

Bylaws & Faculty Code Minutes—October 28, 2019

Present: Elvin Delgado, Jason Dormady, Mary Radeke, Stephen Robison

Absent: None

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Minutes of October 14, 2019 were approved as written.

Chair Updates

Jason indicated that Walter received a query from a department regarding the emeritus voting process. The department held an emeritus vote, but two faculty members tied for the outcome. This is not an issue for BFCC at the moment, but it may come up at some point in the future. The department in this case requested an interpretation of the Faculty Code, but there is a formal process they need to go through in order to make that request.

EC Updates

EC has held two meetings since BFCC last met. Opportunities did not arise during either of those meetings to discuss questions relating to Charge 01 and the senate chair's summer stipend language. However, Elvin was able to talk to Walter at another time. The senate chair works for 13 weeks over the summer (e.g. for 30-40 hours per week). The past chair works quite a bit during the summer, too, because they are helping the new chair transition. Elvin also talked with some former senate chairs who felt that the summer WLU needed to be renegotiated. Typically the chair works for 13 weeks during the summer but is paid for the amount of 4 WLU in the form of a stipend. While the past chair also receives a summer stipend, this is paid at senior lecturer rate.

Any changes made to the code language will need to go to Faculty Senate and go through the process of three readings, and then go on to the president and Board of Trustees.

Charge 01: Revise code language surrounding FS Chair's summer stipend

Proposed changes:

In IV.E.2.b.:

b. The chair assumes certain duties and responsibilities in the summer, for which 8-14 WLU (determined by rank during the academic year) as negotiated determined to need and budget considerations is negotiated with the president.

In IV.E.3., create new section a. to read:

a. The chair-elect assumes certain duties and responsibilities in the summer, for which 1 WLU (determined by rank during the academic year) as negotiated determined to need and budget considerations is negotiated with the president.

In IV.E.4., create new section a. to read:

a. The past chair assumes certain duties and responsibilities in the summer, for which 4-7 WLU (determined by rank during the academic year) as negotiated determined to need and budget considerations is negotiated with the president.

In IV.E.5, create new section a. to read:

a. Executive Committee members assume certain duties and responsibilities in the summer, for which 1 WLU (determined by rank during the academic year) as negotiated determined to need and budget considerations is negotiated with the president.

Proposed language changes will be sent forward to EC. There are questions as to whether or not language should be added to negotiate the work of the senate chair, or to clarify the duties of faculty officers. Elvin will talk with EC.

Faculty Code rewrite

Jason contacted the president's office and is waiting to receive the personnel description for the president. Definitions have been found for "department," "interdisciplinary program," "simple majority," and "unit".

Additions and formatting changes were made as part of the Faculty Code rewrite:

- "Faculty" doesn't need to be defined in the definition list because it is defined on the following page.

- "Definitions" section will be moved back to its original place at the beginning of the Preamble and before "Disclaimer."

- To Abbreviations section add:

- Abbreviations for Faculty Senate committees
- "President's Budget Advisory Council (PBAC)"
- "Association of American Colleges & Universities" (AAC&U)
- CWUP – Central Washington University Policy
- CWUR – Central Washington University Procedure
- General Education Committee (GEC)

Languages changes:

- In the new Section III: Faculty Senate, add a new sentence to read: "The Faculty Senate is the primary instrument for shared governance and consultation at CWU" as the second sentence in the introductory statement.

In new Section III.A., add "of Faculty Senate" to "Powers" heading.

In new Section III.F., add "for the Protection of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities" to "Internal Senate Procedures" heading

In new Section III.G, add "for the Protection of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities" to "External Senate Procedures" heading.

All changes were moved, voted, and approved.

In II.A.1., add a new part e. to read: "Access (according to appropriate work assignment) to accurate budgetary, enrollment, retention, and alumni data for reasons of recruitment, retention, fundraising, budgeting, and unit governance."

Changes were moved and approved.

EC's feedback on the chair summer stipend language will be discussed at next week's meeting. The code rewrite will be revisited at November 25 meeting. Remaining charges will be reviewed at the November 25 meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:
November 4, 2019
3:00 p.m.
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