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| WCU FACULTY SENATE MEETING | | Date: September 16, 2011 | |
| | | Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | |
| | | Location: FHG Library Room 613 | |
| Facilitator: | Julian Onderdonk, President | Type of meeting: | Scheduled Monthly Meeting |
| Note Taker: | Tanya Morgan, Recording Secretary | Misc. | |
| Attendees: | <p>Members: Tina Alessandria, Eleanor Brown, Walt Cressler, Eli DeHope, Dora Ghetie, Mary Beth Gilboy, Cynthia Haggard, Kelly Leonard, Gerardina Kenney, Kurt Kolasinski, Bessie Lee Lawton, Stacie Metz, Tanya Morgan, Larysa Nadolny, Viorel Nitica, Julian Onderdonk, Matthew Pielott, Israel Sanz-Sanchez, Heather Schugar, Heather Sharpe, Geeta Shivde, Van Stiefel, Sally Winterton, Bill Hanrahan – Student Representative</p> <p>Proxies: Dan Forbes for Eleanor Brown, Tom Seifried for J.C. Dobrzelewski, ??? for Robin Leonard, Tara Guerriero for Corinne Murphy, Stacie Metz for Paul Smith, Len Kelly for Liz Staruch, Tara Guerrino for Claire Verden</p> <p>Absent: Debra Bill, Lynne Cooke, Scott Heinerichs, Kara Orhan Huimin Li, Jennifer Means</p> <p>Guest:</p> | | |
| Please read: | Minutes | | |
| Please bring: | Agenda | | |
| AGENDA ITEMS | | | |
| Topic | Discussion | | Action |
| ✓ Welcome to and introduction of new and old Senate members | | | |
| ✓ Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Weisenstein's "State of the University" address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18% cut results in 8.5 million dollars less ○ Tuition rose significantly (7.5% increase); tech fee alone raised \$58. Probably Governor Corbett with introduce more cuts this year ○ Big thrust by President – press privatization ○ It was felt that state policies impede progress on campus at times ○ Patents for research have been a problem in the past and efforts are being made to change this through legislation and regulation changes. ○ Fund raising is also impeded by these barriers ○ Pushing for more winter study ○ Distance Ed on his barometer, research indicates learning outcomes are superior ○ Enrollments are increased. 600+ students on campus this year ○ Advertising blitz, TV spots on CBS, CW, theme with similar music, etc. emphasizes WCU quality; Eli Silberman is the one that came up with the ads ○ Raising 10 million dollars a year to look at alternative source of funding; grants and contracts, increases in ability and capacity | | |
| ✓ Associate VP for Academic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An email was received from the Provost's office asking to reduce the numbers of members on this committee after | | Julian will send an email asking for a |

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| Administration Search | Gerardina Kenney and Bessie Lawton had volunteered to serve. The letter indicated a need for a committee member in CVPA, EDUC, HSC, or Bus and Public Affairs. Julian had asked about doubling up on duty. For instance, if a senator was already serving on the committee they could serve in their current position and also as a senator. | volunteer from CVPA, EDUC, HSC, Bus and Public Affairs |
| ✓ Academic Planning Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Geeta Shivde has agreed to serve on this committee. Lisa Milhous and Cliff Johnson (APSCUF) said they were invited in the summer and had concerns. Since then they have learned the Provost's meeting is to create guidelines. This committee came up in Strategic Planning because it could have an impact in this area. | Geeta Shivde will provide an update for Faculty Senate after she attends the first meeting. |
| ✓ Retrenchment Task Force | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APSCUF started taskforce of WCU members intended to build bridges with other PASSHE universities and begin to develop strategies for communicating with faculty and administration. Asked for the letter to be rescinded that said retrenchment is possible, put it on the table. Task force is meeting because of concern. | |
| ✓ Old Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of the April 15, 2011 minutes approved by Van Steifel, seconded by Cynthia Haggard ○ Campus Climate has scheduled an October 12 Town Meeting and will introduce two faculty that are involved in strategic planning. | |
| ✓ New Business – Senate By-Laws Revision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senate By-Laws Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Major revision areas ○ Haven't been ratified since 1990s ○ Obviously, things have changed and there is a need to clarify things that are done in practice such as attendance policy, committee work, and clarifying duties of the executive committee. ○ The revisions will be presented in the Oct meeting in PPT format. ○ Members will be asked to look at it between the Nov and Dec meeting. Will be discussed at Dec meeting. Hopefully have final vote before the end of the academic year in the spring. ○ Entire faculty could give feedback, but final vote will be from senate. Van moves that the bylaws are only ratified by the senate, Eli seconds this. ○ Julian mentioned Faculty Senate archives and interesting documents from the 60s – 80s. Bylaws kept getting whittled down and then reduced down to the senate. ○ Cynthia supports Van's motion, we were elected and we represent the faculty body. 2011-2012 meetings and proposed topics/presentations ○ All members approved the motion that the bylaws be ratified by the senate. | <p>Faculty Senate By-Laws Revision PPT presentation scheduled for Oct 2011 meeting.</p> <p>Members will be asked to review the By-Laws revision between the Nov and Dec meeting</p> <p>The By-Laws revision will be discussed at the Dec meeting.</p> <p>Faculty Senate approved the motion that the faculty senate will ratify the By-Law revisions.</p> |
| ✓ 2011-2012 meetings and topics/presentations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st meeting (9/16) – Working meeting, first committee meetings ○ 2nd meeting (10/20) – APSCUF (contract)?; President's Strategic Plan (Eli deHope); By-Laws revision presentation ○ 3rd meeting (12/2) – Provost's visit ○ 4th meeting (2/3) – Jen Bunk, Psychology Dept, Workplace Civility ○ 5th meeting (3/8) – ○ 6th meeting (4/20) – President's visit; officer elections | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Possible presentation topics??? ▪ Sustainability in the classroom ▪ Jen Bunk and workplace civility (Cortie Ervin “bullying” concern 9/10) ▪ Dee Giardina/Facilities for update on WCU sustainability efforts ▪ Previous exec meeting ideas: Wayne Handley (summer school \$); sponsored research (Dr. Mike); ▪ Other ideas? | |
| ✓ Committee Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Senators were asked to sign up for a committee o Committees will be required to meet outside Faculty Senate meetings | Sign up for a committee |
| ✓ Committee Tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It was recommended that the agenda, mission and goals are set early on in the academic year with a rough timetable to accomplish the goals. A form has been provided by Julian that was used in the past for this purpose. o Communication—Sharepoint education and implementation o Faculty Welfare—Advertising Academic affairs cheating mechanism already in place; Faculty bullying [Ervin/Tina]; Children’s Center “business plan”? o Student Welfare-- Student Mental Health/WCU Cares funding; Notification of cancelled classes?; Student veterans? o Membership & By-Laws--Senate presentation; Ratifying By-Laws o Facilities and Sustainability--meeting w/ Dee Giardina?; Senate presentation about recycling o Other ideas for these? (Pressing issues uncovered by Campus Climate liaisons a starting point, for example?) | Each committee has been asked to complete the form indicating the agenda, mission, and goals. This should be forwarded to Julian. |
| ✓ Committee Membership | <p>Faculty Welfare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Co-chairs Present: Stacie Metz, Robin Leonard (proxy present) o Members Present: Corinne Murphy, Claire Verden, Leonard Kelly, Tanya Morgan, Israel Sanz-Sanchez, Matt Pierlott, Bessie Lawton, Cynthia Haggard, Sally Winterton <p>Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chair: Eli DeHope o Members: Larysa Nadolny, Van Stiefel, Liz Staruch, <p>Facilities and Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chair: Heather Sharpe o Members: Walt Cressler, Kurt Kolasinski, Heather Schugar <p>Student Welfare:</p> <p>Membership and By-Laws:</p> | Faculty Senators signed up for committees during the meeting |
| ✓ Other Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discuss the possibility of scheduling a meeting with Lisa Milhous (new local APSCUF chief) about Senate-APSCUF “partnership” o The Faculty Senate President may want to provide an overview of accomplishments (a type of a State of the Senate) at the beginning of the Fall semester so that there is a continuity of what has been accomplished from one semester to another. | |

NEXT MEETING**Day and
Time:**Thursday, October 20, 2011
3:00 – 5:00 pm**Topics:**Review Committee Tasks for 2011- 2012
By-Laws Revision
Academic Planning Committee**Please
read/bring:**Sept 16 Faculty Senate Minutes
Oct 20 Faculty Senate Agenda