

**FACULTY SENATE
ANNUAL
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR

Prepared for the Central Washington University Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Committee: Academic Affairs Committee

Committee Chair: Marla Wyatt, Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences

Committee Representation:

- Members: Joe Brooks, Krstral Noga-Styron, Thomas Tenerelli, Michael Whelan, Penglin Wang, Sacheen Mobley-Welsh, and Marla Wyatt
- Administrative Assistant to the committee: Janet Shields
- Ex Officio Members: Mike Jackson
- Student Representatives: none
- Guests: Richard DeSchields was an invited guest to the February 9, 2012 meeting.

Committee Charges:

- Determine current policy on faculty rights in two areas:
 - Right to appeal overturning a grade based on student grievance
 - Rights and available actions when dealing with student classroom conduct, including but not limited to:
 - Use of electronic devices
 - Disrespectful treatment of instructor and/or other students
 - Disruptive behavior
 - If lacking in current policy, provide policy wording to be incorporated into university policy manual. All policy regarding faculty rights should be vetted in collaboration with the Attorney General.
- Determine current policy and practice dealing with student academic misconduct. Provide policy and procedure in university policy manual to ensure appropriate action in cases of student academic misconduct.

- Leaves of Absence policy revision (see memo from Registrar Services)
- Degree components policy. This year some additional language was inserted into the print catalog. Please review current policy and the catalog language to determine what should be in either policy and/or the catalog.
- Provide Committee Reports to the Faculty Senate at the January 11, March 7, and May 2, 2012 meetings
- Review and recommend changes to the academic policy (section five of the CWU Policies manual, Academic Policies) when/where necessary.
- Provide a year-end report to the Faculty Executive Committee by May 18, 2012.

Report on the Activities of the Committee:

- Meeting Dates and Times:
 - The committee began the 2011-2012 school year, meeting every Thursday at 3:15 pm in Barge 410. The committee ended the school year, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 4 pm in Barge 410.
 - The committee voted to continue meeting (school year 2012-2013 and beyond) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 4 pm in Barge 410.
- Minutes: have been posted to the Web. This includes all action (motions) taken by the committee
- Successes:
 - The committee has completed all charges given to them by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
 - The committee has reviewed the “general” Academic Policies” in the CWU Policies Manual. This should be ready for approval at the Faculty Senate meeting to be held on May 30, 2012.
- Concerns and Recommendations:
 - A concern of at least three committee members is that while faculty are expected to conduct themselves in a “professional” manner, is there any way that language could be put in policy about the manner in which “students” should conduct themselves.

- If faculties are responsible for their actions, shouldn't students be held accountable for their actions? **Specifically actions against a professor.**
 - Example: a student saying something against a faculty member maliciously and/or without proof
 - (one idea - perhaps SEOI's should not be anonymous)
 - Accountability of actions should go both directions (the professor and the student)
- The committee realizes that any such policy would need to be vetted in collaboration with the Attorney General.