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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Eric Cheney, Ralf Greenwald, Liz Kerns, Boris Kovalerchuk, Don Nixon, Keith Salyer, Ronald Tidd and Matthew Wilson

Visitors: Ethan Bergman, Jesse Nelson, Richard DeShields, Connie Lambert and Marji Morgan

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Senator Čuljak moved to extend the President's report time from 10 to 15 minutes. Motion was approved.

MOTION NO. 11-01(Approved, 1 abstention with correction): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 1, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FACULTY ISSUES: None

PRESIDENT: President Gaudio reported that the BOT meeting will be this Friday, October 5th at the Lynnwood Center. The meeting will be video streamed to the Ellensburg campus for those who would like to watch. President Gaudio talked about the current budget situation. HB 1795 eliminated enrollment targets and gave local university boards tuition setting authority. In May, the legislature was facing a \$5.2 billion deficit. This translated into a \$29.2 million cut to Central. The legislature also restricted state agencies from restoring cyclic leave with state funds, gave a 3% across the board salary reduction, and capped employer pension contributions to 6%. Central decided to restore the cyclic action, absorb the 3% salary reduction as well as the cap on pensions for those that were above 6% to help prevent recruitment and retention problems. This money came from additional tuition dollars. There was a net decrease of 4% cut in base funding. \$94,349,000 million was allocated for 2011-12 broken down with \$60,681,000 to Academic and Student Life; \$23,139,000 to Business and Financial Affairs; \$9,493,000 to President's division and \$1,036,000 allocated for benefits. The Deans have received the budgets for their college and the Dean's have now allocated budgets to the departments. Administration is looking at a 6 year window for budget levels and have developed a Flight plan model to look at how the university can get out of the financial situation we are currently in. Part of the Flight plan is looking at models of raising tuition 14% for the next two years and 11.5% thereafter. The Governor is calling a special legislative session starting November 28th to take a look at the current \$2 billion deficit forecast. There are two options; one would be for the legislature to take the entire \$2 million out of the current budget. The other would be to look at some cuts with a proposed revenue package.

Senator Čuljak moved to increase the amount of time by 5 minutes. Motion was approved.

PROVOST: Provost welcomed everyone back. The current freshman class enrollment is down, partially due to the increase of freshman enrollments at WSU. The current numbers are 10,339 students with an FTE count of 9810. CWU made our target. Central is looking at ways to help stabilize ourselves over the next few years. The Provost is working on developing partnerships in Korea and China. The task forces that were created last year have been very successful in planning together in a holistic way for deliberative and intentional management of enrollment. The task forces that have submitted reports will be available off the Provost's web site soon. The Student Success proposal has held several forums. There will be several more forums both on the Ellensburg campus as well as at the center's for the Multimodal and International Studies task forces. Provost reported that we are now in phase three of the academic planning process. Additional information will be forthcoming. Provost reported she would be looking at developing quality online programs. Provost Levine indicated she will be meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee once a month as well as meeting with the Chair and Chair-Elect in a separate meeting to help increase communication.

Ethan Bergman – Student Success – Provost Levine created a task force to put together this student proposal. The task force has been working together since June to create the current proposal. Dr. Bergman indicated that Monday they held one forum for students and another for faculty. This proposal has also been presented to the ASCWU BOD. Starting today, the full proposal will be on the intranet under "hot topics". There will be opportunity for input until October 31st. The charge included looking at the consolidation and/or reorganization of units. Another charge was to define what we mean by student success. Dr. Bergman presented the organizational chart for Student Success. Jesse Nelson stated that they are trying to create an organization with a philosophical aim of academic support for students. Two core dimensions they are working on this first year is effective student advising. Helping students to

make life choices and help guide them in this stage of their lives. The second is to provide accessible and innovative academic support for students. They are working on having multiple resources in one hub. They are extending the scope of STAR. It will act as a referral location for faculty to send students. Additional information regarding this will be broadcast later this quarter. Jesse indicated he would really like feedback from faculty. Richard DeShields reported that 40% of students live in university housing. Student Success will continue promoting the current Living Learning Communities (LLC) and the three theme living units. Want to connect students more with faculty. Richard indicated that the Students Rights and Responsibilities office will be acting as a triage program to help students make connections across campus. Alcohol, drug and sexual abuse will be under this office as well. Will be looking at UNIV 101 in regards to credits, what is its purpose and will be making some recommendations for that.

ORIENTATION – Chair Loverro went through the Senator orientation. The Executive Committee was introduced as well as all the Senators and/or Alternates that were present. Senator responsibilities were explained as well as a brief overview of Roberts Rules of Order.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 11-02(Approved): “Adoption of 2011-12 Operating Procedures/Roberts Rules of Order attached as Exhibit A”

Motion No. 11-03(Approved): “Nominations for the 2011-12 Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.” Nomination: Eric Cheney, Sociology

Motion No. 11-04(Approved): “Ratification of 2011-12 Faculty Senate committee vacancies as attached in Exhibit B.”

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Bylaw and Academic Code Committee: No report

Curriculum Committee: No report

Evaluation and Assessment: No report

General Education: No report.

Faculty Legislative Representative: Senator Rawlinson reported on some of his activities as FLR this summer. He attended a meeting in August in Olympia. The regional universities reported on their efforts in cutting and streamlining their budgets. However, part of CWU’s presentation included that there have been no salary actions here, reducing the ability to attract and retain faculty. The cuts we are receiving are doing long run damage to the students. Asked Senators that if they have issues or concerns like would like taken to Olympia to please let him know.

CHAIR: Chair Loverro reported that the work of the Senate is important. While it sometimes just feels like word smithing or rubber stamping what comes out of committees, a lot of the detail is happening in the committees so it doesn’t have to be done by the Senate as whole. Chair Loverro will be attending each of the Senate committee first meetings. The Executive Committee is working on charges for each of the committees. If a Senator would like to become more involved, there are still some vacancies on Senate committees. Chair Loverro has also been working to recommend faculty for some of the task forces and search committees for this year. Chair Loverro will be serving on the Academic Planning committee.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Alsoszatai-Petheo pointed out that in an effort to respect everyone’s time, the Executive Committee will be adhering to the printed times on the agenda. He will try and keep time, but not obtrusive and may have to interrupt a speaker with a Point of Order. A motion may be made to extend time if the Senators wish. Chair-Elect Alsoszatai-Petheo talked about his motion last spring regarding budget cuts and remembering students in the decision making process. While there is no perfect solution to deal with the budget cuts, both the President and Provost have been creative and proactive in their approach to help lessen the impact

on everybody. If we keep increasing the student to faculty ratio, the education to the student does suffer.

STUDENT REPORT: Allyson Mundy took office in June. The ASCWU BOD is working on communication. The Experience Leadership Project (ELP) was a great experience and the BOD met the freshman. They are working on doing some peer mentoring with some of these students. President Steve Ross is working on improving communication with faculty, administration and the BOT. The ASCWU BOD met with some of the BOT members last week in an all day retreat. Club Senate meets tonight at 7:00. We will be working with departments to get student representatives.

NEW BUSINESS – Senator Čuljak feels we need to somehow get the message out to students and the legislators that the budget cuts are doing damage to this generation of students. Education should not be for the elite or wealthy and the rest are saddled with large debts.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Exhibit A

2011-12 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. This policy allows for the timely posting of the meeting agenda. 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. An extended agenda will be sent to all Senators, who shall give it to their Alternate if they are unable to attend the 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 1 member	Vacant		6/15/11 – 6/14/12
Bylaws and Academic Code			
1 vacancy	Melody Madlem	PESPH	6/15/11 – 6/14/12
Evaluation & Assessment Committee			
1 CEPS vacancy	Vacant		6/15/11 – 6/14/13
1 LIB vacancy	Vacant	Library	6/15/11 – 6/14/14
1 COB vacancy	Lynn Richmond	Management	6/15/11 – 6/14/13
General Education Committee			
1 COB vacancy	Jim Thompson	Accounting	6/15/11 – 6/14/14