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Minutes Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee October 25, 2007

Present: Kim Bartel, Joe Brooks, Tim Dittmer, Sura Rath, Marla Wyatt and Carolyn Wells.

Absent: Tim Englund, Jen Graves, Danielle Howard and Key Sun

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m. by Chair, Kim Bartel

Minutes from May 24, 2007 were approved as amended. Minutes from October 18, 2007 were approved as amended

Unfinished Business:

Final Examination Schedule, Student Survey – Kim has worked with Katie on getting the survey out. Katie has been able to get approval to send out a broadcast e-mail to all CWU students. The survey should be sent out next week to all students.

Advising Holds – Joe spoke with members of Music and currently doesn't know if this will have an impact. Carolyn indicated the Advising Center has gotten slammed. A number of professors have been calling to get help with taking off the hold. Upgrade on SAFARI has made this easier and individuals can add to their favorites so it is easily accessible. COB sent an e-mail out to all students who have that hold to attend a general advising session both on the Ellensburg campus and at the Centers.

Tim Dittmer moved that the committee request Jeff Snedeker, Faculty Senate Chair, to send out to all faculty the rationale from the 75 and 115 hold placement from 5/31/06 Senate meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

The committee will continue this discussion at the next meeting as we see what happens in the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

AAC07-08.03 Investigate how grade inflation has been addressed at CWU and other institutions, beginning with Washington universities. Prepare a report outlining how grade inflation is defined, how it is identified, the factors/parameters that are identified as contributing to it, and whether it exists at CWU. Include any other information that the AAC deems important on this subject.

Sura read several e-mails he has gotten from CAH faculty on the subject. Committee members are to review the material Janet provided from past committees who have worked on this subject for the next meeting.

Tim Dittmer expressed concerns about the workload of this charge.

Due to a potential lack of quorum, the committee will not meet next week, but will meet again on November 8th.

Adjournment – 4:02 pm

Next meeting date November 8, Barge 410 (and telecon)