WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, *24 February 2015*, 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Rooms - University Union

A C T I O N M I N U T E S

SENATORS PRESENT: S. Bennett, J. Brown, A. Burke, M. Carncross, R. Chaves, J. Choi, S. Cordes, D. DeVolder, A. Hyde, C. Keist, J. Myers, T. Roberts, T. Sadler, A. Silberer, M. Singh, S. Szyjka
Ex-officio: Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost; Tej Kaul, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: J. Baylor, L. Brice, G. Cabedo-Timmons, G. Jorgensen, S. Romano, M. Siddiqi, T. Westerhold

GUESTS: Mark Bernards, Keith Boeckelman, Erik Brooks, Angela Lynn, Esmeralda Moreno, Russ Morgan, Gary Schmidt, Ron Williams

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. 10 February 2015

MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report – None

B. Student Government Association (SGA) Report
(Esmeralda Moreno, SGA student representative)

SGA last week approved new election rules. Ms. Moreno said some SGA senators thought SGA committees had too much power, which led to the rules revision.

SGA thinks the lines for bike lanes need to be better delineated and passed a bill encouraging that this be addressed.

Ms. Moreno has been gathering student concerns to share with Provost Hawkinson at his next open meeting.

C. Other Announcements

Chairperson Singh welcomed back Parliamentarian Kaul.

Vice President Rives was unable to attend today's meeting but will be scheduled to visit Senate at a future date.

Chairperson Singh updated senators on the election process to replace outgoing senators in fall 2015. Dennis DeVolder, who is currently serving a one-year term on Senate, was re-elected to a full three-year term to represent the College of Business and Technology. Kimberly Dodson, LEJA, was elected to represent the College of Education and Human Services. No petitions were received from the College of Fine Arts and Communication and from faculty in the Quad Cities, so the deadline for those petitions was extended to March 9.

Five petitions were received for three Macomb at-large seats; ballots have been mailed to choose these representatives. Three petitions were received for four Arts and Sciences seats. Tim Roberts, History, who is currently serving a one-year term on Senate, was re-elected and will be

joined by Jennifer McNabb, History, and Christopher Pynes, Philosophy and Religious Studies to fill three of the four vacancies. The deadline for petitions to fill the remaining Arts and Sciences seat was extended to March 9.

III. Reports of Committees and Councils

A. Council for Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI)
(Mark Bernards, Chair)

1. Curricular Requests from the Department of African American Studies

Chairperson Singh suggested that the new courses be considered in groups of three.

NO OBJECTIONS

a) Requests for New Courses

(1) AAS 102, Survey of African American Studies II, 3 s.h.

Senator Roberts asked if AAS 313, African American History, 1400-1877, and AAS 314, African American History, 1877-Present, both cross-listed with History, will remain as classes or be replaced by the sequence of 100-level survey courses. African American Studies Chair Erik Brooks responded that both AAS 313 and AAS 314 will remain. Senator Roberts asked if they will continue to be cross-listed; Dr. Brooks responded affirmatively.

(2) AAS 262, African Americans and Hip Hop as Cultural Phenomenon, 3 s.h.

Senator Cordes asked if the course is related in any way to linguistics, such as Ebonics. Dr. Brooks responded that the conception of this course relates to the political and cultural aspects of hip hop and is not related to linguistics. He added that there will also be little music included in the course.

(3) AAS 302, Black Intellectual Traditions, 3 s.h.
(4) AAS 370, African American Interest Groups and Organizations, 3 s.h.
(5) AAS 404, African Americans in the Age of Obama, 3 s.h.
(6) AAS 415, African Americans and Sport in the United States, 3 s.h.
(7) AAS 417, Black Greek-Lettered Organizations, 3 s.h.
(8) AAS 425, African Americans, Corporate America, and Diversity, 3 s.h.
(9) AAS 446, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Desegregation, 3 s.h.

Senator Roberts asked if there was any thought given to possible overlap between AAS 417 and AAS 446 and whether the two courses should be combined. Dr. Brooks responded that this was discussed but it was found that both had enough material to be stand-alone courses. He stated that AAS 446 will consider the funding of historically black colleges and whether there is still a need for them. He added that three of the black Greek-lettered organizations examined in AAS 417 were founded at primarily white institutions. Dr. Brooks stated that the two courses were conceived of as totally separate subjects.

NEW COURSES APPROVED

b) Request for Change of Minor

(1) African American Studies

CHANGE OF MINOR APPROVED

c) Request for Change of Major

(1) African American Studies

CHANGE OF MAJOR APPROVED

2. Curricular Requests from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

a) Requests for Changes of Majors

(1) French Teacher Education
(2) Spanish Teacher Education

CHANGES OF MAJORS APPROVED

3. Curricular Requests from the Department of Engineering Technology

a) Request for New Course

(1) ET 320, Professional Preparation in Engineering Technology, 3 s.h.

NEW COURSE APPROVED

b) Request for Change of Major

(1) Engineering Technology

CHANGE OF MAJOR APPROVED

4. Curricular Requests from the Department of Political Science

a) Request for New Course

(1) POLS 304, Judicial Simulation, 3 s.h.

NEW COURSE APPROVED

B. Senate Nominating Committee
(Dennis DeVolder, Chair)

SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

Council for Instructional Technology
Binto George, Computer Sci. replacing Justin Ehrlich Spring 2015 only B&T

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business – None

Motion: To adjourn (DeVolder)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Lee Brice, Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary