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CWU Faculty Senate Minutes - 03/05/14

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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Draft Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Clay Arango, Kelly Benson, Peter Boyle, Yukari Amos, Ben Glasgall, John Harbaugh, Vanesa Hunt, Kim Jones, Suzanne Little, Cynthia Mitchell, Stephen Robison, Matthew Wilson.

Visitors: Lindsey Brown, Rodney Bransdorfer, Jessica Dempsey, Jeff Snedeker, Dennis Francios, Ricardo Sarrin, Ethan Bergman

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Agenda was approved as presented.

MOTION NO. 13-34(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 5, 2014

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FACULTY ISSUES - Senator Garcia asked if the General Education Committee could provide samples of what the committee is looking for in proposals. Departments need more clarification and guidance.

Athletic Representative – Ethan Bergman provided a handout (available for review in the Faculty Senate office) regarding the CWU Faculty Affiliate Program with athletics. The purpose of the Faculty Affiliate Program is to facilitate interaction between faculty, student-athletes, and coaches in a personal setting that end encourages active engagement and open dialogue in order to enhance the student-athlete experience. If this is something you or faculty member in your department would be interested in please contact Ethan at bergmane@cwu.edu. Ethan introduced Dennis Francois the new Athletic Director. Dennis indicated his vision for athletics is to develop a program that people are proud to be a part of. Student-Athletes are here to get a degree and is working to develop a culture that re-emphasizes that and giving the student-athlete a positive experience. Dennis introduced Ricardo Sannon, the new Academic Success Coordinator for Student-Athlete sanonr@cwu.edu. One of his duties is to make sure the students are eligible to compete and that they graduate. He is interested in faculty feedback.

College in the High School - Jessica Dempsey – Jessica provided a handout on college courses in the high school (available for review in the Faculty Senate office). Before a CWU course is offered in the high school it is approved through the CWU Department. Teachers are approved through Department, reviewed by the Faculty Liaison, Department Chair and Dean. The syllabi used in these courses are a CWU syllabus from the department. In general, they require a master degree and then content specific education underneath that. The legislature passed a bill that required high schools to offer at least 45 credits in the high school. Several senators expressed concern about revenue lost for departments, and dilution of Central's brand. If faculty have additional questions, please email Jessica at dempseyj@cwu.edu.

PROVOST – Provost reported she has been and will be meeting with colleges. She has met with CAH and COTS, she will be meeting with CEPS tomorrow and CB on Friday. She will also be meeting with the other units in ASL. Several items she is going over is iCAT, RCM and the university criteria guidelines. The CAH Dean search is going well and have incredible selection of candidates. Faculty can view information about the candidates on the Human Resource or CAH websites. The Provost strongly encouraged faculty to look at the work done by the Faculty Senate Evaluation and Assessment committee on evaluation of teaching. Provost is in the process of interviewing vendors to review the International Studies program. Hope to have an intensive study report by July about the structure, function, personnel and how relationships with faculty can be done better.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS (*45 Minutes*)

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Bylaws and Faculty Code

Motion No. 13-26(Withdrawn): Approve the changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws as outlined in Exhibit A.

Motion No. 13-27(Withdrawn): Approve the changes to the Faculty Code as outlined in Exhibit B.

Motion No. 13-35(First of two readings): Approve the changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws as outlined in Exhibit A.

Motion No. 13-36(First of three readings): Approve the changes to the Faculty Code as outlined in Exhibit B.

Curriculum

Motion No. 13-37(Approved, 1 abstention): “Approve a new minor in Finance as outlined in Exhibit C.”

Motion No. 13-38(Approved, 6 abstentions): “Approve a new major MS Information Technology and Administrative Management as outlined in Exhibit D.”

Evaluation and Assessment Committee - Jeff Snedeker, committee chair reported that the committee had planned on presenting the Evaluation of Teaching proposal for Senate’s consideration today. The committee has solicited input from ADCO, faculty and Dean’s Council. With the release of the Provost’s University faculty criteria guidelines, the decision has been made to offer this proposal as an advisory document. The committee will ask for Faculty Senate endorsement at the April 9th meeting.

General Education Committee - Phil Backlund, committee chair, indicated this change was approved by Faculty Senate last spring. The committee is working on the process and putting it into effect. This is the largest change in 17 years; everyone is trying to figure it out. In January, the committee sent a memo to the department chairs outlining the process and forms. The committee will be sending out a reminder with the rubric for

evaluation. All courses will need to be submitted as no course will be grandfathered. If the only change to a course is adding the new outcomes, the proposal will come directly to the General Education committee. If proposed course is a current course and have changes, it must go to the Curriculum Committee first. If the proposed course is brand new it will need to be to the Curriculum Committee by September 25 this fall. W courses requirement for students has been dropped to three. The committee is developing some criteria of what a W course would look like as well as the Q course.

Faculty Legislative Representative - Jim Huckabay reported on the differences between Senate and House budgets regarding the \$5 million STEM funding that Central was shorted for the second part of biennium. Senate provides for \$1 million, but freezes tuition. The House budget currently has zero funds, but left the tuition setting authority in place. The budget is scheduled to be set next Wednesday, so we will know more after that. The ASCWU BOD passed a resolution and have sent a letter to Olympia opposing the tuition freeze. The Senate Capital budget currently has \$150,000 for design money for the repurposing of the CHCI building and \$2 million for diesel tank removal. There are efficiency bills that have passed both House and Senate and have moved forward to rules. There are several bills that give credit to Veteran's for some of the schools and training they received while in service. The Council of Faculty Representatives formalized a faculty position on the Student Achievement Council advisory committee.

CHAIR: Grupe Faculty Center is starting to be used for faculty events. Recently the Her Story event and Cascadia Hazard Institute round table were held in the Faculty Center as well as several faculty forums. Chair Cheney reported that he has not received any data from COACHE survey yet. The New College Ad Hoc committee is working on putting together a list of pros and cons to help inform faculty. Hope to take a sense of the Senate at the April Faculty Senate meeting. The next Faculty Friday is March 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Whitcomb urged everybody to attend the faculty forums for the visiting deans position in CAH. RCM being part of our future choice of new dean is important. There will be an open Executive Committee meeting next Wednesday in Faculty Center.

STUDENT REPORT: No report

NEW BUSINESS - None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.