Faculty Senate Motion Log AY 2022 – 2023

Subject	Description	Date
UPRC By-Laws	The Senate passed a motion to adopt proposed bylaws changes to membership. Changes were motivated by a reorientation of UPRC toward a greater focus on Academic Affairs from budgetary and resource allocation policy.	10/17/22
Course Evaluations	The Senate passed a motion to adopt, for the current academic year, the new course evaluation questions produced by the ad hoc committee over the summer. These course evaluations will be delivered in the modality in which the course is delivered.	10/17/22
Prerequisites	The Senate voted to approve a new policy to allow faculty to request that the Registrar's Office withdraw students from classes who have not met the prerequisites.	11/14/22
Course Evaluations	The Senate voted to approve a 5-point scale, with 5 being the best, on course evaluations.	1/30/23
Fixed Writing Proficiency Points Plan	The Senate approved the ACC proposal to postpone implementation of fixed WP values until publication of the 2024-25 University Catalog prior to Fall 2024 registration.	4/17/23
Faculty Senate President	The Senate passed a resolution honoring Lysa Rivera's service as Senate President.	4/17/23
Outstanding Graduate Award	The Senate approved the following language regarding the Outstanding Graduate Award: This award was initiated in 1978 to recognize excellence among Western's students. Selection procedures and criteria are at the discretion of the academic units (departments, centers, institutes,	4/17/23
	and graduate programs) but the criteria should consider academics, leadership, stewardship to the department and/or university, research and writing, service to the campus and community, and promise for the future. The award is added to students' official transcripts. Faculty from academic units may annually select one outstanding graduate for each undergraduate major and one graduate for each graduate program. Large majors with more than 50 graduates may select a second outstanding graduate, majors with more than 100 graduates during the award period may select a third, and so forth with every additional 50 graduates. Similarly, additional outstanding graduates may be selected in large graduate programs following a similar process, except at increments of 20 graduates instead of 50. Academic units with multiple majors may select one Outstanding Graduate from the unit as a whole or one from each of their majors.	
Senate Seat Distribution Table	The Senate approved the proposed Senate seat area/constituency distribution report created by the Senate Operations Manager.	4/17/23

Z Grade	The Senate approved a motion to eliminate the use of the Z grade, as proposed by the Vice President for Enrollment Management.	5/1/23
Course Evaluations	The Senate passed a motion to adopt the new course evaluation questions proposed at the May 15, 2023 Senate meeting.	5/30/23
Course Evaluations	The Senate passed a motion to The Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluations made a recommendation at the May 15th Senate meeting to remove quantitative core questions 10-12 after the period beginning in AY24-25 to allow departments to revise DEPs that have these questions referenced.	5/30/23
Senate Executive Council	 The Senate voted to elect the following 2023-24 Faculty Senate Officers. A motion to nominate Camilo Ponton to the position of Secretary A motion to nominate Shevell Thibou to the position of Elections and Appointments Officer A motion to nominate Amites Sarkar to the position of Vice President and President-elect 	5/30/23