CWU Faculty Senate Minutes -02/01/17

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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

ROLL CALL: All senators or their alternates were present except: David Bieloh, Donald Davendra, Tracey Hoover, Cynthia Mitchell, Alison Scoville, and Francesco Somaini

Guests: Carolyn Thurston, Aaron Brown, Naomi Petersen, Rose Spodobalski Brower, Mike Harrod, Kathy Whitcomb, Patricia Cutright, Tim Englund, Tayler Tankeal, Anne Cubilie, Christopher Boone, Aimee Quinn, Maureen Rust, Teri Walker, and Bernadette Jungblut

Meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Approved as presented.

MOTION NO. 16-40(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 11, 2017

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FACULTY ISSUES – Senator Szelgia talked about the use of Science II for the new building. Students are having problems knowing which building they are supposed to be in for class. Chief Luvera indicated this could be a safety issue as well. They are exploring a permanent name for the building and have been in contact with Scott Wade who is the Naming Committee chair. Senator Sorey has brought the issue of EH&S staffing previously and appreciate the word the search committee is doing, but encourage them to move forward with filling the position. Senator Auslander talked about the January 25th Executive Order that dealt with undocumented individuals. Washington State is taking a leader legally on these issues.

Senate Chair updates – Chair Rajendran reiterated that CWU is a welcoming community. Chair Rajendran gave an update on the waitlist. Once students are put on a waitlist, MyCWU considers the course closed and students cannot be added without instructor permission. Each night the system looks to see if there is an open seat and fills the vacant seats from the waitlist, unless there is an issue with the student. Once the waitlist has been turned off, the course opens up and if there are vacant seats, anyone can register for the course.

PRESIDENT: No report.

PROVOST: Provost Frank gave a consolidated report with President Gaudino. The State of University Address is February 16 at 1:00 in Music building. Ron Sims will be there. There will be a session for faculty at 3:30 in Grupe Faculty Center. The Board of Trustees (BOT) met last week and the Faculty Code changes were approved. One of the BOT members suggested Senate look at rewriting the Code due to the number of amendments. Provost Frank gave an update on the workgroups. President Gaudino and Provost Frank were in Olympia last week. President Gaudino spoke at the Ways and Means higher education committee. They met with several senators and representatives as well as attended several receptions. Provost Frank talked with the Senate higher education committee regarding faculty workload issues and the complexities of those issues. The budget forums will be February 17, 27, 28 and March 6 starting at 3:30 in Shaw-Smyser. There will be a reminder sent out. Each forum will focus on a specific college. Have been dealing with Faculty 180 and workload plan deadlines. Provost Frank will be taking applications for an interim director for Undergraduate Research while Anne Egger is on sabbatical. Provost indicated she hopes to have notifications out next week on the strategic investment funds.

STUDENT REPORT – Ryan Zimmerman reported that their scholarship series is done. They will be doing these events again next year and will be passing information on suggested improvements to the next
board. CAPS+ has done a presentation to the Student Academic Senate so some students have seen the prototype and have sent feedback to the development team. Ryan attended the Evaluation and Assessment Committee meeting last Friday and discussed SEOIs from a student's perspective. The Veteran Memorial Task Force met yesterday. They have names, but need to update the list to make sure they have everyone and are looking at how to recognize alumni and their branch of service. The design for the memorial is very modern. The committee are working on finalizing the design, creating a brochure and starting to fund raise for the rest of the funds needed for the project. Tomorrow is Lobby Day in Olympia. There are 67 students signed up to go. They will be talking about decoupling S&A fees from tuition and the degree in firefighting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:
Executive Committee
Motion No. 16-41(First of two readings): Approve the amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws Section II A. Executive Committee Composition as outlined in Exhibit A.

Academic Affairs Committee – Dan reported that the committee is working on the Interdisciplinary Programs policy and procedure. The committee has met with representatives from interdisciplinary programs. They hope to bring the revised proposal to bring back to Faculty Senate in March. The Creation and Reorganization of Academic Units policy and procedure might be coming back. Some of the Deans had issues with the language passed through Senate last year and the committee is waiting for their response to some changes. The committee is also looking at syllabi and what is required. There has been a request to add a diversity statement.

Budget & Planning Committee
Motion No. 16-42(as amended Approved): Endorse the Core Values statement as outlined in Exhibit B.

Motion No. 16-42a(Approved): Senator Hickey moved to amend the value regarding graduate education to reach “This includes graduate research and professional education, which plays an important role at a comprehensive university”. Senator Erdman seconded.

Motion No. 16-42b(Approved): Senator Trumpy moved to add the word “Adequate” to the beginning of the value “Adequate resources (physical and technological) to support the work of each program.” Senator Hickey seconded.

Bylaws & Faculty Code Committee
Motion No. 16-14(Withdrawn by committee): Recommends the addition of Faculty Code Section VI Vote of No Confidence as outlined in Exhibit C.

Motion No. 16-14a(Withdrawn by committee): The Bylaws & Faculty Code committee moves to amend Motion No. 16-14 as presented in green on Exhibit C.

Curriculum Committee
Motion No. 16-43(Approved): Recommends approval of a new minor in Accessibility Studies as outlined in Exhibit D.

Motion No. 16-44(Approved): Recommends approval of a new certificate in Accessibility Studies as outlined in Exhibit E.

General Education Redesign Team – Eric gave a brief update on the General Education redesign process to date. The task force are working on the framework during winter quarter. They sent our a
survey January 12. They had 60 responses. The task force held a workshop on January 20th to receive additional feedback and had drop-in sessions last Friday. There is another survey out regarding the different components of the framework and the taskforce is asking for additional feedback. The task force will send out a revised proposal on February 10th to get additional feedback before the final version will be on the March 1st Senate agenda.

Faculty Legislative Representative – Steven Hackenberger reported that over the last two weeks we have had a very strong outreach from our President and Provost. Testimony was given in support for tenure match bill in the House. Not sure what will happen to the bill in the Senate. The bill regarding faculty on university boards for UW & WSU will go forward, but it is not expected to get through the Senate. We may need to wait until next year for comprehensives. There have been a couple of work sessions on open education resources. In both the Senate and House there has been a lot of textbook bashing. There is support for open education resources.

CHAIR: Chair Rajendran reported on some issues with program changes. Curriculum CWUP 5-50-010 talks about when a program exceeds credits that it comes to Faculty Senate for approval. This policy has been interpreted different ways over the years. The Executive Committee discussed it again and made the decision that if a program has been approved as over credit and they make changes, if the credits remains the same or go down does the proposal does not need to come back to Faculty Senate. The Executive Committee has charged the curriculum committee to add the language that explicitly explains the process. At the BOT meeting the Code changes were approved. The BOT commented on the number of amendments that have been made to the Code. The Bylaw and Faculty Code committee are charged to looking at the whole document. The Proclamation Not in Our County and the resolution passed at the last meeting were adopted by the BOT at their meeting. Chair Rajendran indicated his thanks the Trustees for their support.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Stoddard reported there will be an Open Executive Committee meeting next week February 18 at 3:10 in the Faculty Center. The State of University is on February 16 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a faculty conversation with Ron Sims in the Faculty Center starting at 3:30 p.m. and snacks will be provided. A call has been made for the Faculty Legislative Representative position and they are due by February 14. After that the Executive Committee will be conducting interviews with interested individuals. The deadline for the Tim Ormsby faculty citizenship award is March 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS – Senator Tenerelli asked about FERPA laws regarding a letter of recommendation for students and how much information can a faculty member put in that letter. Chair Rajendran indicated he would look into that question and report at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Exhibit A

II. Executive Committee

A. Composition

1. Membership
   The Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members: the chair of the Senate, the chair-elect, the other six elected members, and the immediate past Senate chair. If the immediate past Senate chair is unable to serve on the Executive Committee, the most recent past Senate chair available shall serve. The past Senate chair (immediate or appointed) will serve as a voting member, even if not a current member of the Senate.

2. Representation
   During Spring quarter, full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty from designated colleges shall elect their member(s) of the Executive Committee from the eligible senators in the following manner:
   a. Two (2) faculty from each college (CAH, CEPS, COTS), with the exception of the one (1) from the College of Business and one (1) from the Library, which shall share one representative.

This change would go into effect FY2017/18.
As faculty, we value:

- The success of our students, in the broadest sense.
  See University Objectives 1.1 and 1.2.

- The quality of our academic programs and the student experience.
  - Qualified staffing at appropriate levels (both faculty and staff) and a mix of tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty, and staff that works for each individual program.
  - Adequate resources (physical and technological) to support the work of each program.
  - Strong programs, evidenced by specialized accreditation, national ranking, etc.
  - A strong curricular design and review process that ensures appropriate delivery of material and avoids siloing and duplication.
  See University Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 5.3, and 5.4.

- Our identity as a comprehensive university; one of our strengths lies in the diversity of our programs and our curriculum.
  - This includes graduate research and professional education, which plays an important role at a comprehensive university.

- Effective student-faculty interactions, both inside and outside of class. These may include:
  - Appropriate class sizes and support structures to allow for meaningful interactions
  - Undergraduate research, mentoring, and advising
  - One-on-one instruction in disciplines where this is appropriate
  - Involvement in student clubs or field trips
  - Continuing connections with students after they leave the university
  See University Objectives 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, and 4.2.

- Interdisciplinarity, in both teaching and research. Students and faculty both benefit from making connections between disciplines.
  See University Objectives 1.1 and 2.3.

- Diversity among students, faculty, and staff.
  See University Objectives 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.

- The whole of faculty life – teaching, scholarship, and service – and what all of these contribute to the educational mission of the university.
  See University Objectives 1.1, 3.1, and 3.2.
Section VI. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

A. Votes of no confidence are typically used by assemblies to express a lack of support for an administrator. At Central Washington University, in order for such a vote to be conducted, the Faculty Senate must pass a motion to charge the Executive Committee with the task of conducting the vote. Once this motion is passed, the Executive Committee will be charged to conduct the vote of the faculty (See I.A) according to the language stipulated in the motion.

B. Motions for a Vote of No Confidence
   1. May be brought by any voting member of the Faculty Senate in writing as a resolution.
   2. Must articulate the following:
      a. Subject of the vote.
      b. Voting period (no less than 10 days).
      c. Ballot language.
      d. Faculty group(s) that would be eligible to vote. Including, but not limited to, all departments, colleges, university wide faculty, and interdisciplinary programs.

C. Scope
   1. Faculty Senate vote of no confidence should be reserved for faculty and administrators in supervisory positions at the college or university level.
   2. Any unstipulated conditions of the no confidence vote will be decided by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

D. Procedures
   1. Voting faculty shall be as defined in Section 1.A within the voting group(s).
   2. The vote shall be held by secret ballot and held in complete confidence.

E. Results and Dissemination
   1. Results, in the form of vote counts, will be made public from the Faculty Senate office.
   2. Results of the no confidence vote will be reported to the President of the University, and the Board of Trustees.
Exhibit D

Exhibit E