Griffith has also been good to communicate with Dan Schmidt, Chair of the Senate Council on Campus Planning and Usage. Senator Wipperlind said this situation directly affects Mr. Schmidt so she will talk to him first.

Chair Robinett remarked that the Academic Affairs Rebuild has been a major part of getting some things done before other things can happen. He asked whether President Mindrup has an update or possible vision on where she sees strategic planning going and what it might look like. President Mindrup responded that she expects strategic planning to probably take off in mid-spring. She expects that groups will start to be formed then and initial conversations occur about strategic planning. She said this initiative will be led by Amy Patrick Mossman, Director of Assessment, Accreditation, and Strategic Planning. President Mindrup explained the vision is to have an inclusive and action-orientated process to put together an agile strategic plan that allows the institution to be responsive. She thinks some of the past models of higher education strategic planning, not necessarily specific to Western, included the idea that the institution was locked in for ten years. She thinks the strategic plan needs the agility to quickly respond to a changing environment, whether through technology or perhaps policy implications for the institution. She foresees an opportunity to carry forward some of the discussions of the past year and a half around WIU's institutional identity, its mission as an opportunity university that focuses on student social mobility, and how that manifests itself in the activities, planning, and evolution of the institution moving forward. She looks forward to a process that involves campus stakeholders and starts to shape the next chapter of WIU.

Provost Mossman added that there is a deep commitment to actually making the strategic plan a day-to-day part of the institution rather than a document only intended for the Higher Learning Commission. He anticipates this continuing the success with the Rebuild and with faculty governance that has depended on buy-in and active commitment from faculty and staff. Provost Mossman recalled that when he first became Chair, one could not do anything at WIU without referencing the strategic plan, and departmental annual reports included references to pages in that document. He thinks the budget impasse kind of knocked that whole rhythm out of whack, so there needs to be a real commitment to again develop a living document that can have buy-in as part of the institutional culture of WIU.

President Mindrup is excited about some of the ground work around this, such as Chair Robinett's work to establish communication flow. She thinks this background will be really important, both to build the strategic plan document as well as to provide ongoing outward communication about its progress and the status of initiatives. She thinks this is what creates a meaningful connection across divisions and the university so that there is an inclusive strategic planning document that is accessible to and can be contributed to by everyone. Chair Robinett hopes that it can be a living document with clearly stated goals and objectives with the understanding that the university must have the ability to respond to what is happening. He thinks that if a financial reality forces a reevaluation and reset of a goal within the strategic plan, engagement is needed with individuals on campus so that they become part of goal setting, objective monitoring, and supporting. He appreciates that when the Senate Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction revised their forms last year, they made that a part of what they are asking for.

Chair Robinett thanked President Mindrup for her time and looks forward to when she visits Faculty Senate with Vice President Roselieb on March 31. He hopes the Governor and legislature decide to invest in WIU enough to benefit our communities and our students. President Mindrup thanked Chair Robinett for his leadership and expressed her appreciation for getting to connect with the Executive Committee. Chair Robinett thinks people may not realize how often President Mindrup meets with representative groups, including ExCo, Faculty Senate, the Council of Administrative Personnel, the Civil Service Employees' Council, Student Government Association, and UPI.

5. *CPPP survey update*

Chair Robinett told ExCo the surveys did not go out on the exact day they had been planned to be emailed; they went out on a Monday rather than a Friday. He explained the way that the Faculty Senate Qualtrics licensing works, surveys have to be approved by someone other than Faculty Senate. He has not heard any complaints from faculty but wanted to be transparent that it went out a little later. He said 40 people have responded to the Provost evaluation so far and 37 to the President survey. He said a reminder will go out on February 26, and the survey will close on the 27th at noon. Once the survey closes, the data will be given to the Senate Committee on Provost and Presidential Performance so that they can prepare their summaries.

6. *Finalize agenda for Senate meeting of January 27*

Chair Robinett noted that Vice President Schuch plans to bring with him Associate Vice President Rich Toomey, who oversees Enrollment Management and Admissions, and will talk about some strategic endeavors taking place in Admissions. Chair Robinett will meet with him tomorrow to learn more about these. He said Vice President Schuch will provide an update on what is happening with the Union Food Court and in Student Success.

Chair Robinett pointed out that the Senate Constitution revisions will be on the agenda under Old Business. Two-thirds of the total number of senators, not just quorum, are needed for approval. Chair Robinett said that number is 15. Ms. Hamm asked for confirmation that two-thirds of the senators do not have to be physically present to approve the revisions but can vote on Zoom once the physical quorum is achieved; Chair Robinett confirmed that is correct. He appreciates that senators this year have stayed for the full meeting, are asking fantastic questions, and have come to his office to tell him things they are hearing. He highlighted that they are representing the concerns of their constituents, participating in committees, and showing a level of engagement that exemplifies what faculty governance should be and the role that Faculty Senate should play in shared governance. He noted that members of Senate councils are also showing a good level of engagement in their meetings.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Office Manager/Recording Secretary