

Faculty Senate Motion Log AY 2018 – 2019

| Subject | Description | Date |
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| Senate Elections | The Senate passed motion to approve the Spring 2019 Senate Election Calendar passed by unanimous vote. | 3/11/18 |
| Standing Committees | The Senate passed motion to accept UPRC meeting minutes of 30 January 2019 and 27 February 2019 passed by unanimous vote. | 3/11/18 |
| ESG Investments | The Senate passed a motion (requesting that Senators review the Associated Students Resolution to the Board of Directors for the Western Washington University Foundation regarding ESG investing, submit feedback to the Executive Council, and authorize the Executive Council to take action endorsing the student resolution on behalf of the Faculty Senate. | 3/11/18 |
| ESG Investments | The Senate passed a motion (to strongly advocate for the Western Foundation to do no less than is requested in the Sustainability Action Plan, passed by unanimous vote. | 3/18/18 |
| Classroom Climate and Racism | <p>The Senate passed a motion to adopt the following resolution:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Whereas, the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University and the Associated Students Executive Board and Student Senate, believe that the use of racial slurs is inexcusable; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Whereas, academic freedom does not protect nor provide cover for racism or any other forms of discriminatory behavior in the classroom; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Whereas, academic freedom does allow for challenging and difficult discussions in the classroom, appropriate context and consideration for students with marginalized identities is essential; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Whereas, this is the responsibility of each individual faculty member;</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Be it therefore Resolved, by the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University at its regular meeting of April 22, 2019, and with the support of the Associated Students Executive Board and</i></p> | 4/22/18 |

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| | <p><i>Student Senate, that the Faculty Senate revise Section 2 of the Faculty Code of Ethics to include the following statement, “Faculty condemn and do not participate in discrimination based on the following legally protected characteristics: Race, Color, Creed, Religion, National Origin, Sex (including pregnancy and parenting status), Gender Identity and Expression, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Age, Veteran Status, Marital Status, and Genetic Information,” and revise the current sentence, “The faculty avoid and condemn sexual harassment, intimidation, and the exploitation of students,” to read, “The faculty avoid and condemn racism, sexual harassment, intimidation, and the exploitation of students.”</i></p> <p><i>Be it therefore Resolved, by the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University at its regular meeting of April 22, 2019, and with the support of the Associated Students Executive Board and Student Senate, that the Faculty Senate commits to seeking the means and resources needed to adopt and implement an effective bias and sensitivity education and training program for current and newly hired faculty.</i></p> | |
| Classroom Climate and Racism | The Senate passed the following amendment to the previous resolution, which added the statement “Academic freedom is a right that does not protect or provide cover for racism or any other form of discriminatory behavior,” to the first operative clause and added an additional statement to the first operative clause regarding faculty condemnation of discrimination against students based on protected characteristics. | 4/22/19 |
| Faculty Code of Ethics | The Senate passed a motion to propose revisions to Section Two of the Faculty Code of Ethics and to send the proposed revisions to all faculty for a comment period of two weeks. | 4/22/19 |
| ESG Investments | The Senate passed a motion regarding Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investing by WWU Foundation and Faculty Endorsement of Associated Students Resolution. | 4/22/19 |
| ESG Investments | The Senate passed a related motion that strongly encourages the Foundation to provide increased opportunities for shared governance for all faculty. | 4/22/19 |

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| Standing Committees | The Senate passed a motion to accept University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) meeting minutes of 6 March 2019 and 13 March 2019, Senate Extended Education Committee (SEEC) minutes of 14 March 2019, and Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 16 April 2019 and 30 April 2019. | 5/20/19 |
| Code of Faculty Ethics | The Senate passed a to propose additional revisions to Section Two of the Code of Faculty Ethics and to send the proposed revisions to all faculty for a comment period concluding at the beginning of the next Faculty Senate meeting, on June 3. | 5/20/19 |