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REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

Senators: Jason Burroughs, William Folkestad, Stephen Glasby, Ralf Greenwald, Mark Lane, Paul Sellars, Jeff Snedeker and Dale Wilson.

Visitors: Sheryl Grunden and Tracy Pellett

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes

MOTION NO. 08-53(Appealed) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 6, 2009

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FACULTY ISSUES: None

PRESIDENT: President Gaudino reported that the budget has been put out there and now the reality is to get our finances in line with the budget. There are a number of risk factors. There is \$7 million in stimulus money in next year's budget that the legislature will need to find someplace for the 2011 budget. President reported that we need to be working toward moving from a budget driven university to an income and expense university.

PROVOST: Provost Quirk thanked the Senate at large and the Executive Committee for their work this year. Had a number of issues that we worked together on this past year to come up with plans and solutions. Provost Quirk indicated he will be looking at the broader academic plan and working on setting some priorities. While data gathering will happen over the summer, no changes will happen over the summer in regards to the academic planning. We have a year to think how we might prioritize, find cost savings, make cuts and work on growth dollars to help offset the differences in the spending plan for 2010-2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion No. 08-42(Appealed, 2 abstentions): Recommendation to approve a change to the membership of the Curriculum Committee to add "Ex-officio, non-voting member" to the student representative as outlined in Exhibit A.

Motion No. 08-43 (Approved as amended 6 nay, 4 abstentions): Recommendation to amend Academic Code Section II.B. Emeritus Professor Appointments as outlined in Exhibit B.

Motion No. 08-43a(Appealed): – Senator Ogden moved to change "Emeritus" title to "Emeritus" status and add "or title" behind rank in paragraphs B.1. and B.3.

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee: (Rodney Bransdorfer)

Motion No. 08-54: "Vote for the 2009-2010 Executive Committee Member-At-Large position. " Nominees: Rodney Bransdorfer, Foreign Language and David Rawlinson, ITAM

Motion No. 08-55(Appealed): ""Ratification of 2009-10 Faculty Senate committee vacancies as attached in Exhibit C."

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Bylaw and Academic Code Committee: No Report

Curriculum Committee: Year End Report <http://www.cwu.edu/~fsenate/FSSC/Curriculum.html> Listen to the DVD for Rodney's report.

Evaluation and Assessment: Year End Report <http://www.cwu.edu/~fsenate/FSSC/Personnel.html> See Jeff's comments he sent via e-mail.

General Education: Year End Report <http://www.cwu.edu/~fsenate/FSSC/GenEd.html>

Aaron reported that an e-mail will go out later today to faculty regarding the Wiki site which will be open for discussion this summer. Forums will be scheduled for the fall. Hope to have a proposal for the Senate in December.

Discussion followed. Kathleen Barlow asked if the General Education committee would bring the proposals to departments to discuss, in addition to the forums. Expressed concern about the mid-level seminar causing a bottle neck for students to try and get through. Senator Donahoe expressed concern that there hasn't been a needs assessment done.

Faculty Legislative Representative: No report

CHAIR: Chair Manweller reported that an Executive Committee summary report will available on the website. This year we have participated in the selection of a new university president, adopted a new election process for department chairs, worked with the Provost to start the reform of the SEOs, worked to get some data available to faculty in response to the Grade Information report, continued work on reforming the General Education requirements, crafted new language for Emeritus faculty to include non-tenure track faculty, worked on revamping the curriculum process regarding the process of how Senate adopts new programs and conducted the assessment of academic administrators.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Cutsinger thanked Matt for keeping the meeting and subjects moving along this year. She encouraged senators to take time to participate in the President's Vision exercise that is on the web. Thanks to the General Education committee for the work they have done. Extra thanks to Patsy Callaghan for all of her work.

Past Chair – Report on file in the Faculty Senate office.

STUDENT REPORT: Caitlin reported working on the funding process to make the accounting easier to process student fund requests. Funding went to 140 students this year. They anticipate having many more next year. Megan Hammond will be the VP for academic affairs next year. Enjoyed serving on all of the different committees next year.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35

Exhibit A

IV. Senate Standing Committees

A. Standing Committees

Powers, Duties and Membership

The Faculty Senate standing committees have powers and duties as described (Academic Code Section III-D) below:

- a. The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee shall be concerned with the study, development, and improvement of the curriculum, educational programs, and academic policy (section 5-10 of the CWU Policies manual, Curriculum Policies and Procedures) of at the university, shall cooperate with other individuals, groups or committees at the university in carrying out its duties, and shall do such other things as may be requested by or approved by the Senate Executive Committee. The membership of the Curriculum Committee shall consist of:
 1. two (2) faculty from the College of the Arts and Humanities,
 1. two (2) faculty from the College of Business,
 2. two (2) faculty from the College of Education and Professional Studies,
 3. two (2) faculty from the College of the Sciences,
 4. one (1) faculty from the Library,
 5. one (1) student selected by ASCWU (ex-officio, non-voting member)

Exhibit B

Section II: OTHER FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

The specific rights and responsibilities of faculty working in special roles shall be delineated in the agreement and/or contract with the appointing authority, subject to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, e.g., interdisciplinary program director, academic program director within a department or graduate program director.

B. *Emeritus Professor Faculty Appointments*

1. Faculty, ~~as described in the CBA, members~~ who are retiring from the university, may be retired with the honorary “Emeritus” title status ascribed to their highest attained rank or title of Emeritus Professor. The Emeritus title status is recommended by departmental action for a faculty member whose teaching, scholarly, and service record is ~~meritorious~~ exemplary for their appointment. The normal criteria for appointment to the emeritus faculty are ten (10) years of full-time service as a member of the teaching faculty. However, the Board of Trustees may grant emeritus status to any faculty member at their discretion.
2. Emeritus ~~Professor~~ status is a privilege and is subject to state ethics laws and the Washington State Constitution. University-related activities that are not part of any part-time employment at the university as described in the CBA are considered “volunteer hours.” These volunteer hours must be reported to the university payroll office by the any Emeritus Professor Faculty member every quarterly to the university payroll office for insurance purposes and for Department of Labor and Industries reporting.
3. The Emeritus title status ascribed to the faculty member’s highest rank or title provides for the listing of their names of members in the university catalog, use of the library and other university facilities, and participation in academic, social and other faculty and university functions. In addition, Emeritus faculty:
 - a. Shall be issued staff cards and parking permits each year without charge, if budget permits;
 - b. Shall have the same library and computer services, including an email account, as regular faculty;
 - c. Shall receive university publications without charge;
 - d. Shall qualify for faculty rates at ~~athletic and other~~ university events, if available;
 - e. May be assigned an office, if space permits;
 - f. May have clerical support, if budget permits;
 - g. May serve on any committee in ex officio, advisory, or consulting capacity according to expertise and experience.
4. The Board of Trustees may grant the ~~rank status~~ of emeritus faculty professor posthumously to faculty members deceased during their term of service to the university.

Rationale:

The CBA delineation of Faculty (Article 8 “Appointments”) indicates that the term is inclusive, listing both tenure-track ranks/titles and non-tenure-track titles. Likewise, Articles 9 & 10 (Tenure and Tenure-track Faculty” & “Non-tenure Track Faculty” respectively) places no restrictions on broadening the use of the emeritus honorific title. Therefore, adjusting the language of Section II.A of the Academic Code to be inclusive of other emeritus faculty rankings will allow for the awarding of such status to meritorious tenured and non-tenured faculty.

However, Article 8.1.3 of the CBA, only recognizes the honorary title of “Emeritus Professor.” This will need to be amended in the present round of collective bargaining (Faculty Senate should request this be addressed by both bargaining teams) in order to allow for recognition of emeritus status ascribed to the faculty member’s highest rank at CWU at the time the honorary title is awarded.

Exhibit C

Committee	Name	Department	Term
Bylaws and Academic Code			
2 vacancies	Vacant		6/15/09 – 6/14/12
	Vacant		6/15/09 – 6/14/12
Curriculum Committee			
Library 1 member	Jan Jorgensen	Library	6/15/09 – 6/14/12
COB 2 members	Vacant		6/15/09 – 6/14/12
	Vacant		6/15/09 – 6/14/12