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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: James Avey, Tom Cottrell, Barbara Flanagan, Ralf Greenwald, Terrance, McCain,

Visitors: Sheryl Grunden, Ethan Bergman, Teresa Sloan, Roy Savoian, Kirk Johnson and Marji Morgan.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA Approved

MOTION NO. 10-40(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 6, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS None

FACULTY ISSUES: Senator Gray asked if there is an appropriate percentage of a course a student athlete can miss. The policy language does not give specific language on an amount of time. Ethan Bergman gave some clarification of the current policy. Chair Bransdorfer asked the Provost if a reminder of the attendance policy could go out to faculty each fall. One suggestion was that athletes be given priority registration so they can register for courses that might fit their schedule better each quarter. Another suggestion was that student athletes take online courses.

PRESIDENT: President Gaudino indicated that the legislature is in extended session. All three budgets are on the table and the process is now in the conference committee, which are not public meetings. President will be presenting a framework for CWU's budget at the May BOT meeting since we don't have actual numbers. Hope to be able to present the budget at the June BOT meeting. It looks like there will be authority for a tuition increase to help offset some of the cuts. It looks like there will be an across the board 3% salary decrease. It is unclear how this will be accomplished with collective bargaining agreements. There will probably be a reduction in the state's contribution toward retirement programs as well as increases in health care programs. The Western Governor's University has been approved as the 7th public university in the state. Other legislation includes a bill that would give students with an associate's degree full credit for general education courses within the transfer institution. Another bill would require all institutions to provide a three year degree that does not include summer or overloads.

PROVOST: Provost Levine thanked Loretta Gray who raised the remediation issue. The Provost reported on a process she will be implementing in the fall regarding remediation courses. The Math and English remediation courses will move to a self-support model. Students will pay \$100/per credit for the course. Eventually hope to enhance the delivery services for both the Math and English centers. George Clark, VP for Business & Financial Affairs/Chief Financial Officer has vetted this proposal and feels it will not cost the university money. This is a similar model that WWU is going with as well. The student's financial aid will not be affected by this change. This change is being communicated via academic advising, registrar's office, incoming student orientations and e-mail to current students. Hopefully these changes will help make the centers more available to the students who need it. Senator Jackson asked if the university could increase the number of students taking the Compass test during the summer. Dr. Pellett indicated that they will be looking at the testing that is done to identify what students need to take remediation. Tom Henderson, Testing, has some data that is a little contrary to Lori's and will be pulling all the data needed to be looked at to see if the test is adequate.

Provost reported she has sent out a call for nominations for the Dean of Students. She has spoken with approximately 20 people.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee: Chair Bransdorfer indicated that the Executive Committee has taken on the role of an Ad

Hoc committee on academic misconduct. There has been another case referred to the Faculty Senate through Dennis Defa's office. This is the third one since last year. The Executive Committee will charge the Bylaws and Academic Code committee to create a separate committee and policy to deal with these issues when they come up. Next year we should have a policy and procedures in place.

Academic Affairs Committee: Senator Bransdorfer reported that this committee has only met once this year. Next year there are several charges waiting and the committee should be back up to speed next year. The committee will be charged with looking at student cheating policies and faculty rights in the classroom when dealing with disruptive behavior.

Bylaw and Academic Code Committee: Senator Rawlinson reported that the committee has responded to all but one of the charges. The committee has asked the Executive Committee to return a new charge on scholarly misconduct next year.

Curriculum Committee: Senator Lori Braunstein read the memo on curriculum deadlines for next year. Program changes and new programs are going to be due November 23rd.

Evaluation and Assessment: Senator Snedeker reminded faculty to participate in the assessment of academic administrators. The website will close on Friday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m.. The committee is still working with administration on the 360 degree evaluation process. Chair Bransdorfer indicated there have been some questions about some administrators who were not part of the evaluation process. The Dean of Graduate Studies was not evaluated due to retirement. Dennis Defa was not included this time because of his job change. SEOI Task Force – Senator Snedeker reported that the final report will be in June. The new SEOI forms have not been funded for spring quarter.

General Education: Senator Čuljak reported that the committee will be meeting with the President and Provost on Monday. The committee will not have a proposal this year.

Faculty Legislative Representative: Chair Bransdorfer has sent out a call for nominations for the next FLR. The Executive Committee will be conducting interviews and speaking with these nominees. As indicated in policy the Executive Committee will be selecting the candidate and will bring the name to Senate for ratification. This ratification process should take place at the June meeting. This position will be for a three year term.

CHAIR: Chair Bransdorfer reported that the Greek Life Task Force has produced their final report. This report went to the President last week. This task force was not charged with making a recommendation for or against. A list of pros and cons as well as a list of what things would have to be implemented to make this happen and a rough timeline to implement was included in the final report. All of the recommendations submitted regarding the academic calendar were made into a list and forwarded to the Provost and Registrar office.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Loverro reported that the language changing the policy for electing new senate chair-elect will not be in place until next year. The Executive Committee will have to go with the old system this year.

STUDENT REPORT: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.