

**West Chester University of PA  
Faculty Senate  
2009/2010  
March 4, 2010 Full Assembly Minutes**

**Members Present: *designated by an X***

Alessandria, Tina	<i>X</i>	Kelly, Leonard	<i>Proxy, L. Staruch</i>
Bean, Nadine	<i>Proxy, T. Alessandria</i>	Leonard, Robin	<i>Proxy, T. Morgan</i>
Bill, Debra	<i>Proxy, T. Morgan</i>	Li, Amy	<i>Proxy, O. Kara</i>
Boyle, Michael	<i>Proxy, D. Polk</i>	Means, Jennifer	<i>Absent</i>
Brown, Eleanor	<i>X</i>	Metz, Stacie	<i>Proxy, T. Morgan</i>
Chilcote, Kathryn	<i>Absent</i>	Morgan, Tanya	<i>X</i>
Cooke, Lynne	<i>Proxy, J. Hutton</i>	Murphy, Corinne	<i>X</i>
Cressler, Walter	<i>X</i>	Norris, Bruce	<i>Absent</i>
DeHope, Eli	<i>X</i>	Onderdonk, Julian	<i>X</i>
Dobrzelewski, J. C.	<i>X</i>	Polk, Denise	<i>X</i>
Garthwait, Clayton	<i>X</i>	Sharpe, Heather	<i>Absent</i>
Ghetie, Dora	<i>X</i>	Shivde, Geeta	<i>X</i>
Gilboy, Mary Beth	<i>Proxy, T. Morgan</i>	Smith, Paul K.	<i>Absent</i>
Haggard, Cynthia	<i>X</i>	Staruch, Liz	<i>X</i>
Halko, Gabrielle	<i>X</i>	Stiefel, Van	<i>Absent</i>
Heinerichs, Scott	<i>X</i>	Verden, Claire	<i>Proxy, C. Murphy</i>
Hutton, Jane	<i>X</i>	Wandry, Donna	<i>Proxy, C. Murphy</i>
Kara, Orhan	<i>X</i>	Winterton, Sally	<i>Proxy, T. Alessandria</i>
	<b>Richardson, Shayna, Student Gov't</b>		<i>Absent</i>

Faculty Senate Meeting, Thursday 03/04/2010

Dr. Tim Lutz of the Geology/Astronomy department was our guest to speak about WCU sustainability initiatives. He was recently appointed by President Weisenstein as the University's first Sustainability Coordinator (6 hrs. AWA, paid by President's Initiative Fund). During this spring 2010 semester, Dr. Lutz will be evaluating the current sustainability efforts at WCU: what are we doing and how are we assessing what we do, how budgeting is done and can be done, and future planning for sustainability. He has been meeting with, and collecting input from, various groups and offices throughout the University as well as communicating with Public Relations to facilitate dissemination of information. Reflecting the change in terminology from environmental to sustainable, the University group formerly called the "Environmental Council" is now the "Sustainability Advisory Council" (SAC) and provides input and support for the Sustainability Coordinator. Dr. Lutz noted that in June 2007 "sustainability" was added a sub-goal of the WCU Responsiveness transformation, which has helped to emphasize its importance to persons at all levels of responsibility throughout the University.

Dr. Lutz described his personal conversion to sustainability which came about through his geology discipline and interest in environmental problems related to rocks, soil, water, etc. As he himself became more aware of the interconnections, he began to incorporate these ideas into his teaching. He pointed out that sustainability is not just about technology - energy generation, light bulbs, and so forth – but about how we manage our lives and the values we

use to inform our decisions. The website for sustainability at WCU is now <http://www.wcugreen.org> but the URL may change.

Interested Senators can help support WCU sustainability efforts in any of these ways:

- Spread the word and increase awareness
- Participate on the Sustainability Advisory Council (more members are desired: contact Dr. Lutz)
- Sign up for the mailing list (again, contact Dr. Lutz)
- Generate ideas to incorporate awareness of sustainability into academic courses
- As a group, Senate could provide input into policy and/or ideas about how to accomplish real change aligned with the Sustainability Transformation.

As a final note, Earth Week (April 17-24) will be celebrated at WCU: if you have a student project or research that fits in, please contact Dr. Lutz.

#### Senate Business Meeting

- Minutes of the February 5, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
- General announcements
  - Student Welfare Committee (Ellie Brown, Chair) has been working on a training program to support students with emotional issues. The program, "West Chester University Campus Allies Regarding Emotions of Students (WCU CARES)" will have its debut on Wednesday March 31, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Senators are invited to attend and provide input. A suggestion was made to publicize this through the Academic Advising Committee when it is ready for more widespread participation.
  - Eli DeHope reported that her upcoming scheduled meetings with President Weisenstein are March 24 and April 21, with a campus leadership meeting on April 26.
- Eli reported on the meeting of the Senate Executive Committee with Dr. Darla Spence Coffey, Associate Provost. At this meeting Dr. Coffey offered to provide continuing linkage and communication between Senate and other University working groups (committees, organizations, etc.) in order to identify areas of common concern.
- Revision of Senate Mission Statement. Senators discussed improved wording for mission statement and the following revision was approved:

**The mission of the Faculty Senate at West Chester University is to ensure classroom and non-classroom faculty involvement in the shared governance of the institution. A forum for advocating and evaluating institutional policy and related matters affecting the welfare of the University, the Faculty Senate is committed to fostering a climate that promotes the growth and development of faculty and students.**

- Senate representation on campus organizations
  - Existing Representation:
    1. Campus Climate Committee: Senator Tanya Morgan  
Dr. Coffey has been leading the committee, which is designing a survey on campus climate.
    2. Crisis Intervention Team: Senator Eli DeHope  
The work of this group may be winding up this year.
    3. Threat Assessment Team Training: Senator Ellie Brown
  - Representation approved; need Senator for each. Please email Eli DeHope if you are interested in representing the Faculty Senate on the following committees. (Senators who serve as Chair of a group are not eligible.)

- 4. Faculty Mentoring Committee
- 5. New Faculty Orientation Committee
- 6. LGBTQA
- 7. Campus Climate Intervention Team
- 8. Sustainability Advisory Council: Senator Walt Cressler volunteered.
- o Eli DeHope is still in communication/awaiting response from the following:
  - 9. Mental Health Awareness
  - 10. University Budget Committee (Eli will speak with President Weisenstein.)
  - 11. University Forum (they are considering it at meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
This is the programming group for CCIT.
  - 12. Council of Trustees  
Senator would attend meetings, not hold any official membership.
  - 13. Multicultural Faculty Commission
  - 14. ADA Commission: Senator Clayton Garthwait volunteered.
  - 15. Social Equity Advisory Board: still pursuing whether it is extant.
  - 16. Space Allocation Committee: also still pursuing status.
  - 17. Employee Health & Wellness Committee
- What next? How are Senate committees linked with representation on University-wide groups?  
With these questions in mind, we examined our current committee structures and proposed that future Senate committees should be:
  - 1. **Membership and By-Laws**
  - 2. **Faculty Welfare and Ethics**  
links to University groups:
    - a. Faculty Mentoring
    - b. New Faculty Orientation
  - 3. **Student Welfare**  
links to University group:
    - a. CCIT
  - 4. **Communication**  
This committee should focus on marketing the Senate. Ideas included Senators requesting time at departmental meetings to report and solicit feedback/input; creating a survey to solicit input; Senate meeting reminder sent via email should invite any faculty member to attend.
- Senators were reminded of upcoming elections.
  - o Van Stiefel will email the Senators whose terms expire this year. Please nominate yourself if you are interested in running again.
  - o Officer nominations will also be requested via email and voting will take place at the April Senate meeting.
- Eli DeHope will send email to all Senators, soliciting liaisons to University committees.
- Proposed agenda for April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:
  - o Dr. Darla Spence Coffey re: CCIT
  - o Election Results
  - o Election of Executive Committee
  - o Senate committees: membership and purposes

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Hutton  
Recording Secretary  
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