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CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 4, 2006, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Dan Beck, Scott Callahan, Anthony Diaz, David Laman, Matthew Manweller, and Mark Soelling

Visitors: Rose Spodobalski Brower, Rodney Bransdorfer, and Susie Beador

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Moved # 5 Faculty Issues to #8. Agenda was approved.

MOTION NO. 06-01(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 31, 2006

COMMUNICATIONS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATOR ORIENTATION - The Executive Committee went through information for the Senators. The information is available on the CD provided to the Senator's. CD's are available in the Faculty Senate Office.

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 06-02(Approved): "Adoption of 2006-07 Operating Procedures/Roberts Rules of Order attached as Exhibit A"

Motion No. 06-03(Approved): "Approve Jeffrey Snedeker as the 2006-07 Faculty Senate Parliamentarian."

(Written Ballot)

Motion No. 06-04(Approved): "Election of 2006-07 Member-At-Large – Nominee: Karen Hendricks, Lecturer in Psychology."

Motion No. 06-05(Approved): "Ratification of 2006-07 Faculty Senate Standing Committee members attached as Exhibit B."

Academic Affairs Committee: - The Academic Affairs Committee has met. They elected co-chairs and this meeting and discussed what may lie ahead for the year. They have not received any formal charges.

Budget Committee: No report.

Code Committee: There will be two faculty forums next Tuesday to provide opportunity to discuss the draft Academic Code. Those forums are Tuesday, October 10th and Friday October 13th. The committee is requesting that senators read the draft version send comments to the committee or to the Senate.

Curriculum Committee: No report.

Development and Appropriations: No report. T

General Education: The committee met this week. The committee established meeting times for the rest of the quarter. The committee is working on their proposed changes to the general education program heading descriptions and learner outcomes. They will be giving this proposal to representative faculty groups for review. Committee is continuing to work on the general education program reform.

Personnel Committee: The committee has met. The committee is concerned about the structure of the Academic Code and continued presence of the Personnel Committee. Committee is awaiting a formal charge.

Public Affairs Comm/Council of Faculty Reps/Faculty Legislative Representative: Jim Huckabay is the Faculty Legislative Representative this year. The Council of Faculty Representatives will be meeting in Spokane on Friday October 6th.

CHAIR: The Executive Committee has been meeting regularly. They will continue with regular meetings with the President and Provost as well as once a quarter with Wayne Quirk, Michael Jennings and Linda Beath. The group has spent several weeks looking over the Academic Code draft and has made recommendations for this document.

Greg Cant: Faculty and Administration Joint Working Group (FAJWG) has been working on developing language for the Academic Code. Last spring the Faculty Senate proposed a revised Faculty Code to remove everything that was covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The Board of Trustees (BOT) took action and removed the former Faculty Code and gave us an Interim Faculty Code. This document could not be changed, but was a holding document that allowed Faculty Senate to continue its business. This group has been working over the summer and this fall to develop the draft that is now available. Three faculty forums were developed to allow for faculty input. Two of these forums are on Tuesday and Friday of next week. Faculty can also provide input through the website. Once the forums are complete the committee will review the feedback received and put forward a final draft. This draft will go to the BOT on Friday, December 8th. Once it is approved by the BOT the Interim Faculty Code will disappear and the Academic Code will take its place.

Summer Proposal – Wayne Quirk, Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education spoke to the Senate regarding a proposed change to the summer session calendar and process. This proposal lines up all of the sessions to begin at the same time and will exclude the 4 week session. Hope to have courses available that are backlogged during the regular academic year offered and with the block scheduling process hope that this will allow students to take courses that don't overlap. Senator Ogden asked about how cooperative education will be structured during the summer. Dr. Quirk indicated that the Summer Advisory Committee is still working on how to make that process work better. However, they hope that all cooperative education and internships will end on time with the summer quarter. Dr. Quirk indicated that the 2nd 4th week session was the lowest enrollment session of the summer with the 1st 4th week session being the next lowest enrollment. Senator Cant expressed concern that this could be detrimental to the College of Business courses if this process is undertaken quickly. A number of their courses utilized the four week sessions and could see this causing a downturn in the enrollment for the college.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Madlem reported she will be attending the Council of Faculty Representatives meeting this Friday in Spokane.

PRESIDENT: President McIntyre reported that last Thursday Central presented their maintenance, operating and capital project budget requests. The HEC Board proposals have been forwarded. Currently she is meeting with legislators, legislative staff and the governor in preparation of the legislative session. Tonight will be hosting a dinner to meet with the 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th district legislators to try and build a coalition of support. Ann Anderson has done a good job of working with legislators in the districts around the Centers. The Governor's budget will come out in December and the legislative session will open in January. The House and Senate will develop their budgets and will hopefully have this ready the end of April. The Presidential Performing Arts and Speaker Series is continuing. Robert Kennedy will be here November 3rd; the Seattle Symphony is November 19th. There will be a University Address at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Music Building.

PROVOST: No report.

STUDENT REPORT: Senator Underwood indicated the ASCWU is excited to work with everyone and work with more academics. Currently working on getting more donations for an ASCWU scholarship and on ways to help improve UNIV 101.

FACULTY ISSUES: Senator Braunstein expressed a concern in regards to students being allowed to do a major & minor within the same department. There have always been comments about double dipping, but there has never been a university policy regarding that. It has always been up to departments to make the decision if they would allow students to receive a major & minor within the same department. Senator Braunstein indicated she has received information from the Registrar's office that that a minor in the same department should not have a significant number of credits that are the same. There is a concern that the Registrar's office is dictating curriculum decisions. Senator Shorr said that right now students are being denied using a single course in two programs because of SAFARI. Senator Donahoe remembered that this issue was sent to the Academic Affairs Committee several years ago and thought it was solved. Senator Ogden indicated that some departments have put into the catalog their requirements for double dipping. The Executive Committee will look into this issue and request that the Academic Affairs Committee look into these issues.

Senator Ogden brought up the issue of block courses not being allowed to be taught during the 10:00 – 2:00 time frame. This is causing problems with scheduling courses that require the use of the specific studios. These rooms can only be used for specific courses needing the media equipment and there is not enough time during the later hours to get all the course work in. These rooms sit empty during these times. Senator Robinson indicated this was an issue with Theatre Arts as well. Senator Snedeker indicated part of this was driven by the General Education courses. It was done to make sure that students have these times straight across to take the General Education courses that are typically 50 minutes five days a week.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Exhibit A

2006-07 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 mailing 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			
CAH	Sura Rath	English	6/15/06-6/14/08
Curriculum Committee			
COB (Need 2)	Norm Gierlasinski	Accounting	6/15/06-6/14/09