

Minutes of the Meeting of 17 October 2000

Faculty Senate 2000-2001

Full Assembly: Friday, 17 October 2000

Attending: Thomas Andrews, Nancy Artus, Arvid Bloom, Deanne Bonifazi (also serving as proxy for Vanessa Johnson), L.K. Miller (proxy for Lynn Carson and Robin Garrett), Darla Spence Coffey, George Drake, Paul Emmons, Frank Fry, Peter Glidden, Felix Goodson, Cynthia Haggard, Yoko Hashimoto-Sinclair, Allan Hill, Lisa Kirschenbaum, Peter Loedel, Robert Maggio, Sheri Melton, Brian O'Neill, Judith Ray, Paul Smith, Dick Swain, Maria Van Liew, Tom Winters, Stephani Yorges.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order circa 3:20 p.m.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the 9/22/00 meeting were approved without revision.

Plan For Excellence: Gopal Sankaran, Co-Chair of the WCU Strategic Planning and Accreditation Council (SPAC), gave a brief presentation of the highlights of the University's new 5 year strategic plan. The new "Plan for Excellence" supplants the preceding plan WCU 2000 which has expired and is a part of the Middlestates accreditation process. Some of the major changes in the new plan are:

- A Vision Statement which will serve as rudder when the University is forced to adapt to changes in its external or internal environment.
- Shorter Mission statement.
- The new plan emphasizes the following:
 1. Responsiveness
 2. Student Success
 3. Diversity
 4. Human Capital
 5. Resourcefulness

Comments can be delivered to Gopal at Gsankaran@wcupa.edu

General Education: Mary Brewster reviewed the changes that are likely to be made to the general education plan. The Proposal is due to go before CAPC in November. The new plan resembles the old plan with the following changes:

- An added speech communication requirement COM 108,208,216, 230
- The addition of some kind of health and wellness component to the PEA requirement

- An added "Diverse Community" course requirement. These courses will relate to gender, race or class issues.
- One of the three required writing emphasis courses will be at the 300 or 400 level and within the major.
- There will be a technology component determined by each department.
- The plan will be reduced from 51 to 48 credits.

The core courses that received so much attention earlier in the year will not become part of the new Gen Ed program. Lack of qualified faculty was a major concern. Any comments can be directed to Mary Brewster at Mbrewster@wcupa.edu. Please indicate in your message whether she should share your comments with the rest of the committee.

Announcement: Committee reports will be due at the next Senate meeting. (Friday, November 31st)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at around 4:30 by mutual agreement