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## Official Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting 10/28/2024

### **Call To Order and Approval of Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Senate President Michael Slouber called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 8, 2024, ACC minutes and October 14, 2024, Faculty Senate minutes were approved by consent.

### **Reports and Announcements**

#### **Michael Slouber, *Senate President*, reported:**

- The Board of Trustees approved the Ad Hoc Committee on Socially Responsible Investing (ACSRI) charter with some Senate feedback included, but no addition to the number of student representatives to the ACSRI.
- The first Building Community Through Difficult Conversations was a success. Conversation partners for the Winter and Spring sessions are needed.
- Jacqueline Hughes, Executive Director of the Office of Equity, is forming an ADEI council and would like a representative from the Faculty Senate to serve on this informal advisory group.
- The Senate Outreach and Continuing Education Committee has been asked to look into the issues of Senate and union representation for OCE faculty.
- The issue of student software having AI turned on by default while the Academic Honesty Policy is for students to not use AI by default has been referred to the Academic Technology Committee.

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

- Remarks were deferred until the budget discussion later in the agenda.

#### **Vicki Hsueh, *UFWW President* reported:**

- UFWW Executive Committee will discuss representation for OCE faculty.
- UFWW Executive Committee will also discuss AI issues, including faculty use of AI.

- UFWW is engaged in the CBA process with respect to reductions in force, including feasible alternatives to program reductions.

**Tesla Monson, Deputy Faculty Senate Budget Representative, reported:**

- The first Faculty Senate Budget Representative [blog post](#) is live on the Faculty Senate website.

**Moose Abou-Harb, AS Senate President, reported:**

- Student senators have been assigned to Faculty Senate committees.

## **Action Items**

- **Certification of New Senators and Senate Committee members:**
  - Johann Neem, Appointments and Elections Officer, made a motion to approve the appointment of Ed Love (CBE) to the WWU Patent and Copyright Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.
  - Johann Neem made a motion to approve the appointment of Hart Hodges (CBE) to the Committee on Undergraduate Education. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.
  - Johann Neem made a motion to approve the appointment of Paul Stangl (CENV) to Faculty Senate. The motion was seconded. During discussion, student concerns about the appointment were raised. The motion failed by a secret ballot vote of four yes, eleven no, five abstentions, three non-voting (Zoom).

**Academic Standing (Scholarship Standards) Policy Revision:** A motion was made by Senate Vice-President/President-Elect Erika McPhee-Shaw to approve the proposed revision to the Academic Standing Policy for non-matriculating students, and was seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 22 yes, one abstention.

**PEJ Task Force Revised Charge:** A motion was made by Senate Secretary Camilo Ponton to approve the proposed revision to the PEJ Task Force charge, and was seconded. A friendly amendment by James Ray was offered and unanimously adopted to modify the charge as follows:

To evaluate the proposed revisions to the General Education Requirements (GUR) recommended by CUE in 2021, the task force is charged **with forming recommendations on the following:**

- a) whether to move forward with GUR revisions for PEJ,
- b) how best to move forward, and
- c) a timeline to move forward (if relevant).

A report with recommendations will be submitted to ACC by April 1, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

**Legislative Update:** Nora Selander, WWU Director of Government Relations, Provided a presentation regarding legislative priorities. There were several questions and subsequent discussion regarding per-student funding and a question for the Provost regarding ERP concerns.

**University Budget:** Brad Johnson, Provost and Executive Vice-President, followed up with [information regarding two issues](#) raised at the October 14 Senate meeting regarding bonds and debt service and principal and interest expense recognized (cash flow picture). A question was asked about how to communicate to constituents. The Provost referenced reduction in base dollars and protection of the academic mission, student services, and enrollment and recruitment. He said that he is looking to strategic structural solutions and a 10-year horizon. A concern was raised that tying resource allocation to enrollment is a race to the bottom. The Provost responded that the idea is to find middle ground and that students take classes in robust and predictable ways in their first few years. Some programs are under enrollment pressure. He is talking with deans and chairs about how to do formal program reviews. Additional questions and concerns included the use of market value terminology and separation of faculty versus staff in budget reductions. There will be continued discussion on the University budget at the November 12 Senate meeting.

## **Items from the Floor**

**Vandalism at Old Main:** Holly Folk (CHSS-GHR) presented and read a [statement](#) regarding a vandalism incident that occurred last week. She requested follow up regarding campus notification procedures and disclosure of similar events.

## **Adjournment**

Senators adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**Faculty Senate Attendance  
10/28/2024**

Voting Members			Non-Voting Members		
Tim Bruce	Graduate School	x	Moose Abou-Harb	AS Senate President	x
Xiaofeng Chen	CBE-Decision Sciences	--	Sabah Randhawa	President	--
Catherine Clark	CSE-Chemistry	x	Brad Johnson	Provost	x
Jim Cooper	CSE-Biology	x	Christopher Bianco	Council of Deans	x
Sondra Cuban	WCE-HCS	x	Vicki Hsueh	UFWW President	x
Dawna Drum	CBE-Accounting	x			
Maria Timmons Flores	WCE-Elem Ed	x	<b>Committee Chairs and Senate Representatives</b>		
Lindsay Foreman-Murray	WCE-Ed Leadership	x	Bidisha Biswas	Legislative Rep	x
Yanara Friedland	Fairhaven	x	Kristi Tyran	Budget Rep	--
Ramadha Piyadi Gamage	CSE-Math	--	Melissa D'Eloia	ACC	x
Gabe Gossett	Libraries	x	Derek Moscato	ATC	--
Kameron Harris	CSE-Computer Science	x	Shevell Thibou	CUE	--
Ernest Hartwell	CHSS-HUM-LLC	x	Vacant	CUP	--
Ron Helms	CHSS-SBS-Sociology	x	Madeline Kelly	SLC	--
Erika McPhee-Shaw	CENV-ESCI	x	Shawn Knabb	SOCEC	--
Jeffrey Meier	CSE-Math	x			
Tesla Monson	CHSS-SBS-Anthro	x	<b>Recorder</b>		
Johann Neem	CHSS-HUM-History	x	Becky Johnston	Faculty Senate	x
Mark Peyron	CSE-Engineering & Design	x			
Camilo Ponton	CSE-Geology	x	<b>Guests</b>		
Steven Garfinkle	CBE-Economics	x	Holly Folk	CHSS-GHR	x
James Ray	CFPA-Music	x	Shelli Soto	Enrollment and Student Services	x
Anne Riggs	CHSS-SBS-Psychology	x	Nora Selander	Government Relations	x
Michael Slouber	At Large (President)	x			
Nick Washburn	CHSS-SBS-HHD	--			
Dennis Whitcomb	CHSS-HUM-Philosophy	--			
Greg Youmans	CHSS-HUM-English	x			
Stephanie Gomez	CHSS-HUM-Jou/Com	x			
	CENV-UEPP				
Vacant	CFPA				

<b>Voting Attendees</b>	25	<b>Non-Voting Attendees</b>	10	<b>Total Attendees</b>	<b>35</b>
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