**WCU Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Date:** October 30, 2014  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** FHG Library Room 613

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**Guests in Attendance:** Jane Tucker (proxy), Maureen McVeigh Trainor

### Agenda Items

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| Welcome to Senators, Proxies, and Guests (E. DeHope) | • Introduction of all Senate members, proxies, and guests  
• Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved; (J. Onderdonk motioned, seconded by E. Brown, all senators approved)  
• President DeHope described a brief history of Faculty Senate at WCU, focusing on campus climate. |        |
Dr. Chris Fiorentino, VP of External Operations; and Diane Greenwood, coordinator of Philadelphia campus

- Dr. Fiorentino offered a brief overview of Philadelphia site, 700 Market St. Programs currently in Philadelphia include: Criminal Justice, UG Social Work. Expansion being considered for other programs including Masters of Public Health, Nursing, and others.
- Diane handed out "Information for Faculty" handout and Orientation Packet for students.
- On-site services provided (ie., Bookstore, Library, etc.) during Orientation. Otherwise, addressed as needed.
- Tutors provided; full-time Program Counselor at Philadelphia.
- Offering services, but students aren't always available. Needs assessment was conducted. Career program being offered on a Sat. in November.
- Chris offered that full-time day courses are the plan. Degree completion programs are only programs being offered in Philadelphia. Students in Philadelphia are students that typically would not come to WCU main campus.

- Opened up to questions:
  - Dual enrolled with Gen Ed courses at community college (M. Goldfarb)
  - Students = 170 students; 470 class-seats.
  - High student retention; Financially, growing with opportunity to break-even.
  - Faculty (B. Lawson) Statement of Expectations? – faculty hired after certain date could be required to teach in Philadelphia, or they should not accept position.
  - C. Hagggard raised issues around tenure/promotion/etc. with faculty expected to teach in Philadelphia. Chris recognized issues around these and offered flexibility and continuing to develop strategies to address these?
  - Chris discussed other competitors offering programs at other colleges/universities.
  - Chris meets with faculty teaching in Philadelphia regularly to address concerns (ie., safety).
  - Diane addressed security and described one issue with security guard; there is a third party providing security (Allied Barton).
  - Video security? Diane and Chris were unsure. Security operation was set up by M. Bicking (WCU Public Safety director).
  - Faculty meeting w/ students? And offices? Chris addressed this by negotiating with other parties.
  - WCU currently has 4 offices, shared by Social Work field director and Program Counselor. Conference Room reserved every Tuesday as this is a heavy course evening. As we continue to grow, more space will be needed.
  - 22 classes currently in 10 total classrooms.
  - WCU in Philadelphia is in third year of a 5 year lease. No intention to abandon site. "Access mission" and high quality, affordable price presence. No longer an experiment, now part of the plan.
  - WCU Residency requirements and other academic requirements all apply to students at Philadelphia campus (S. Walz).
  - Student services overlap and issues (E. Brown) – Chris was unsure of some of these case by case problems and would check into this. Creating systems - Chris is trying to anticipate problems & issues recognizing they may exist. Many have been resolved as they came up. Please inform Chris and Diane of any ideas, suggestions, please let them know.
  - Better signage is being added and more/better signage has been approved.
  - Capacity could be considerably bigger. Three times larger according to Dr. Fiorentino.
  
Dr. Julie Perone, Chair, Dept. of Counseling & Psychological Services

- Introduction and handout materials (Counseling Ctr. Brochure; suicide prevention tips; PowerPoint slides).
  - Moved from Lawrence to Commonwealth Hall, Lower level (basement, little natural light). 8 full-time faculty in 1989; currently 7+ faculty will much larger enrollment. Can't provide much more services with current limitation/restriction in staffing.
- National (CCMH) Significant Mental Health History
  - Much of WCU's data is 'worse' than national data around mental health/suicide
  - Jan 2011 Counseling Ctr incorporated a 'triage' and 'short-term model'
  - More serious issues get referred off-campus.
- 2 very part-time Psychiatrists & trainee program. Would like to have a full-time case manager. Doing much more ‘Outreach’. Faculty are still expected to do research, service, etc.
- Commonwealth Hall has created challenges, no change in number of offices. Offices are smaller, no waiting room, accreditation could be a challenge.
- E. DeHope-suggested this might be an issue Faculty Senate gets behind.
  - space is big issue and needing more faculty another.
  - often think about this as public safety issue, but counseling is perhaps bigger issue (D Forbes).

**Administrative Search Updates:**
- Executive Deputy to the President Position (Lawton) -Executive Deputy to President Search Committee – 2 candidates were recommended to President; he will interview them and decide.

**Senate Liaison to Cabinet Role (Brown)**
- Ellie discussed experience with President’s Cabinet (meeting 10/29): Philadelphia branch campus; Drexel had exclusive ‘right of first refusal’ with DCCC & MCCC.

**Senate Committees:**
- Communications:
  - Chair: Kurt Kolasinski
- Faculty Welfare & Ethics:
  - Chair: Stacie Metz
  - Past Members: Marcos Campillo-Fenoll, Karen Dannessa, Eric Fournier, Cynthia Haggard, Bessie Lawton, Huimin (Amy) Li, Paul Smith,
- Updates:
  - Climate Issues for Faculty teaching DE and at Branch Campuses: In process of exploring climate issues faculty report who primarily teach distance education and/or at branch campuses.
  - Distance Education Concerns: Solutions being discussed to increase the response rate of online course SRIS still being considered by APSCUF
- Membership and Elections:
  - Chair: Jim Brenner
  - Past Members: Brian Bowen, Julian Onderdonk, Dan Forbes
  - Updates: APSCUF election and Senate Exec election completed
- Student Welfare:
  - Chair: Open position
  - Past Members: Francis Atuahene, Mitch Goldfarb, Jane Kenney, James Scythes, Christine Williams
- Ad Hoc - Facilities and Sustainability:
  - Chair: Sarah Kate Stewart
  - Past Members: Heather Schugar, Jordan Schugar
- Ad Hoc - Research (from last AY):
  - Chair: Israel Sanz-Sanchez
  - Members: Open

**AY2014-15 Meetings**
Friday, December 5th 2-4pm
Thursday, February 12th 3-5pm
Friday, March 20th 2-4pm
| Senate Exec Committee | President: Eli DeHope  
| Vice President: Jim Brenner  
| Recording Secretary: Stacie Metz  
| Corresponding Secretary: Kurt Kolasinski  
| At-Large Members: Bessie Lawton and Heather Schugar  
| Immediate Past President: Eleanor Brown |

### NEXT MEETING

| Day and Time: | Friday, December 5th 2-4pm, FHG Library Room 613 |
| Topics: | Lynn Klingensmith; Sponsored Research concerns |