



Official Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting June 3, 2024

Call to order: Senate President Brandon Dupont called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 20 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as written by general consent. Minutes of the May 14 ACC meeting and November 28 SLC meeting were accepted as written.

Reports and Announcements

Brandon Dupont, *Senate President* reported:

- Thank you to members of the Senate for their participation this year.
- Regarding the CSE concern raised at the last Senate meeting, a follow up letter is being drafted and will be circulated for signatures.

Sabah Randhawa, *University President* reported:

- Thank you to Brandon Dupont and the Senate Executive Council for their leadership and to the entire Senate for engaging in important conversations over the course of the year.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 14th. The contract agreement with educational student employees is expected to be an agenda item.

Brad Johnson, *Provost and Executive Vice President* reported:

- Thank you and appreciation to Brandon Dupont and the Senate.

Peter Pihos, *UFWW President* reported:

- Union elections for the next UFWW President are coming up. The current election is uncontested, but faculty may still vote.

Bidisha Biswas, *Faculty Legislative Representative* reported:

- The Council on Faculty organizing a multi-stakeholder meeting at the University of Tacoma in the coming weeks. Senators can expect to see an invitation soon.

Gabe Wong, *AS Senate President* reported:

- AS elections concluded on June 2.
- Thank you to faculty who have supported WAWU's efforts for a fair contract.

Discussion Item

ACC Annual Report: Kristi Tyran, ACC Chair, presented on the work of the ACC over the academic year. The ACC approved just over 1,000 curricular proposals and accomplished several policy items, including passing the new Credit Hour Policy and RSI Guidance Document. Ongoing work will include reviewing degree credits and terminology. Melissa D'Eloia is the incoming ACC Chair for the next academic year.

Action Items

New Crosslisting Policy Language for 2024-25 University Catalog and ACC Policies and Procedures: The ACC created the Crosslisting Policy as there was no prior guidance available to faculty on when courses may be crosslisted.

A motion forwarded by Allison Giffen (and seconded) **to approve** the new ACC Crosslisting Policy **passed** with zero opposing votes and one abstention.

Seating of AY 2024-25 Senate and Election of AY 2024-25 Senate Officers: There are several vacancies from CHSS and one vacancy from Woodring. These positions may need to be certified in Fall Quarter.

Following seating of new Senators, Senate President Pro Tem Brandon Dupont conducted the election of the 2023-24 Faculty Senate Officers.

A motion to nominate Erika McPhee-Shaw to the position of Vice President and President-Elect (forwarded by Michael Slouber passed by general consent.

A motion to nominate Camilo Ponton to the position of Secretary (forwarded by Sondra Cuban) passed by general consent.

The Senate did not have a nomination for Appointments and Elections Officer. This position will remain vacant and may be filled and voted on in Fall Quarter.

A motion to nominate Sondra Cuban to continue in the position of At-Large Senator (forwarded by Camilo Ponton) passed by general consent.

The President Pro Tem announced that Tesla Monson was selected by **electronic poll** as the AY 2024-25 Deputy Budget Representative, which is an Executive Council position.

Items from the Floor

Resolution Regarding Work of Senate President: **A motion** made by Michael Slouber (and seconded) to approve a resolution recognizing the service and work of Brandon Dupont, Senate President, passed unanimously.

Constituent Concern Regarding Legal Case: Senator Troy Abel (CENV) presented a constituent concern regarding the recent \$3 million judgment against Western in a whistleblower case. A concern was raised regarding lack of coverage of this issue in Western Today. Sabah Randhawa, University President, reported that the Attorney General's office is planning an appeal regarding the amount of damages awarded in the case and that coverage of legal cases is not appropriate for Western Today.

CHSS Constituent Concerns: Senator Kristin Denham (CHSS-SBS) introduced McNeel Jantzen (Linguistics), who presented two constituent concerns. The first was regarding the letter that was signed by faculty in support of student protesters, specifically regarding the provisions regarding the definition of antisemitism and partnerships with universities in Israel. The second was regarding costs incurred for required software by departments who elect to use Mac computers.

Constituent Concern Regarding Everett Program: Senator Dawna Drum (CBE) raised a constituent concern regarding faculty offices at Western's Everett location being notified that they would be moving to shared office spaces by the end of Spring Quarter in contrast with Western policy stating that faculty are entitled to a private office. Brad Johnson, Provost and Executive Vice President, stated that this was due to being notified by Washington State University, which owns the space where the Everett program is housed, that space made available to Western would need to be reduced. Sabah Randhawa, University President, reported that a long-term solution will need to be worked out to maintain the Everett Program comfortably, and that Western does not plan to phase out the Everett program at this time.

Senators adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Faculty Senate – ROSTER 2023-24

VOTING ATTENDEES			NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Faculty members			Student members (if applicable)	
Troy Abel	CENV, UEPP	x	Gabe Wong, AS Senate President	x
Charles Anderson	CHSS-HUM, History	--		
Evan Mueller	CFPA, Theatre & Dance	x	Standing Committees	
Tim Bruce	Graduate School	x	Eva Gil, SLC Chair	
Xiaofeng Chen	CBE, Decision Sciences	--	Bidisha Biswas, Leg Representative	x
Liz Chen	CSE, Math	x	Allison Giffen, Budget Representative	
Kristen Chmielewski	CHSS-SBC, HDD	x	Derek Moscato, ATC Chair	
Catherine Clark	CSE, Chemistry	--	Jennifer Seltz, OCE Chair	
Sondra Cuban*	WCE, HCS	x	Shevell Thibou, CUE Chair	
Kristin Denham	CHSS-HUM, Linguistics	x	Kristi Tyran, ACC Chair	x
Dawna Drum	CBE, Accounting	x	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
Brandon Dupont*	At Large	x	Christopher Bianco, Council of Deans	x
Lindsay Foreman-Murray	WCE, Ed Leadership	x	Brad Johnson, Provost	x
Allison Giffen	CHSS-HUM, English	x	Peter Pihos, UFWW President	x
Jim Graham	CHSS-SBS, Psychology	x	Sabah Randhawa, President	x
Kameron Harris	CSE, Computer Science	--		
Ron Helms	CHSS-SBS, Sociology	x		
Erika McPhee-Shaw	CENV, ESCI	x		
Jeffrey Meier	CSE, Math	--		
Tesla Monson	CHSS-SBS, Anthropology	x		
Mark Peyron	CSE, Engineering & Design	x		
Clayton Pierce	Fairhaven	--		
Camilo Ponton*	CSE, Geology	x		
Jason Query	CBE, Economics	x	Recorder	
James Ray	CFPA, Music	x	Abby Peterson	x
Michael Slouber	CHSS-HUM, GHR	x	Guests	
Shevell Thibou*	Libraries	--	Becky Johnston, Faculty Senate	x
Derek Yip-Hoi	CSE, Engineering & Design	x	Jamie Lawson, Registrar's Office	x
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A	McNeel Jantzen, CHSS-Linguistics	x
WCE (VACANT)		N/A		
			Voting attendees	21
			Non-voting attendees	10
			TOTAL ATTENDEES	31

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6/3 Quorum – 12 (as of 5/30) - For purposes of electing officers

VOTING ATTENDEES			NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Faculty members			Student members (if applicable)	
Tim Bruce	Graduate School	x	Vacant	
Xiaofeng Chen	CBE, Decision Sciences	--	Standing Committees	
Liz Chen	CSE, Math	x	Eva Gil, SLC Chair	
Kristen Chmielewski	CHSS-SBC, HDD	x	Bidisha Biswas, Leg Representative	
Catherine Clark	CSE, Chemistry	--	Kristi Tyran, Budget Representative	
Jim Cooper	CSE, Biology	x	Derek Moscato, ATC Chair	
Sondra Cuban	WCE, HCS	x	Shawn Knabb, OCE Chair	
Dawna Drum	CBE, Accounting	x	Shevell Thibou, CUE Chair	
Lindsay Foreman-Murray	WCE, Ed Leadership	x	Melissa D'Eloia, ACC Chair	
Gabe Gossett	Libraries	--		
Jim Graham	CHSS-SBS, Psychology	x	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
Kameron Harris	CSE, Computer Science	--	Christopher Bianco, Council of Deans	
Ron Helms	CHSS-SBS, Sociology	x	Brad Johnson, Provost	
Erika McPhee-Shaw	CENV, ESCI	x	UFWW President	
Jeffrey Meier	CSE, Math	--	Sabah Randhawa, President	
Tesla Monson	CHSS-SBS, Anthropology	x		
Evan Mueller	CFPA, Theatre & Dance	x		
Mark Peyron	CSE, Engineering & Design	x		
Clayton Pierce	Fairhaven	--		
Camilo Ponton	CSE, Geology	x		
Jason Query	CBE, Economics	x		
James Ray	CFPA, Music	x		
Michael Slouber	At-Large	x		
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A	Recorder	
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A	Abby Peterson	
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A		
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A	Becky Johnston, Faculty Senate	
CHSS-HUM (VACANT)		N/A	McNeel Jantzen, CHSS-Linguistics	
WCE (VACANT)		N/A		
CENV (VACANT)		N/A		
			Voting attendees	17