

**WCU Faculty Senate 2005/2006**  
**April 7, 2006, Full Assembly Minutes**

**Members Present:** Tom Andrews, President, Presiding (also proxy for Orhan Kara) – Tina Alessandria (proxy for Tanya Morgan), Jay Azorlosa (proxy for Lauri Hyers), Nadine Bean (proxy for Janet Lacey), Wei Wei Cai, Emilia Garofalo, Cynthia Haggard, Susan Johnston, John Kennedy (proxy for Yury Polsky), Stephen Marvin (proxy for Jane Hutton), Tom Mastrilli, Randy McVey (proxy for Tanya Roberts and Dian Williams), Karen Nolan, Mark Rimple, Cheer-sun Yang, and Peter Zimmer (proxy for Paul Smith)

- I. Elections to the Executive Committee:
  - President – Cynthia Haggard
  - Vice President – Nadine Bean
  - Recording Secretary – Eli DeHope
  - Corresponding Secretary – Julian Onderdonk
  - At-Large Representatives – Dee Bill and Jane Hutton
  - Immediate Past President – Tom Andrews
  
- II. Announcements from President
  - A. has one more meeting with President Adler for the year
  - B. Tom Andrews, Nadine Bean, Steve Marvin and Mark Rimple met with the Presidential Evaluation Committee and gave the president a favorable review.
  
- III. Strategic Planning and Research Committee (SPRC, aka Plan for Excellence)
  - A. Report by Giovanni Casotti, Biology
  - B. There are twelve members on the SPRC.
  - C. Mission is to make sure that the Plan for Excellence is being adhered to.
  - D. Also, to make sure that the criteria on which Middle States Accreditation rests are being met.
  - E. Working on fifth year, Periodic Review Report to Middle States – available on [www.wcupa.edu/prr](http://www.wcupa.edu/prr) (in PDF format)
  - F. Faculty Senators can provide feedback via 2006 Survey – please put in campus mail to either Mary Ann Hammond (Student Affairs) or Peter Loedel (Political Science)
  - G. All faculty members that apply for internal funding need to address how the proposed project will support the Strategic Plan, especially the Five Transformations. For example, if a faculty member publishes a scholarly work, they increase human capital.
  - H. Question asked by Tom Andrews – Is SPRC connected to TeP? – Answer: Not formally, but if a faculty member is applying for tenure and/or promotion, then s/he should include the department’s Teacher/Scholar Model and how they are meeting the criteria for that model.
  - I. Question from Jay Azorlosa – Under human capital, the document states that there should be integration of teaching into scholarship – shouldn’t that be both ways, i.e. scholarship into teaching, as well?  
Answer: Comments should go to Susan Thimm, PRR Assistant Coordinator, Institutional Research, 809 Roslyn Avenue.

- IV. Co-Curricular Portfolios – What are they? Why should students develop them? Report by Tim Lutz
  - A. approximately 525 students enrolled in the program
  - B. has been around since '02 (under Student Success Transformation)
  - C. in '03, Presidential Initiative Grant awarded to hire a GA, trained to work with a pilot group of students
  - D. Plan to present 30 co-curricular portfolios (a supplement to official documents from the university such as transcript) at Student Leader Awards on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Sykes – all are welcome.
  - E. Unique to WCU student co-curricular portfolios – the element of reflection.
  - F. Co-curricular Portfolio Activity Categories (on 1-2 pages):
    - A. Leadership Experience
    - B. Paraprofessional Work Experience
    - C. Honors, Awards, & Recognition
    - D. Professional or Educational Development'
    - E. Participation in Student Organizations/ activities
    - F. Service Learning and Volunteer Experiences
    - G. Letter from Vice President for Student Affairs “certifying that info is accurate.
  - G. Need more faculty members to be involved in encouraging students to develop co-curricular portfolios.
  - H. Students can go to website: [www.wcupa.edu/ services/stu.portfolio](http://www.wcupa.edu/services/stu.portfolio)
  - I. Are in the process of evaluating effectiveness of the portfolios (especially the personal reflection piece) on potential employers.
  
- V. Minutes from February 23, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting
  - A. Under IV. – correct spelling of Giovanni Casotti’s name
  - B. Under V. – change “you’re” to “your”
  - C. Under VI. Mentoring Curriculum and Research Member “pilgrims” to “pioneers”
  - D. Under VIII – correct spelling of Emilia Garofalo’s name
  
- VI. University-wide Elections for Faculty Senate
  - A. Suffice to say – didn’t go as smoothly as planned
  - B. Tried to consolidate college nominees with “at large” nominees in the same nomination period
  - C. Original plan to have “At Large” Senator elections first
  - D. Need to look at constitution and by-laws of the WCU, Faculty Senate, especially rules and by-laws concerning nominations and elections.
  
- VII. Mel Josephs, Manager, SSI Bookstore – Report, Q & A
  - A. don’t know the future of traditional textbooks, as bookstores (including SSI) are not making \$’s with them
  - B. used books is where the market is – but don’t quite know how to increase used book inventory for SSI
  - C. have welcomed two new managers from Barnes and Noble: Chris Everly and Steve Mannela – contact them with problems!
  - D. have also hired outside consultant to examine where SSI is – currently, prices are below industry standard
  - E. Study packets are a bit pricey – because SSI strictly adheres to copyright laws
  - F. Order early – i.e. April 1 for fall '06!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nadine Bean, Recording Secretary, WCU Faculty Senate ‘05/’06.