

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 9 February 2016, 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, V. Boynton, A. Burke, G. Cabedo-Timmons, D. DeVolder, K. Dodson, D. Halverson, R. Hironimus-Wendt, S. Holt, K. Kapale, N. Lino, B. Locke, J. Myers, C. Pynes, T. Roberts, T. Sadler, B. Siever, A. Silberer
Ex-officio: Kathy Neumann, Interim Provost; Janna Deitz, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: J. Brown, M. Carncross, C. Keist, S. Szyjka, T. Westerhold

GUESTS: Keith Boeckelman, Andy Borst, Christie Davis, Anita Hardeman, Charles Lydeard, Angela Lynn, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Rose McConnell, Patrick McGinty, Jim McQuillan, Russ Morgan, Nancy Parsons, Brian Powell, Lanie Steelman, Ron Williams, John Wozniak

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. January 26, 2016

MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Neumann announced that the School of Nursing has received an annual pass rate of 95 percent on the licensing exam from the state nursing board. WIU's pass rate is above the national pass rate of 85 percent on the exam and the state pass rate of 86 percent.

The Department of Psychology recently received reaffirmation of their accreditation.

Patricia Anderson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, was cited in *The New York Times Magazine* about some of the work that she does with post-traumatic stress disorders.

Farm Credit has made a pledge to the School of Agriculture that will allow the School to expand the number of greenhouses at its farm. RFD-TV broadcast live from the Knoblauch Hall Conference Room during WIU's Farm Expo, which brought many visitors to Macomb and the WIU campus.

The College of Education and Human Services held their regional Science Olympiad over the weekend.

Interim Provost Neumann read an email from SGA President Wil Gradle received last week:

While it has often gone under different names, the Rocky Gala has always been an SGA signature event. The intent of this year's event was to offer student leaders the opportunity to meet with various leaders and decision makers of the University. In an effort to align itself with the fiscally conservative direction of the Board of Trustees, SGA has decided to cancel the Rocky Gala this year. We intend to use our budget solely for purchases benefitting the campus at large and return what we can to the Student Activity Fund. We certainly regret any scheduling inconvenience that this change presents, and I personally want to thank you for your continued commitment and service during these tumultuous times.

Currently, admissions counselors and student ambassadors are focusing on those students who are likely to enroll, for instance by encouraging students to submit scholarships before the deadline. Dr. Borst stated that if students in this group have not applied to WIU by now, they probably will not do so. On March 1, Admissions shifts its focus to the group of students who are on the fence about enrolling at WIU.

Dr. Borst stated that with the Board of Trustees' approval of a three percent reduction in tuition and fees, a student taking 30 s.h. during freshman year would save \$262. He informed senators that health insurance costs are jumping by about 30 percent next year, or about \$300. Because

freshman classes of 1,500 students, the number of undergraduates would drop to approximately 8,000. Chairperson Pynes stressed that it is important for faculty to realize the difference between trying to recruit 1,700 versus recruiting 1,500 or 1,300 going forward because many faculty are separated from the admissions process. Dr. Borst added that there is also a difference between recruiting 1,700 students who will need to be admitted through OAS and then not stay at the University versus recruiting 1,700 qualified students; he stressed that students need to be successful once they are admitted to WIU.

College of Arts and Sciences:

x Two 3-year vacancies beginning fall 2016

College of Business and Technology:

x one 3-year vacancy beginning fall 2016

College of Education and Human Services:

x one 3-year vacancy beginning fall 2016

x one 1-semester vacancy beginning immediately for spring 2016 only

College of Fine Arts and Communication:

x one 3-year vacancy beginning fall 2016

Macomb At-Large:

x two 3-year vacancies beginning fall 2016

x one 1-year vacancy beginning fall 2016

x one 1-semester vacancy beginning immediately for spring 2016 only

Election notices and attached petitions forms for each seat can be found at:
http://www.wiu.edu/faculty_senate/elections.php

Five nominees have submitted petitions for the two Arts and Sciences seats; additional nominees have submitted for the three-year at-large, the Fine Arts and Communication, and the Education and Human Services seats. Chairperson Pynes announced that if seats remain open after today, the deadline will be extended.

2. Eligible faculty have received the annual survey to evaluate President Thomas. Survey results and all comments are provided anonymously to the President, and an executive summary is presented to the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees; the Board uses the results in their annual evaluation of the President. Faculty are encouraged to take the survey and provide relevant, evaluative commentary.
3. Senator Silberer asked senators to encourage faculty to attend the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) executive board meeting at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10 in Malpass Library Room 180. She stated that in light of rumors and hot topics being discussed, attendance will improve the general communication.

III. Reports of Committees and Councils

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

1. Curricular Requests from the Department of Political Science

a) Request for New Course

- (1) POLS 447, Administrative Law and Politics, 3 s.h.

Ms. Svirupskaite asked if the course is a senior seminar; Political Science Chair Keith Boeckelman confirmed that it is. Senator Boynton remarked that some references to graduate students remain in the document; those will be removed before it goes forward to the Provost's office.

NEW COURSE APPROVED

2. Curricular Requests from the Department of Chemistry

a) Requests for New Courses

- (1) CHEM 190, Introduction to Chemistry Research, 1-4 s.h., repeatable to

- 4 s.h.
- (2) CHEM 251, Introduction to Forensic Applications, 3 s.h.
- (3) CHEM 455, Forensic Serology and DNA Analysis, 3 s.h.

NEW COURSES APPROVED

- b) Request for Change of Major
 - (1) Forensic Chemistry

CHANGE OF MAJOR APPROVED

3. Curricular Requests from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- a) Request for New Course
 - (1) ANTH 210, Medical Anthropology, 3 s.h.

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B. Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Civility
(Jill Myers, Chair)

1. Final Report and Recommendations

Senator Myers

protected classes, and the WIU attorney responded that it was not an issue for her but might come under the Vice President for Administrative Services, who

now and brainstorming ways to get there with the least harm. He observed that the goal of one side is no layoffs, while the goal of the other side is that there must be layoffs but it is unknown how many. Senator Hironimus-Wendt thinks there may not be as many layoffs necessary if there is action rather than inaction, and he would like to see the administration and the Union talk in a public forum rather than in secret in hopes that it can address some of the tension and anxiety that is festering on campus.

Senator Hironimus-Wendt observed that it has been six months since the University found out that next year's budget will be \$10 million less than the previous year, and he stressed that ways need to be determined to address this shortfall. He noted that both the administration and Union have indicated their good faith efforts, but Senator Hironimus-Wendt is not satisfied with the result and with where the University is at present. He wants to hear a vision articulated of where both sides want WIU to be, particularly if 30 of the 615 full-time faculty are to be lost.

Chairperson Pynes believes that Faculty Senate did a very good job at its special session on December 15; a lot of people who were concerned about these issues came and openly talked about the situation. He noted that the UPI President and others feel they can speak openly in large part due to senators' willingness to sit around the table. Chairperson Pynes observed that sometimes negotiations are slow, although individuals may want them to move
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