



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

# STUDENT ACADEMIC SENATE

February 13, 2014

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*Call to order*

CHAIR called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

*Attendance*

Absent: Chemistry, Language, Education - Literacy & Special Education, Art, Finance and Supply Chain, Aviation, Computer Science

*Additions or corrections*

HISTORY would like to add "Tuition" to *Issues and Concerns*

CHAIR adds "Committee Reports" to *Discussion*; "CEPS Split" to *Discussion*; and "Spring Quarter Scheduling" to *Discussion*

DHC would like to add "Committees"

*Approval of agenda*

ANTHROPOLOGY moves to approve. English seconds. PASSED

*Approval of minutes JAN 30 2014*

ENGLISH moves to table "approval of January 30 meeting minutes" until next meeting. ENGLISH rescinds motion. HISTORY would like to review minutes to ensure Council of Probity approval.

GEOLOGY moves to approve minutes from January 30. MANAGEMENT seconds. PASSED

*Announcements*

CHAIR reminds the SAS that Executive Board meets every Monday at 7 a.m.; Lobby Day is on Friday February 14th at 7a.m.; Fresh Air Survey link is in emails and closes on Sat 15<sup>th</sup>

MANAGEMENT IHOP is participating in a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Miracle balloons are on sale for \$1-\$5. Stop by IHOP to donate. Fundraising will continue until March 4<sup>th</sup>, which is National Pancake Day. This year proceeds will go toward the purchase of premature baby incubators at the children's hospital in Yakima. Each incubator costs \$12,000.

POLITICAL SCIENCE The Political Science Department is hosting a leadership conference on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m until 3 p.m. The conference is open to all; Signups are free. The Amazing Race – Ellensburg: On March 7, challenges and activities for teams of three. The team with most points wins a \$450 tuition waiver for Spring 2014. The event is open for volunteers.

HISTORY Generational Differences Task Force: College of Arts and Humanities is seeking students to participate and collect feedback about how to increase student involvement on campus. HISTORY is interested in creating a task force, of which he will be Chair. Dean Morgan of the College of Arts and Humanities wants to assess the disconnect between faculty and students and wants feedback by Spring Quarter. Dean Morgan wants a diverse group of students from different majors and colleges. Jenna Hyatt, director of Housing, will be providing the grad student perspective.

#### *Tabled items*

#### *New Business*

Roberts tips. ETSC addresses speaking time limits. Timer to be implemented, feedback from the senate is welcome. Time limits to be voted upon by the SAS

CHAIR Funds Request Packet Update includes a sample of the necessary attachment format for students to provide a “written description of event” on Funds Requests. The objective of this change is to encourage students to submit presentable, professional-quality grant requests. ANTHROPOLOGY asks how specific written descriptions must be of the travel itinerary. CHAIR responds that the more specific the request the better chance a group has of getting funds.

MILITARY SCIENCE clarifies that written description with the Department Chair signature is required.

#### *Funds Request*

Communication Sarah, Print Journalism major, writer for *The Observer*. A group of students is attending the National College Media Convention in San Diego, California, at which valuable networking and professional skills development will be gained through workshops covering multiple industry topics, and critiques of peer materials. Four students will be attending, each of whom cover different aspects of *The Observer*. The goal of the trip is to improve the paper and to improve readership.

POLITICAL SCIENCE: How much is Communication requesting? CHAIR \$900.

CHAIR: Point of Info – if funds aren’t used for purpose allocated, not reimbursed.

HISTORY Comment made that S&A funding killed the trip. Gallery, SARAH Students interested in attending will (presumably) pay out of pocket. HISTORY clarifies that students will be paying \$200 out of pocket. Gallery, SARAH is unsure, but can review with her advisor. CHAIR clarifies that the amount is \$334

MANAGEMENT Moves to approve the full amount. GEOLOGY seconds. ENGLISH, HISTORY, COMMUNICATION abstain. PASSED

#### *Committee Reports*

Constitution & Bylaws HISTORY Council of Probity approved the changes; SAS is now operating under newly-approved Title 1. The BOD approved Title IX with the recommendation of changing IX-3.1.G.iii. No more changes are to be brought before the SAS, as the BOD Constitution & Bylaws are being revised and conflicts with BOD constitution & bylaws updates will thus be avoided. Title 9 will be operable upon Council of Probity approval. The Committee reviewed every program on campus to review representation needs. The Committee meets every 2 weeks (off-weeks from SAS) and is currently making structural, but not substantive changes. It will be adding a Table of Contents, Index and Appendices. Current Timetable: early spring to submit the entire reviewed document. The Committee would like to hold a special SAS meeting, purely for the discussion of the constitution & bylaws. Gallery, BOB FORD, BOD adviser, Director of Campus Life. This work is important, so don’t hold back on *proposed*

edits, as that would also help BOD Constitution & Bylaws to avoid conflicts before too much work had been done.

Recruitment & Publicity MANAGEMENT reports that the final version of the publicity posters will be sent out by spring break. A budget being developed to submit for SAS approval to cover publicity costs. PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES The goal of the Committee is to fill all senate seats, and once that has been achieved, to fill alternate seats as well. The senator encourages other senators to support committee goals by seeking out alternates for their respective seats.

Student Advocacy Geology and DHC The Research Committee has seven members with not much work to do, and the Student Rights Committee has two members and lots of work. The senators propose combining the committees into the "Student Rights & Advocacy Committee." **INSERT PROPOSAL QUOTE describing com**. They are seeking to create a liaison between the student body and the SAS to address the appeals process, class substitutions, to ensure that students are comfortable approaching the appropriate bodies with official complains.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES Asks if this will be a group of students with office hours, or email contact? GEOLOGY A regular meeting time will be established, which will take a few weeks as there is currently a 35-page document of student rights to review. DHC We are seeking a fluid committee to assess needs.

BIOLOGY How many on committee? GEOLOGY Other committees and the new task force will need more members but this committee is seeking about 7-8 members tops.

CHAIR Point of Info: Kelsie Miller points out that one of her formal duties is to oversee such complaints.

ENGLISH Would like to hear input from committee members being moved around. GEOLOGY If you're on a committee and don't want to do this, there are other committees for such members to move to.

MANAGEMENT points out that the Publicity & Recruitment Committee could use more members.

DHC Student Rights would be incorporated into Research, but some research committee members might be disinterested.

GEOLOGY entertains a motion to combine the Research & Student Rights Committee. DHC clarifies the Student Rights & Responsibility Committee.

PHYSICS so moves. SCIENCE EDUCATION seconds. PASSED

General Education ITAM Short term goal of the Committee is to replace KYLE who serves on Faculty Senate Committee; long-term goal remains advocating for students on faculty senate. The meetings are held every other Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fishbowl at Brooks Library. SCIENCE EDUCATION General Education committee is reviewing breadth courses that will be going into effect during the 2015-2016 school year; Last day to propose classes is October 16; notify department chairs. Curriculum Committee is evaluating new programs proposed by departments. NUTRITION: Academic Affairs – passed and completed the packet for winter 2014.

Chair applauds committee chairs for their SUBSTANTIAL work.

### *Discussion*

CEPS split SAS approves 5 minutes for the discussion.

CHAIR sits on Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Committee, researching the impact of dividing the College of Education and Professional Studies into the College of Education and the College of Applied Sciences and Technology. CHAIR is seeking student feedback from CEPS regarding the impact such a split would have.

GEOLOGY used to be industrial education major, but left because the education department is not geared toward STEM fields; the courses are too generalized and don't adequately prepare students for the workplace. MUSIC agrees; Education classes are so broad as to be ineffective, and are focused toward core classes.

ITAM Desire to split is to ensure that students know they are part of their own sub group and help professional studies students. Education courses probably won't become more specific, as the education department has more students and have a bigger budget.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES A split will help the growth of CWU, as it has the potential to become a properly great university. Splitting CEPS into two will help improve the quality of both new colleges.

POLITICAL SCIENCE Wants to know cons of splitting. CHAIR the committee is to make a *recommendation*, faculty senate must still approve the final decision.

ENGLISH moves for 2 extra minutes. POLI SCI seconds. Physics abstains. PASSED  
CHAIR It will cost an additional \$316,000 per year to separate the colleges. Is there a legitimate cause to make this cost worthwhile?

ITAM-Alternate moves to add 5 more minutes. ENGLISH seconds.

8 in favor. 8 opposed. 8 abstain

CHAIR breaks tie, 5 more minutes are added to the discussion.

DHC If there is a decision against this split, will the current dean try to address concerns expressed during the current debate to improve the education for specialized fields?

POLITICAL SCIENCE Non-CEPS members should yield to CEPS majors.

CHAIR A poll revealed that 80% supported the split.

POLITICAL SCIENCE asks if there is a plan of action to compensate for the additional \$316,000 per year.

NUTRITION The split will allow for more room for new students, and allow professors to specialize.

CHAIR: The current CEPS dean is retiring, thus the urgency of the discussion.

Scheduling Spring Quarter 2014. CHAIR requests schedules be submitted to her by 5 p.m. on March 14<sup>th</sup>. ENGLISH requests DOODLE poll, to be submitted by Tuesday by 5 pm 18<sup>th</sup>.

CHAIR: Committee accountability. Executive Board Members will now be submitting typed reports each week including attendance, projects, and updates. Senators who don't attend their appropriate committee meetings will be emailed. Senator responsibility includes attending such meetings, and those who fail to do so will be called before the SAS. Questions/comments/concerns, contact Kelsie Miller or one of the other Executive Board members.

### *Issues and Concerns*

HISTORY Tuition *will* be increasing by about 6%, possibly more next year.

ENGLISH To whom do concerned members speak? CHAIR directs senators to the Office of Legislative Affairs, which addresses such concerns. Central Washington University is requesting money to avoid such an eventuality at LOBBY DAY. SAS can formally take a stance by writing to their legislators. Elected Officials are the most likely to assist in the fight to avoid an increase. Gallery, BOB FORD If the Legislature grants Central millions of additional funds it will help stave off the increase. Currently K-12 initiative funding is being pushed, but that takes away funds from higher education. Recession, job growth, and sustaining community development can all be helped through higher education. He encourages activism, and communication with legislators in Olympia. CHAIR Washington Student Association efforts have been effective.

HISTORY Register to vote in Ellensburg – Kittitas County is 13<sup>th</sup> district. Send letters to legislators.

MANAGEMENT moves to adjourn. SCIENCE EDUCATION seconds. POLITICAL SCIENCE opposes, as usual.  
The meeting is adjourned at 8:20 p.m.