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REGULAR FACULTY SENATE MEETING Central Washington University

December 2, 1987

Presiding Officer: Owen Pratz Recording Secretary: Sue Tirotta

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Senators: All Senators or their Alternates were present except Brunner, Gierlasinski,

Hasbrouck, Jefferies, Laney and Mack.

Tim Hyde, Gail Ham, Blair Warnstadt, Darlene Wallin, Brian McElroy, Visitors:

Kimberly Donley, Jimmie Dillingham, Pat Patterson, Stephanie Solverson, Jana Haberman, Carolyn Wells, Ken Schier, Charles Vlcek, Jim Pappas and

Bernard Martin.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

-Under Chair's Report, add report on Ad Hoc Committee for Faculty Legislative Liaison.

MOTION NO. 2596 Connie Roberts moved and Beverly Heckart seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 1987 meeting with the following changes:
-On Page 1 under Chair's Report, section 3, change "...the CWU Board of Trustees responded to complaints from the Ellensburg business community by passing a resolution that will limit CWU from engaging in direct commercial competition with community businesses" to read "...the CWU Board of Trustees adopted a policy establishing guidelines under which the University will engage in commercial

-On Page 2 under Curriculum Committee Report, note that Jay Bachrach is a member of

the Senate Curriculum Committee, not the University Curriculum Committee.

-On Page 4 under Curriculum Committee Report, in MOTION NO. 2592, "...until the General Education Committee and the Senate Curriculum Committee can meet regarding the issues involved and report back to the Faculty Senate at its December 2, 1987 meeting" should read "...until the General Education Committee and the Senate Curriculum Committee can word the motion clearly and concisely."

Motion passed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS None

#### REPORTS

1. CHAIR

-Chair Pratz reported that the December 1, 1987 draft of the Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board's master plan is now available for review at the Library Reference Desk (ask for file on "Washington State HEC Board") and in the Faculty Senate Office; this version plus comments will be submitted to the state legislature. It is similar to the November 5th draft, but with important revisions. Although CWU's administration has concerns regarding the HEC Board's proposals on admissions, assessment and funding, their primary concern centers on the role of the research and comprehensive universities in educating placebound students.

-After consultation with Vice President Harrington, the Academic Deans, the Senate Executive Committee, the Director of Affirmative Action and President Garrity, the Screening Committee for the Vice President for Academic Affairs is formulating criteria for selection of a new Vice President. The President's Office has received approximately 30 applications and 15 nominations for the

position.

-On November 24th, Chair Pratz met with Don Schliesman (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Barry Donahue (Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee) and Don Ringe (Chair, General Education Committee) to discuss curriculum issues raised at the November 11, 1987 Faculty Senate meeting. All agreed that MOTION NO. 2587A passed at the November 11th meeting is an acceptable temporary solution but does not resolve recurring problems concerning overly large programs and maximum/minimum credit requirements.

-At the request of the Senate Executive Committee, Conrad Potter (Educational Administration, Normandy Park) and Robert Benton (Coordinator, Lynnwood Extended Degree Program) have agreed to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee for Faculty Legislative Liaison. The Senate Executive Committee is now setting up guidelines regarding funding and duties for such a committee and will bring a formal motion

concerning the matter before the Faculty Senate.

#### 2. PRESIDENT

President Garrity stated that recent media reports concerning the HEC Board may be misinterpreted. He explained that although the presidents of the state's public institutions of higher education support the HEC Board's goals, this should not be interpreted as unqualified support for the entire master plan document.

CWU has received a memo from Governor Booth Gardner concerning the fiscal impact of recent stock market events and requesting preparation of a contingency plan to absorb either a 3 percent or 4 percent across-the-board reduction in funding. President Garrity explained that there is a less than 1 percent reserve in the state's 1987-89 biennial budget to absorb revenue fluctuations, and although all contingency proposals are tentative at this time the Governor believes that it is prudent and good business practice to plan well ahead for a potential adverse revenue forecast.

President Garrity recently attended a meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (A.A.S.C.U.); there were many items on the agenda, including federal support of student financial aid, the institutional and political implications of outcomes assessment programs and encouragement of effective programs for faculty development and scholarship.

#### 3. RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Bernie Martin (Chair, Retirement and Insurance Committee), reported that the committee has been developing an early retirement program to supplement the current phased retirement and traditional retirement systems. The committee has created several drafts of a proposed "tenure purchase program" which would encourage early retirement, and each draft has been carefully reviewed for legality by Assistant Attorney General Teresa Kulik. The main problems faced by the committee during construction of such a plan concern continuation of medical benefits, tax status of lump-sum tenure buy-outs, constitutionality of such use of public funds and coordination of this program with TIAA-CREF and Washington State Teachers' Retirement System plans. Dr. Martin explained that the Constitution requires that early retirement buy-out be of demonstrable benefit to the university.

The most recent draft of the proposal presents an age scale of 55 to 64 years with lump-sum incentives diminishing with increased age; for example, at age 55 a faculty member could receive 180% of his/her annual salary paid out in annual, equal installments to age 65 (normal TIAA-CREF retirement age), and at age 64 a faculty member could receive 50% of his/her annual salary. In its current form, the draft restricts application of the "tenure purchase program" to tenured, full-time academic-year faculty, allows eligible faculty to apply for the program at the end of each academic quarter and reserves the university's option of rejecting or accepting applications for the program. The latest draft of the plan has been sent to President Garrity and Vice President Harrington for their review. Although many details are still being worked out, the committee hopes to have a plan ready for faculty hearings during Winter quarter 1988. The Retirement and Insurance Committee welcomes ideas and suggestions on this matter (send to Bernie Martin, Computer Science).

#### 3. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Charles McGehee reported on the history of the university and course withdrawal policies. He reminded the Senate that on May 20, 1987, after much debate on the intricacies of the plan, it tabled a proposed withdrawal policy until 1987-88. Dr. McGehee explained that this year's Academic Affairs Committee has aimed to create a broad, workable system modified in part from the simple systems in place at the University of Washington and Western Washington University. In response to the Senate Executive Committee's charge of September 30, 1987, the Academic Affairs Committee submitted the following draft proposal for the Faculty Senate's discussion:

#### Draft Withdrawal Policy

#### Withdrawal from individual courses

 Free withdrawal from individual courses will be permitted without permission or notation on transcript at any time from the first through the fifth day of instruction (change of schedule period.) (continued on next page)

#### 4. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, continued

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etc.	1

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Discussion touched on several issues, including summer school exceptions, graduate school exceptions, admissions and records personnel involved in implementing policy, paperwork and computer record-keeping implications of the policy, fees as deterrents, reasonable withdrawal dates, the role of advising in the withdrawal process and strictness of this policy in comparison with others throughout the state.

James Pappas, Dean of Admissions and Records, distributed to Senators a copy of his reply to the Draft Withdrawal Policy, and Carolyn Wells, Registrar, answered questions from the Senate. Dr. McGehee explained that the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils have been invited to respond to this draft of the policy, and he encouraged interested parties to submit positive feedback and suggestions to the Academic Affairs Committee (send to: Charles McGehee, Sociology).

#### 5. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Phil Backlund reported the Budget Committee's belief that present salary policy appears to limit faculty movement to the top of the salary scale; the committee could find no evidence that any faculty member hired as an Assistant Professor in the past 20 years has attained the top of the salary scale through promotion, professional growth and/or merit during their tenure at CWU. Dr. Backlund stated that if the following motion were passed, President Garrity would not support it before the Board of Trustees.

- \*MOTION NO. 2597 Phil Backlund moved that the Administration (President and Vice President for Academic Affairs) be asked to remove the barrier at step 34 of the salary scale to allow full professors to move up the salary scale through a combination of professional growth and merit.
- \*MOTION NO. 2598 Beverly Heckart moved and John Agars seconded a motion to table Motion No. 2597 and place it on the agenda under "Old Business" at the January 13, 1988 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed.

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#### 5. BUDGET COMMITTEE, continued

\*MOTION NO. 2599 Phil Backlund moved that the salary increase due to be awarded on March 1, 1988 be distributed as follows: 4.5% scale adjustment (this is a continuation of the 4.5% scale adjustment awarded on March 1, 1987), a professional growth increase granted to those eligible and recommended, and the remainder used for merit increases. The Committee recommends that the librarians and counselors be awarded salary increases consistent with the other faculty. These salary increases will be constructed so that they meet the State mandated average of 7.6%. Motion passed.

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Beverly Heckart reported that the Senate Executive Committee charged the 1987-88 Senate Code Committee to review Faculty Code Section 9.90 (Retirement) and assure compliance with federal rules/regulations. Following is the Code Committee's report on Mandatory Retirement:

Some faculty members have raised questions concerning the continued legality of Section 9.90 of the Faculty Code that requires faculty to retire at age 70. Questions arise because of the 1986 amendment to the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act that abolished the mandatory retirement age. In response to the queries, the Code Committee of the Faculty Senate has examined both federal and state law and wishes to inform the faculty of its findings.

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#### 7. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

\*MOTION NO. 2600 Barry Donahue moved approval of University Curriculum Committee pages 877 and 891. Motion passed.

PAGE		
877	B.A./English Teaching Major	Program Change
891	B.S./Industrial Supervision	Program Change
891	B.S./Industrial Electronics Technology	Program Change
891	SOC 525	Course Addition

### 8. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \* \* NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE: JANUARY 13, 1988 \* \* \* \* \* \*

# FACULTY SENATE REGULAR MEETING 3:10 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 1987 SUB 204-205

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. CHANGES TO AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 11, 1987
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS
- V. REPORTS
  - 1. Chair
     -Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board
     -Screening Committee for the Vice President for Academic
     Affairs
     -General Education
  - 2. President
  - 3. Retirement Bernie Martin
  - 4. Academic Affairs Committee
    -Withdrawal policy (see attached materials)
  - 5. Budget Committee -Faculty salary recommendations (see attached motions)
  - 6. Code Committee -Mandatory retirement (see attached report)
  - 7. Curriculum Committee
    -UCC page 877
    -UCC page 891
  - 8. Personnel Committee
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT
- \*\*\* NEXT REGULAR FACULTY SENATE MEETING: January 13, 1988 \*\*\*

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#### REVISED COPY 12/2/87

TO:

Charles McGehee, Chair

Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

FROM:

James G. Pappas

Dean of Admissions and Records

DATE:

November 30, 1987

SUBJECT:

**Draft Withdrawal Policy** 

I have read the Draft Withdrawal Policy on the Faculty Senate Agenda for November 11, 1987, and I am in agreement with many of the proposed modifications. In fact, for the most part, this is a new policy as it contains many significant changes. I would like you to consider some modifications to your proposal, as I have some recommendations I feel will improve upon what you have already written. If possible, I would like to present my recommendations to the Academic Affairs Committee and/or the Faculty Senate.

Please be aware that: 1) The present policy was implemented in Winter of 1983; 2) the policy affects many people; students, faculty, the Admissions and Records Staff, and me, personally, and/or whomever I delegate authority to in my absence to approve hardship petitions; 3) the processing and recording of withdrawals (uncontested hardship and University withdrawals) and related grade or symbol changes takes some considerable personnel effort in the Records Office; 4) the resolution of hardship cases or withdrawal for extenuating circumstances takes a substantial amount of my time. The hardship, usually a physical, medical, or financial problem (which is almost always easily proven and verifiable), often includes psychological problems and emotional stress. The most common precipitator of the latter is caused by family or personal difficulties, as well as drugs and alcohol. Another hardship reason is poor academic advisement on prerequisites, choice of courses, and course overload. Poor academic advisement is sometimes "self-inflicted" and/or approved by a University advisor. Hardship cases involve an examination of the student's withdrawal petition statement for validity, the use of sound judgement, often times counseling, and then referral to appropriate advisors or psychological counseling services. We must all remember that hardships and difficult situations do arise, are part of life, and we must account for them.

I applaud you for addressing one of the most important issues, the often-debated question of whether or not to give a WP or WF when the student has not as yet completed the course (especially early in the quarter) by using an asterisk \*W\*. I also like the "HW" so that hardship withdrawals can be identified and noted on the transcript.

The quality of our faculty, the quality of our instruction, and the methods by which faculty evaluate student achievement and mastery of subject matter, are very important when discussing matters concerning academic policy. The academic policies of the University are also very important, as the quality of the students and standards we use affect the integrity of our curriculum and instruction. It is true that high or low (strong or weak) standards are a reflection on the academic quality and image of the University.

Students are at the receiving end of our instruction, and, as we all know, there is a wide range of intellect, motivation, and levels of achievement within our student body. We also know that there are many theories and styles of pedagogy, as well as methods of evaluating students, among the more than 300 professors at CWU. Because of this, we must take into consideration the differences among students and the many opinions held by our faculty in establishing a feasible and equitable withdrawal policy.

The challenge is to implement a policy that is equitable, and especially less cumbersome and complicated than the present policy. It is very important to enact a policy that has fewer dates, less rules, and is better understood. Your \*W\* and HW recommendations do this. With this in mind, let me address my concerns and recommend some changes:

#### Proposed Withdrawal Policy

#### Withdrawal from individual courses

 Free withdrawal from individual courses will be permitted without permission or notation on the transcript at any time prior to the sixth day of instruction (change of schedule period). Withdrawing during this period is a change in the initial registration and no grade or symbol will be recorded. Students who discontinue attending class without officially withdrawing will receive a failing grade (F).

Note: This is essentially what we are now doing.

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Two uncontested withdrawals will be permitted for each 45 credits of instruction until 180 credits regardless of the student's status, i.e., postbaccalaureate, special, fifth-year, and graduate status. From 180 to 224 credits, only one withdrawal will be permitted. Transfer credits will be included in the calculation for eligibility for an uncontested withdrawal. Such peremptory withdrawals will be noted on the student's transcript with \*W\*. Unused withdrawal allocations will not be cumulative.

Students who find it difficult to attend class during the last two weeks of the quarter (which is final examination week and the week prior to it) will have the option to make a formal withdrawal from the University, which can be made at any time during the quarter, or they can file a hardship petition. If the latter option is pursued, failing grades will not constitute a hardship at this point.

NOTE: A survey of the number of withdrawals by academic status indicates that juniors and seniors take more W's than freshmen and sophomores (see the attached survey for Spring and Fall, 1987). Possible reasons are: There are larger numbers of upper-division students (juniors and seniors) than lower-division, a greater number of transfer students, and a higher percentage of students changing or "trying out" majors after 90 hours. Thus, I assume, the probability of students changing their minds and withdrawing from courses is greater. The latter statement is a guess on my part, but the fact is, the withdrawal rate is higher among juniors and seniors.

By leaving the student to exercise this limited option of peremptory withdrawals, the policy would be: 1) Easy to interpret and remember; 2) limited so that the carefree, wholesale withdrawals from courses are avoided, and; 3) restricted to the second through eighth week of the quarter; 4) offer the student the right (although limited) to determine whether or not to remain in a class, and; 5) reduces the amount of paperwork for all parties.

3. Summer Sessions: The Registar will establish withdrawal dates consistent with state statute and University Policy, which will be pro-rated on the length of the class session.

NOTE: Summer Session, because of the different student body and various lengths of institutional periods, needs flexibility.

- 4. Hardship withdrawals during the quarter (or the equivalent deadline in the case of Summer Session) will be granted only upon written petition to and written approval by the Dean of Admissions and Records. The student must have discussed the reasons for the withdrawal with the course instructor and the Dean must consult with instructor to verify legitimate reasons when considering approval of a petition. Approved hardship withdrawals will be noted on the student's transcript with an "HW" (hardship withdrawal).
- No withdrawals from individual courses may be made after the last day of instruction (i.e., no withdrawals will be permitted during or after the final examination period.)
- 6. No withdrawals of any kind will be calculated in to the student's grade average.

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cc: Undergraduate Council Edward Harrington

# Number of Individual Course Withdrawals Between The Sixth Day and Fifth Week

Spring	Number of Students
FR	127
SO JR	142 196
SR	225
UC5 (Unclassified fifth year- usually seeking a second degree)	19
FYR (fifth year, usually seeking certification) GM (Graduate/Masters)	1 8
Total	721 withdrawals

56 of the 721 were approved after the 5th week by the Dean of Admissions & Records (73 Hardship Requests received from the fifth to the tenth week).

Fall (as of 11-18-87)		ì
FR SO JR SR UC5 FYR GM SPU	143 129 195 134 31 0 11	E
Total	648	

Total requests for Hardship so far this Fall are 85 (as of 11-24-87).

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#### SAFETY EDUCATION CONTINUED

PROPOSED

LOSS CONTROL MINOR

Courses:		credits
PE 245	First Ald	3
S ED 180	Principles of Accident Prevention	3
LCM 386	Accident Investigation	3
LCM 383	Transportation Systems	3
LCM 387	Accident Investigation	3
LCM 388	Loss Control Management	3
	or 487, or 488, or 489	_3_
	Total	21

ENGLISH PROGRAM CHANGE AS IT APPEARS

Teaching Major:

Junior High/Elementary

intended for students who wish to teach at the funtor high or elementary levels and who plan to Ine this major with another forty-five credit major or one or more minor programs.

Course Requirements:	Credits
ENG 140, 141, Introduction to Fiction	
Poetry OR	
ENG 248, 249 World Literature	9-10
ENG 300, Principles of English Studies	4
ENG 305, 306, 307, 308, 309. English and	100
American Literature Period Courses	16
ENG 314, Advanced Composition	4
ENG 320, English Grammar	4
ENG 410,411, 413, 499, Intensive Study Co.	urses 3
ENG 430, Teaching English in Secondary	
School OR	
ENG 432, Children's Literature	3
ENG 492, Practicum	2
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PROPOSED Bachelor of Arts Teaching Major

Intended for students who wish to obtain the English endorsement 4-12, and who plan to combine this major with another forty-five credit major or one or more minor programs.

Course Requirements:	Credits
ENG 140, 141, Introduction to Fiction Poetry OR	
ENG 248, 249, World Literaure	9-10
ENG 300, Principles of English Studies	4
ENG 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, English and American	
Literature Period Courses	16
ENG 314, Advanced Composition	4
ENG 320, English Grammar	4
ENG 410, 411, 413, 499, Intensive Study Courses	3
ENG 430, Teaching English in Secondary School	3
ENG 492, Practicum	2
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### INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CHANGES - editorial

B.S. Industrial Supervision

B.S. Industrial Electronics Technology

Only change is to accommodate the number change of MATH 120 to MATH 162.

#### SOCIOLOGY COURSE ADDITION

SOC 525. Society and Education (3). Social and cultural trends that shape education and its future. Not open to students with credit in SOC 425.