

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 6 February 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Rooms - University Union**

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

SENATORS PRESENT: B. Bellott, V. Boynton, S. Czechowski, J. Franken, R. Hironimus-Wendt, A. Hyde (via teleconference), N. Lino, H. McIlvaine-Newsad, K. Pawelko, B. Perabo, J. Plos, R. Porter (via teleconference), S. Rahman, T. Roberts, S. Rock, S. Saddler, M. Sajewski, D. Sandage, C. Tarrant, F. Tasdan
Ex-officio: Kathy Neumann, Interim Provost; Tej Kaul, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: M. Allison, B. Locke, S. Macchi

GUESTS: Munia Cabal-Jimenez, Tom Cody, Katrina Daytner, Dennis DeVolder, Patricia Eathington, Greg Hall, Anita Hardeman, Angela Lynn, Madison Lynn, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Jennifer McNabb, Seth Miner, Russ Morgan, Jill Myers, Nancy Parsons, Bill Polley, Renee Polubinsky, Danielle Surprenaut, Matt Tanney, Killian Tracy, Helen Weis

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. January 23, 2018

Corrections:

- In the discussion of FL 121 and 122 on pp. 5-6, “Fulbright Scholars program” should be corrected to “Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program.” (Luciano Picanco)
- On p. 7, in the last line of the fourth paragraph, it should state that “...a double major is equivalent to a **comprehensive** major and a minor.” (Boynton)
- On p. 10, there is a typo in Associate Provost Parsons name in the second paragraph. (Sandage)
- On p. 12, in the last paragraph, “until it will be more work” should read “although it will be more work.” (Sandage)

MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Neumann reported that the pilot dual enrollment program with Cambridge High School was a resounding success and several students are considering coming to WIU that were not considering the University previously. The pilot program is being expanded to another six districts with whom the University is in various stages of conversation about offering some Gen Ed classes. Interim Provost Neumann is very excited about this promising program which offers students a good way to earn college credit while also acting as a recruitment tool to get some really bright students thinking about WIU as a college alternative. Chairperson Rock asked how the courses are facilitated. Interim Provost Neumann replied that the courses are taught live by a WIU faculty member who travels to the school to teach in their classroom.

President Thomas has invited area high school students to his residence tomorrow night (February 7) and to join him at the WIU women’s basketball game afterward. Various WIU and Admissions representatives will also be present at the reception.

English professor Rebekah Buchanan has been named a Fulbright Scholar for the 2018-19 academic year. She will travel to Norway as part of the U.S.-Norway Roving Scholars Program.

Communication professor Lisa Miczo will deliver the 25th annual Wayne Thompson Lecture on February 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Union Sandburg Theatre. The title of her lecture is "Can You Take It With You?: Family Communication's Impact on Conflict Responses."

Paul Bubb has been hired as the new Executive Director of Development. He was previously the Athletic Director for Development at California State Polytechnic University/Pomona. Interim Provost Neumann stated that he is from the Midwest and she thinks he will be a welcome addition to the Foundations Office to help with scholarships, fundraising, and other initiatives.

The 48th annual Ag Mech Show will be held in Western Hall on February 10 and 11. It is the longest running expo in the U.S. that is put together entirely by students.

Senator Sandage announced that the "Vagina Monologues" will be presented February 9-11 in the Multicultural Center. She noted that many senators may have one or more of the performers in their classes.

Senator Czechowski announced that tomorrow (February 7) is the Art Department's First Wednesday event, sponsored by the WIU Performing Arts Society and Dick Blick.

B. Student Government Association Report
(Madison Lynn, SGA representative to Faculty Senate)

- Ms. Lynn thanked Chairperson Rock for attending last week's SGA meeting to clarify some points regarding academic terms.
- SGA's Council on Student Elections and Representation is beginning preparations for SGA spring elections with discussions of campaign rules and regulations.
- SGA voted at its last meeting to appropriate \$800 to Dance Marathon, an event that raises awareness for the Children's Miracle Network hospitals.
- SGA Vice President Samir Almhiemid has created an outlet to recognize outstanding students on campus. The SGA Student of the Month will be chosen by nominations from SGA's Purple Post page. Students of the Month will receive a small prize as well as recognition for their efforts. Ms. Lynn encouraged senators to nominate students who stand out as exceptional student leaders and deserve to be recognized for their hard work and commitment.
- Ms. Lynn will represent WIU at Macomb High School's Health and Wellness Day on February 16. She will join representatives from Admissions in discussing life after high school graduation. Some WIU faculty and staff will also be participating.

C. Other Announcements

1. Chairperson Rock welcomed new Senator Jason Franken, Agriculture, who replaces Tara Westerhold on Faculty Senate as a representative of the College of Business and Technology.
2. Results of recent Faculty Senate elections:
 - College of Arts and Sciences
 - Christopher Pynes, Mathematics and Philosophy, 3-year term
 - College of Business and Technology
 - Jason Franken, Agriculture, one-semester term (Spring 2018)
 - Jason Franken, Agriculture, 2-year term
 - Martin Maskarinec, 3-year term
 - Macomb Senators At-Large

- Brian Bellott, Chemistry, 3-year term
 - Sean Cordes, University Libraries, 3-year term
 - Quad Cities Senator At-Large
 - No petitions received. The deadline is extended until Friday, February 9.
3. Roger Runquist, Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR), has announced that departments will now be able to enter their own tutoring schedules into a web form in an effort to make tutoring schedules available to students earlier in the semester. More information can be found at <http://wiu.edu/tutoring>. Chairperson Rock noted that there seem to be a lot of resources for students and hopes that the new program will address some of the concerns that were raised last fall.
 4. Evaluations of President Thomas and Interim Provost Neumann were sent to eligible full-time faculty via email on February 2. The due date for completion of the surveys is February 16. The evaluation form has been shortened this year to encourage increased faculty participation in the process.

III. Reports of Committees and Councils

A. Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI) (Anita Hardeman, Chair)

1. Curricular Requests from the Department of History

a. Request for New Course

- i. HIST 492, Capstone Seminar in Public History, 3 s.h.

HIST 492 APPROVED

b. Requests for Changes in Options

- i. History

HISTORY OPTION APPROVED

- ii. History – Teacher Education

HISTORY – TEACHER EDUCATION OPTION APPROVED

B. Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Committee (Munia Cabal-Jimenez, Chair)

1. Request for WID Designation

- i. HIST 492, Capstone Seminar in Public History, 3 s.h.

Corrections:

- On p. 6, change “amble” to “ample” in the last sentence of item 1. (Pawelko)
- On p. 2 of the syllabus, change “country” to “county” in the second sentence of the County History Project section. (Pawelko)

HIST 492 APPROVED FOR WID DESIGNATION WITH CORRECTIONS

- C. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)
(Ginny Boynton, Chair)

UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

Immigration Task Force

Sarah Schoper, Educational Studies	E&HS
George Mangalaraj, Computer Sciences	B&T

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

- D. Council for Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA)
(Patricia Eathington, Chair)

1. Student-Athlete Absence Report

Three sports have or will exceed the missed class guidelines for the 2017-18 academic year: volleyball during Fall 2017 and baseball and women's golf in Spring 2018. CIA approved exceptions for the three sports. Volleyball and women's golf exceeded the MWF guidelines by two dates each, and baseball exceeded the MWF guidelines by one date. Explanations were provided to Faculty Senate regarding the reasons why the guidelines were exceeded. Senator Boynton asked if the spring dates are listed without any additional days that might be missed due to end-of-season competitions. Dr. Eathington responded that post-season play does not count toward missed days. Senator Boynton pointed out that many sports are at their maximum missed days even without post-season competitions.

NO OBJECTIONS

IV. Old Business

- A. CCPI Review of Comprehensive Majors and Academic Terms

Chairperson Rock pointed out that, at the request of Faculty Senate, CCPI added a definition of "program" to their report:

An academic program is defined as that specific combination of courses and requirements, with a required number of credit hours, leading to a major, a minor, or a certificate of undergraduate studies.

Chairperson Rock asked if there are any issues of consistency between this definition and what is in the undergraduate catalog. Registrar Angela Lynn replied that the definition is consistent with information on p. 13 of the undergraduate catalog, although the catalog includes additional information, such as the degree being earned in the various majors. She stated that the additional information aligns with the definition but does not change it.

Senator Boynton pointed out that in the Terms Related to Academic Programming chart, there are two definitions which include the word "program": a non-comprehensive major "requires completion of a Minor as part of the *degree program*," and the comprehensive major requires "at least 15 s.h. outside the major discipline within the *degree program*." She suggested that the word "program" be dropped from where it appears in the definitions of the comprehensive and non-comprehensive majors. Senator Roberts asked if the change is needed because "degree program" is redundant. Senator Boynton replied that it is partly that, but also it seems inconsistent to use "program" this way if it is to be defined as the major, minor, or certificate. Dr. Hardeman accepted this friendly amendment.

SENATOR CZECHOWSKI CALLED THE QUESTION

CCPI REPORT WITH AMENDATIONS APPROVED 20 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

Senator Boynton thanked CCPI for their hard work on the document, which now goes forward to the President for his approval.

B. Bylaws Amendment to Create Budget Transparency Committee

1. Second Reading and Vote

Senator Hironimus-Wendt asked if any senator serving on this committee would have to be appointed at the end of his or her first year on Faculty Senate in order that the senator's term will not run out before his/her service on the committee is completed. Senators serving on the Budget Transparency Committee are to serve two-year staggered terms. Senator Czechowski pointed out that senators whose terms on Faculty Senate end before their two-year terms on the Budget Transparency Committee expire can be replaced for the remaining year of their unexpired term, similar to the two-year appointment process for senators to the Provost Advisory Council. Chairperson Rock stated that the process can be tried and changed later if necessary. He suggested that senators who served on the ad hoc Budget Transparency Committee may wish to continue serving on the permanent committee. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation at its next meeting regarding filling the Budget Transparency Committee.

AMENDMENT APPROVED 20 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

V. New Business

A. Resolution in Support of Timely Funding of Public Higher Education in Illinois

Chairperson Rock, who serves as WIU's representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Faculty Advisory Council, reported that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is getting increasingly concerned about the budget situation in Illinois. During the last budget impasse, the HLC expressed concerns that accreditation could be negatively impacted by the lack of a state budget. Chairperson Rock related that the HLC inquired a couple of weeks ago about the state legislative situation and were told that it was still unknown. The HLC has stated that if another budget crisis occurs, state university accreditations could be in jeopardy.

The Public Universities Caucus of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, composed of representatives from all public universities in the state, has asked that all state university faculty senates pass a resolution asking for a reasonable and timely budget to be adopted for Illinois. Chairperson Rock reported that a couple of state university faculty senates have already met and passed similar versions to the resolution under consideration by Faculty Senate:

Resolution in Support of Timely Funding of Public Higher Education in Illinois

Whereas the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has stated that Illinois must have a stable budget for higher education or risk losing accreditation, and

Whereas the HLC stated that Illinois public institutions of higher education cannot be placed at risk again as happened in the budget impasse of 2015-2017, and

Whereas without accreditation, institutions cannot operate,

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Western Illinois University asks the legislature and the governor to adopt a full and reasonable budget for higher education by the end of the regular legislative session.

Chairperson Rock told senators that the Executive Committee suggested changing the original language at the end of the resolution from “in a timely manner” to “by the end of the regular legislative session” to make the timeframe more specific. Senator Rahman expressed her support for the resolution but suggested that the title be changed to “Resolution in Support of Timely Funding for Public Higher Education in Illinois.”

Chairperson Rock was contacted this week by President Thomas, who serves on the IBHE. Every year, IBHE submits a proposal to legislators as a starting point for higher education budget discussions. This year, IBHE was considering asking for a 1.9 percent increase; the Presidents and Chancellors of the public universities asked IBHE to request a higher amount. The President told Chairperson Rock that IBHE held a telephone vote which did not result in a favorable decision for the Presidents’ and Chancellors’ request.

Chairperson Rock will contact SGA to request that they compose a similar resolution so that all of WIU is on the same page with requesting a quick resolution for next year’s budget. He stressed that faculty, staff, students, and administrators all need to raise their voices for this effort. He pointed out that 2018 is an election year, which could be good or bad for a timely resolution. Senator Boynton asked if the Alumni Council has been contacted to do a resolution on behalf of their members. Chairperson Rock stated that the University of Illinois used their alumni a couple of years ago during the last budget impasse, and WIU could try to reach out to alumni as well.

Senator Czechowski asked where WIU’s Board of Trustees falls in this process. Chairperson Rock responded he would be happy to share this resolution with the BOT and ask for their support because everybody’s voice is needed. Senators Czechowski and Hironimus-Wendt expressed their support for the resolution. Senator Hironimus-Wendt related that he heard IBHE voted 9-6 to accept their original recommendation, but it is unknown how the higher ed budget will turn out because Governor Rauner has not submitted his budget yet. Senator Hironimus-Wendt stressed that everyone needs to be very vocal at this point because an austere budget would be devastating for WIU’s contract negotiations.

RESOLUTION APPROVED 20 YEAR – 0 NO – 0 AB

Motion: To adjourn (Rahman)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Susan Czechowski, Faculty Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary