

Faculty Senate Agenda
Thursday, 10/25, 3-5pm
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Name of Senator	Signature of Senator	If Proxy – Please Print your Name – <i>Thanks!</i>
Alessandria, Tina	X	
Atuahene, Francis	X	
Bowen, Brian	X	
Brenner, Jim	X	
Brown, Ellie (<i>President</i>)	X	
Cattano, Nicole		
Cooke, Lynne		
Dannessa, Karen	X	
DeHope, Eli (<i>Recording Secretary</i>)	X	
Gagne, Marc	X	
Gatenby, Tanya (<i>Vice President</i>)		Christine Karpinski
Gibbs, Jennifer	X	
Gilboy, Mary Beth	X	
Haggard, Cynthia		Jane Kenney
Kara, Orhan	X	
Kenney, Gerardina L.	X	
Kenney, Jane	X	
Kolasinski, Kurt (<i>At Large</i>)		
Lawton, Bessie Lee	X	
Li, Huimin (Amy)	X	
Metz, Stacie (<i>At Large</i>)	X	
Nadolny, Larysa		
Nitica, Viorel	X	
Olesen, Bradley	X	
Onderdonk, Julian H. (<i>Immed. Past President</i>)	X	
Pierlott, Matthew	X	
Reighley, Kim		
Sanz-Sanchez, Israel		
Schugar, Heather R		William Nessly
Schugar, Jordan	X	
Scythes, James	X	
Shivde, Geeta (<i>Corresponding Sec.</i>)	X	
Smith, Paul K.	X	
Staruch, Liz	X	
Stewart, Kate		Pat Newland
Stiefel, Van	X	
Williams, Christine	X	
Winterton, Sally		

3pm

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Ellie reminded Senators to find proxies in case you cannot attend a meeting

3:10pm

- Consideration of April and September Senate Meeting Minutes
 - April Minutes – *approved*
 - September Minutes – *approved with forthcoming addition of Sustainability report*

3:15pm

- Discussion of “Changing Landscape of Higher Education”
 - The article Ellie sent out (*Changing Landscape of Higher Education*) was the basis of discussion amongst the Senators. Senators discussed how the trends

in higher education will impact our University. Discussion also focused on if the Senate should do additional research on the trends in Higher Ed in order to send them on to the Provost and President.

- The Senate will keep in mind an idea of researching the trends in higher education to examine a more balanced sense of the trends

3:30pm

- Service Learning Presentation (Guests Martin Helmke, Service Learning Faculty Associate, and Jodi Roth, Director of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs) – **A copy of the presentation is posted on the Faculty Senate website.**
 - The presentation provided an overview of service learning, how it is done on campus and how valuable it is for the students and the University.
 - In 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012 WCU received the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for our commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement
 - In 2010 WCU was classified as a Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Associate – only 3% of Colleges and University received this classification.
 - Last academic years almost 300,000 student hours of service learning were provided with 3600 students participating.
 - The Work Group is going to look more in-depth to see the impact of service learning on students over the long run

3:45pm

- Discussion of Potential Business Items
 - Morale surrounding APSCUF negotiations – Ellie reviewed some of the recent events and negotiation details. One of the issues being asked of the Senate was to address the morale surrounding APSCUF negotiations. For example, we could highlight the value of temporary faculty members so that students and the public can understand the issues better.
 - Senators discussed the mood of the faculty and students in reaction to the negotiations and recent events.
 - Cheryl Wanko attended this Senate Meeting and she had written the letter to the Quad and is asking for other ways to reach the students about the negotiations.
 - A sign-up sheet was circulated and Ellie asked for volunteers to work on this area – she will coordinate with APSCUF.
 - “Keeping Tuition Affordable” legislation – Rep Roae introduced this legislation which promotes ideas that reflects a very different way of operating at WCU or a PASSHE system university. Senators discussed whether we should address this or not – the Provost and APSCUF is thinking that we should put together information on the results of Sabbaticals and how valuable they are to the larger profession or community.
 - Ellie circulated a sign-up sheet to work on this area.
 - Link to Rep Roae's website - http://www.reproae.com/tuition_affordable.aspx
 - Governor Corbett's Advisory Commission on Postsecondary Education – Gov. Corbett has created this commission but most of the members are from business. The Chancellor is also on the commission. The President is asking that we should consult the Chancellor if we want to monitor this commission.
 - Ellie will follow up with the Chancellor to seek out more information on this Commission.
 - Link to website - <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pde-acpse/20753>

- Bullying Bill – has recently been introduced. Discussion focused on whether we should look into this bill to see how it will affect Universities. We will monitor it through the Student Welfare Committee but not take any action at this time.
- WCU Strategic Plan – recent email asking students to recommend measures that would assist with implementing and monitoring the strategic plan. The Academic area would be the most important area to respond to.
 - A sign-up sheet was sent around to have Senators commit to examine the Strategic Plan and provide ideas or recommendations for measures for the Strategic Plan

4:15pm

- Senate Updates
 - Update on 2012-13 Administrative Initiatives
 - Associate Vice President of Sponsored Research Search
 - Kurt Kolasinski is serving from the Senate on this Search Committee
 - Campus Climate Liaisons
 - Updates from Current Liaisons
 - LGBTQA – support groups have been created for students of color who are also LGBTQA
 - University Forum –
 - \$ will be available for grants
 - a grant writing workshop will be held soon
 - Mental Health Awareness Committee – coordinates the MH activities on campus. If you know of an event, please let Kate Pawlowski to put it on the calendar – the calendar can be found on the Social Equity website
 - Sara Bininkasa – comedian – was on campus October 3rd.
 - Other liaison reports are forthcoming
 - Schedule of Upcoming Meetings
 - Friday Dec 7th 2-4pm (Guest L. Lamwers, Provost)
 - Thurs Feb 7th 3-5pm
 - Friday March 15th 2-4pm (Guest G. Weisenstein, President)
 - Thursday April 25th 3-5pm (Officer Elections)

4:30pm

- Senate Committees
 - Senate Committees met briefly to review their issues
 - Reports from Committee Chairs

2012-2013 Committee: Faculty Welfare & Ethics

Chair: Stacie Metz

Members: Corinne Murphy, Leonard Kelly, Tanya Gatenby, Israel Sanz-Sanchez, Matt Pierlott, Bessie Lawton, Cynthia Haggard, Sally Winterton, Liz Staruch, Paul Smith, Orhan Kara, Tina Alessandria, Nicole Cattano, Mary Beth Gilboy (fill in chair for subcommittee meeting)

Committee Project Assignments	Members	Project Goals/Objectives	Workplan and Milestone Dates
Qualitative Data Analysis Need Assessment (Follow-up from AY2011-2012)	All – Metz and Alessandria as leads	Continue to advocate for NVivo software full university network license	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metz followed up with Debbie McMullan (Technology Project Specialist, Information Technology/ACS) – she is currently checking on (1) the status of the NVivo software full university network license effort and what mechanism/procedure Metz can follow to request it from the administration, and (2) how to provide access to Mac faculty users 2. <u>Survey Creation On-Hold</u>: Place second faculty survey via Survey Monkey on hold for now; it would assess: (1) number of faculty who hold interest in qualitative data analysis and are Mac users, (2) number of faculty who teach qualitative research methods, which classes, and number of students (undergrad/grad) who are serviced, (3) number of thesis/research projects using qualitative research
Distance Education	All	Advocate for distance education issue clarification and training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Identify a list of possible issues concerning distance education</u> for Metz and another subcommittee member to discuss with Office of Distance Education, CAPC, and APSCUF (after the negotiations are complete) before authoring a letter to administration; will start by meeting with Distance Education Patricia Brander and Dr. Rui Li following contract negotiations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) SRIS evaluation of distance education courses (2) encouragement vs. requirement to reformat into distance education (3) appropriateness of converting all courses to distance education (4) quality impact (5) distance education in APSCUF contract – start-up \$2500 and money per student (6) what should be the maximum number of students? (7) concern over whether a course may be created by an outside entity and faculty just teach that course as given or courses created at WCU taken to other schools (8) adequate technological resources and support on campus and off campus (at business center for example) (9) with additional off-campus locations, how will these be serviced for technology
Faculty Workload	All	Advocate on faculty workload issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place issue on-hold due to contract negotiations
Sabbatical		Rationale for sabbatical	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To produce excellent research papers 2. To write textbooks for students to use in the future 3. For international collaboration and research 4. To carry out field research 5. RECOMMENDATION – check the sabbatical committee website for more ideas
Academic Integrity	All	To increase awareness of academic integrity issues with students/faculty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Israel and Stacie spoke about rehashing this issue since it is a concern we, as a committee, can have a concrete role in; hence, Metz will meet with Lori Bernotsky about what role our committee can have in producing additional educational resources for the website – see attached product Metz created for the MPH program on Academic Integrity

2012-2013 Committee: Student Welfare

ASSIGNMENTS, OBJECTIVES, AND WORK PLAN

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Children's Center	Jim Brenner, Chair Jennifer Gibbs Jane Kenney Francis Atuahene Jim Scythes	Continue advocating for Children's Center on WCU campus.	Met as a committee on 10/18/12. Francis & Jen worked to develop a survey to see if there is any student interest in reviving a children's center on WCU's campus. The survey is developed and will begin applying for IRB approval. Lisa Millhous (APSCUF) has cleared this survey. Upon IRB approval, the survey will be sent to entire student body via email utilizing SurveyMonkey.
Counseling Center waiting lists, etc.; coordination of care for students in need of services.	Jim Brenner, Chair Jennifer Gibbs Jane Kenney Francis Atuahene Jim Scythes Bradley Olesen	Explore this issue further.	Agreed to try to meet with Mary Ann Hammond and/or Julie Perone as a committee to see how we could support/assist/advocate for an improvement in these areas.
Other Faculty Senate work		-Morale surrounding contract negotiations; -"Keeping Tuition Affordable Legislation" (including bills to increase teaching loads, eliminate sabbaticals, etc.); -WCU strategic plan.	A number of Student Welfare committee members agreed to participate in ad hoc committees to explore these issues further.
Bullying Bill		Will investigate to see if this pending legislation has any impact on WCU and its students.	Will contact Dan Truitt's office (bill author) to gather more information on this legislation.

5pm

- Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Eli DeHope
Recording Secretary