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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Breanna Banchemo, Dan Beck, Lori Braunstein, John Bryant, Scott Calahan, Jonathan Fassett, William Folkestad, Boris Kovalerchuk, Elise Forier, Richard Mack, Michelle Montgomery, Mark Soelling, Katie Underwood, and Tom Wellock.

Visitors: Rodney Bransdorfer and Cameron McCormick

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - approved

MOTION NO. 06-36(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 7, 2007

COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Chase read a letter from Tracy Terrell regarding Commencement and letter from Chenyang Li regarding non-tenure track faculty. Both documents are available for review in the Faculty Senate office.

FACULTY ISSUES: Senator Britto asked how to find out what is happening with SEOs for on-line courses. Chair Dippmann indicated he has not received any information back from them the Evaluation and Assessment Committee regarding that charge. He will reassert that charge with the committee.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 06-37(Approved): "Ratification of 2007-08 Faculty Senate Standing Committee members attached as Exhibit A."

Motion No. 06-38 (Chair-Elect Madlem moved and Secretary Chase seconded Motion was approved): Recognizing, and empathizing with, the growing demoralization among our non-tenure-track faculty colleagues as a result of a recent policy changes:

That Faculty strongly encourages the Central Washington University Administration to carefully and thoughtfully reevaluate its recent decisions concerning the exclusion of non-tenure-track faculty from the University catalog and telephone directory.

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Academic Code Committee: Senator Ogden reported the committee has received a charge to look at the Academic Code and Bylaws. The committee met last Friday. Tasks were divvied up. Committee also reviewed a recent charge for special consideration of the nomination of Executive Committee officers.

Curriculum Committee: No report

General Education: The committee had a retreat several weeks back to discuss possible directions for reform. They are working on outcomes for each of the categories. Continuing discussion of how they can be involved with the program review.

Evaluation and Assessment Committee: The Assessment of Academic Administrators is being pulled together and will be out soon. It will be out to Centers on Thursday and rest of campus by Monday. Each administrator was asked to give us a synopsis of what their job is. Many are given

assignments that faculty are not aware of. Faculty are encouraged to look at this information before filling out the evaluations.

Faculty Legislative Representative: No report.

Professional Development Committee: Senator Chase reported that the committee is meeting bi-weekly and have elected Hong Xiao as their chair. They are currently working on topics that might be of interest to faculty for professional development.

CHAIR: The Executive Committee met with Michael Jennings regarding the proposed Center for Teacher Scholar. The budget is being proposed and laid out. The task of that center is being established. The Distinguished Professor selection committee has completed their evaluation and will be sending their recommendations to the Provost by the 16th. We may have found a lead for the General Education program review. The Executive Committee is currently looking to create an ad hoc committee of two more faculty members to assist with that process. If you or colleagues are interested, please let us know. It is the hope that the committee can get some of the work done this spring. Ad hoc committee on scheduling has been able to come up with meeting time this Friday. The Evaluation of Academic Administrators will be going out by next week.

CHAIR-ELECT: CFR meeting will be on campus April 23rd. Senate is working on a presentation that will be presented at the BOT on May 4th. This is the Senate's opportunity to show the BOT what we do.

PRESIDENT: President McIntyre reported that the tuition waiver authority passed last Friday. It has gone to the Governor who has 5 working days to respond. If she doesn't veto it, it will become part of the state statute. However it still needs to be funded by the legislature. She is currently waiting for a report on the budget process from the Conference committee. It looks like it is a better year for higher education than has been in a number of years. The legislative session is scheduled to end April 22nd. This weekend will be a concert honoring Joan Moawad at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at the box office in the Student Union building or at the door. Bobby McFerrin will be performing on April 30th.

PROVOST: Provost Soltz reported that the first year reappointment letters will go out next week. Tenure/promotion files are due in his office Friday, April 13th. The performance adjustment first deadline is April 23rd. Faculty are to submit file to the department chair on or before that date. Lecturers are currently being asked to submit their employment file with a certified transcript. This is to be in compliance with NWCCU. Provost Soltz indicated that adjuncts will be listed in the telephone directory and in the on-line version of the catalog. An announcement regarding this will go out tomorrow. Tom Henderson has conducted a comprehensive survey of UNIV 101 students. If you are interested in that data, please contact the Testing Department.

STUDENT REPORT: Senator Martinez reported that Katie Underwood is at the Des Moines center today. The quarter is off to a rapid start. The ASCWU BOD elections process has begun. Write in candidates are still eligible to register. The General election will begin May 3rd. The ASCWU does not condone campaigning in the classroom. They will be accepting applications until April 16th for a student representative to the Board of Trustees and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This week is "Bigger Than Us" with activities all this week. Today is Holocaust remembrance day with a presentation tonight. Senator Martinez brought a number of student concerns to the Senate. One concern is that Education majors who do their student teaching in the fall are unable to walk at the spring commencement. Another concern is the attendance policy as it relates to students who are interviewing for graduate programs. Currently the attendance policy does not include anything other than university sponsored activities. Students are getting frustrated and concerned regarding advisors being switched by departments without written notification to the students. Another concern is three credit courses that run four days a week and professors who treat it as a four credit course. The final concern is the increase in complaints about faculty demeanor and language toward certain minority groups on campus.

NEW BUSINESS None

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Exhibit A

Committee	Name	Department	Term
Curriculum Committee			
CAH (Need 1)	Toni Čuljak	English	6/15/07-6/14/10