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REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 3:10 p.m. BARGE 412 Minutes

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Gary Bartlett, Michael Braunstein, Jason Burroughs, Anthony Diaz, Mark Lane, Nadine Pederson, Robert Pritchett, Paul Sellers, Ronald Tidd and Kathy Whitcomb.

Visitors: Phil Backlund

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Agenda approved as presented.

MOTION NO. 09-01 (Approved) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 3, 2009

INTRODUCTIONS – Senators introduced themselves.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACCREDITATION REPORT – Phil Backlund gave an update on the NWCCU accreditation. The evaluation team will be on campus October 19 - 21. The evaluation team will be interviewing faculty, staff and reviewing records to get an idea of what is working well and what needs to be improved. There will be a faculty meeting with the evaluation team on Tuesday, October 20^{th} from 2:30 - 3:30 in SURC 135. Individuals from the team will also be meeting with UFC, Senate and Administration. There will be an exit interview in the Music Building recital hall on Wednesday, October 21^{st} at 10:30 where the team will present their commendations and recommendations. The team will take their report to the NWCCU commission who will make a ruling on accreditation.

FACULTY ISSUES: Senator Kovalerchuk shared concern about the activity reports and the trouble faculty have been having with working with these online reports. The deadline for tenure-track faculty reports was today, but there have been problems and faculty need to have extended time. Provost Quirk indicated they were aware of the problems with the software. They have a group working on it right now to see what the problem is and will be pushing back the deadline. He will be sending out an announcement as soon as they know the status. Senator Čuljak expressed the Curriculum Committee's unhappiness with the way the curriculum policy manual has been reordered alphabetically instead of numerically as it had been previously. It is no longer sequential and makes it difficult to navigate through the curriculum process. President Gaudino indicated that it should be sequential and chronological and will look into the matter. Senator Snedeker asked that when individuals send out information via e-mail or put documents on the web that they are compatible with SAFARI and Firefox. MAC users have problems trying to read these reports. President Gaudino indicated that it is an underlying coding problem with the web. There currently is not much content management other than in the administration area. Unfortunately, the solution to some of the problems is a longer term one. President Gaudino also wanted to let faculty know there have been problems with the e-mail system not always sending or receiving messages. Senator Čuljak indicated that the link to the new BlackBoard manual was broken. It sends you to the manual of the previous version. President Gaudino had a briefing about the internal governance systems of IT at the PAC meeting. There is very active governance on the administration systems, but little governance on the academic side. President Gaudino indicated he would take these concerns back to Carmen Rahm and ask that structures be built for these systems to have equal voice to the administration systems such as HR and Finance. Senator Glasby indicated that faculty spend a lot of time on e-mail. There is a lot of room for efficiency with the current system. He personally has switched over to Gmail, which can store a lot more e-mails permanently and the spam filter is much better. President Gaudino has asked about using this system and was told that faculty would not approve of Gmail.

PRESIDENT: President Gaudino wanted to help clarify what is happening with searches for college Deans. The College of Education and Professional Studies will potentially be split into two colleges. While the discussion has not been fully developed, having been a Dean in a brand new college that was separated, even with good planning there are a lot of little things that are inherited. It is good having experienced, grounded people to move the colleges through the split. It would be difficult to have a search for colleges that are not fully developed and could possibly have a different structure once the selected individual would get to campus. Need to wait until we know what we are searching for. The College of the Sciences department chairs have indicated they would not want to do national search right now for a dean. The President indicated that he and Provost Quirk are working with Dennis Defa to work on a schedule for filling these interim positions when the decision is made to move forward. They would like to see the searches stacked with CATS being first, College of Education 2nd and the College of the Sciences third with about 12-18 months in-between each search to help spread the costs out over multiple years. The Associate Vice President for Advancement was a failed search. The final two candidates had taken other

positions prior to our offer. President Gaudino clarified that Provost Quirk was not hired as an interim Provost. A national search would be extremely costly currently and will continue the discussion on what to do in the future. The President reported that the enrollment numbers look good. He should have a better picture after the freeze today. The state is taking a hard line that they will not be able to support the budget they passed last year. \$7 million was backfilled with federal stimulus money. They don't expect to be able to support that \$7 million next fiscal year. Currently Central does not have the financial systems to get information such as an accounting for the centers. This information must be hand calculated currently. The financial system is currently being worked on to provide the financial information more efficiently. Senator Wellock mentioned last fall the Provost indicated that the data he had was bad data and the chairs would be getting information soon. Senator Wellock suggested that any data is better than no data. President Gaudino had concerns about putting out data reports with known bad data. Senator Culjak asked about what budget cuts have been occurred by the administration and other divisions. The level of detail is important to faculty. President Gaudino indicated he would try and figure out how to get this type of information out. President announced that The Washington State Department of Commerce has designated the Central Washington Regional Energy Consortium (CWREC) in Kittitas County as an Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ). CWREC partners include Kittitas County, Central Washington University (CWU), Economic Development Group of Kittitas County, Puget Sound Energy, and enXco Development Corporation. The CWREC is a partnership to advance low-carbon technology by leveraging alternative energy resources – wind and solar – in Kittitas County. The IPZ will research and develop new wind, solar and other renewable technologies.

PROVOST: Provost Quirk reported that while the university is offering fewer sections, we are teaching more students. Students seem to be taking more credit hours to stay on track and get to graduation quicker. The Provost announced that he has created the Academic Plan Task Force. A web page will be developed to post the data that this task force is using, so everyone has access to the data. The On-line Task Force reported at the Fall faculty day and that information will be used as part of the academic planning. Do not have accurate data to show what is going on at the centers; however the Centers do increase our diversity. Senator Ogden asked about what has happened with the Assessment of Academic Administrators that was done in the spring and how it has been used? Provost Quirk indicated the President is working on a 360 review process of which this will be one piece. President Gaudino indicated he would work on getting the responses that were requested.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 09-02(Approved): "Adoption of 2009-10 Operating Procedures/Roberts Rules of Order attached as Exhibit A"

Motion No. 09-03(Approved): "Nominations for the 2009-10 Faculty Senate Parliamentarian." Nominations: Michael Ogden,

Motion No. 09-04(Approved): "Ratification of 2009-10 Faculty Senate committee vacancies as attached in Exhibit B."

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Bylaw and Academic Code Committee: No report

Curriculum Committee:

Motion No. 09-05(Approved, 2 abstentions): Recommendation to accept new Linguistics minor as outlined in Exhibit C.

Evaluation and Assessment: The committee is waiting for a charge to schedule the first meeting.

General Education: No report

Faculty Legislative Representative: No report

CHAIR: Chair Cutsinger asked everyone to please contribute to the coffee and cookie fund. The Academic Planning Task Force will start meeting tomorrow. The group is working on a compressed timeframe and scheduled to complete in December. Chair Cutsinger will report to the Faculty Senate what is going on with this committee on a regular basis. Last year the Senate passed the General Education goals and outcomes. The General Education committee will continue the discussion about changes with the faculty forums and the

Wiki website. The committee will be soliciting departments for input as well. The Presidential Inauguration will be November 5 and 6th. She encouraged faculty to participate in the many activities.

CHAIR-ELECT: No report

STUDENT REPORT: Megan Hammond, the student vice president for academic affairs, indicated the students are excited to work with faculty this year. Megan reported that currently many departments do not have representation on the student academic senate. Departments should contact Megan to see if your department has a representative or not. The ASCWU is working on getting their web page updated to include this information.

NEW BUSINESS - Senator Manweller reminded senators of the symposiums scheduled as part of the presidential inauguration. They will be Friday, November 6th from 9:15 – 11:30 in SURC 137. Speakers will be talking about the history of CWU, history of Ellensburg, the region and native American history.

Senator Snedeker reminded everyone that the Imani Winds, a New York-based quintet, will be performing this Sunday. Friday, jazz bassist David Friesen will be performing.

Senator Sledge wanted to let everyone know of the Centennial Celebration for Woman Suffrage at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Exhibit A

2009-10 Faculty Senate Operating Procedures:

- 1. Robert's Rules of Order, THE MODERN EDITION (ISBN 0-425-11690-5) will be the accepted authority for procedural operations. The senate's bylaws take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order.
- 2. Committee reports will be automatically accepted. If there is an action item that a committee desires to submit with any report, it is to be separately stated as a motion and the motion will then come before the senate for discussion and debate. The committee will be asked to submit a report and written copies of any motion or action that it would like to have taken.
- 3. Committee reports and motions shall be submitted to the Faculty Senate office by noon on the Tuesday of the week preceding the senate meeting in which action is expected. All committee motions submitted for action by the senate must be accompanied by an abstract-size plain English summary stating the content, reason for the proposal, and intended effect of the motion. This summary will be sent to the faculty prior to the initial Senate meeting in which the motion will be considered for adoption. As a general rule, substantive committee motions that do not accompany the agenda will not be discussed and voted on until a subsequent meeting.
- 4. Concerning discussion rules, senators will use the procedure of seeking recognition from the Chair if they want to speak to an issue. Speaking without Chair recognition is out of order. Discussion on arguments for and against the issue will be alternated. A visitor will be given recognition if the floor is yielded by a senator. If no senator desires to speak and a visitor would like to make a point, the Chair will recognize the person. A visitor will be recognized if a preliminary request is made to the senate office for an opportunity to speak or if the Chair invites a person to speak.

Exhibit B

Committee	Name	Department	Term
Academic Affairs Committee			
COB Member	Vacant		10/8/09 - 6/14/12
Bylaws and Academic Code			
Still need 1 senator	Melody Madlem	Physical Education & School & Public Health	10/8/09 – 6/14/12
Evaluation & Assessment			
COTS Member	Michael Pease	Geography	10/8/09 - 6/14/11
Curriculum Committee			
COB Member	Vacant		10/8/09 - 6/14/11
COB Member	Brian Kulik	Management	10/8/09 - 6/14/12
General Education			
COB Member	James Beaghan	Management	10/8/09 – 6/14/12

Exhibit C

Linguistics

The Linguistics Minor allows students to gain a broader understanding of language and language acquisition. It draws on multiple disciplines and complements a wide range of majors.

Course of Study Required Courses	Credits
ENG 320English GrammarENG 304English LinguisticsENG 432Phonetics and PhonologyENG 437Pedagogical Grammar	4
Select four approved electives from the following or other courses by advisement:	9 - 12
ANTH/ENG 180 - Introduction to Linguistics (5) ANTH 381 - Language in Culture (4) ANTH 382 - Descriptive Linguistics (4) ANTH/WS 384 - Language and Gender (4) COM 302 - Intercultural Communication (4) EDBL 433 - Educational Linguistics (3) EDBL 438 - Teaching English as a Second Language (3) EDBL 440 - Development of Literacy with Linguistically Diverse Stu ENG 423 - History of the English Language (4) ENG 434 - Discourse Analysis (4) ENG 435 - Linguistic Approaches to Literature (4) ENG 496 - Individual Study (1-6) FNLA 481 - Methods and Materials for Language Teaching (4) FNLA 482 - Foreign and Second Language Acquisition (4) FNLA/ANTH 483 - Sociolinguistics (4)	dents (3)

Total Credits: 25-28

Rationale: There is interest both inside and outside of the English department in further Linguistics study. Linguistics courses or courses on the study of language are currently offered in five departments, and these typically have seats available. As no new course sections would be added, this is basically a cost-free program making more efficient use of existing resources and offering students a coherent plan of linguistics study across departments. New course numbers would be created for layered sections of four existing graduate linguistics courses, but since these would not be offered separately, no cost would be involved. We do not anticipate the need for reassigned time for this program.

Signed approvals received from: Anthropology, Communication, Education, Foreign Language

Informational Items:

Program Deletion - B.S. Sociology. Very few students go for this degree. In response to our program review and at our Dean's recommendation. All courses will still be available for the current students to graduate.

Program name change – Minor and Certificate: Personal Computer Applications changed to: Computer Applications