

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 3:10 p.m.
BARGE 412
MINUTES

Senators: All senators or their alternates were present except: Gina Bloodworth, Scott Calahan, Anthony Diaz, Elise Forier, Mark Lane, Robert McGowan, Paul Sellers, and Jennifer Winslow.

Visitors: Phil Backlund and Sheryl Grunden.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - None

MOTION NO. 07-45(Approved): APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 5, 2008

COMMUNICATIONS - None

FACULTY ISSUES: Senator Gray had concerns about a newsletter and PowerPoint presentation on assessment that she received. The content of the documents is a little misleading and does not provide a critical view. The Rubric tool for critical thinking that was included is faculty. Chair Snedeker indicated he would make sure to bring her concerns to the committee.

ACCREDITATION – Dr. Phil Backlund presented the background, the, foreground and some of the ground uncovered and dug up dealing with the NWCCU accreditation. NWCCU is one of six regional accrediting bodies. Universities accredited through NWCCU are reviewed every 10 years. There is a required self-study that culminates with a visit from the accreditation team. Central's accreditation visit is scheduled for October 2009 they will be here. There are nine standards the university must meet. Last fall committees were organized for each standard. These committees have been working on getting as much information as they can. They hope to have the first draft of the 250 page self study done by May 2nd. This will be shared with campus to provide feedback. The committees will be looking at challenges next academic year to see what we can do to meet the challenges and will be doing the final draft in the spring of 2009. Dr. Backlund asked that the Senators take the handout from today back to their departments and provide any feedback they have. Dr. Backlund will provide an electronic copy that can be distributed to Senators through the Faculty Senate office. Dr. Backlund indicated what could possibly happen as a result of the accreditation visit. The most likely scenario would be recommendations of areas they view need some attention with a follow-up visit to address the recommendations. The worst case scenario is to lose accreditation, but that rarely happens. Student Affairs has asked for coordination of the amount of surveys that the students are being asked to do. As a result they are working on setting up a database for this information. Discussion was held on several of the various standards.

PRESIDENT: No report

PROVOST: No report

OLD BUSINESS - None

REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

SENATE COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee:

Motion No. 07-46(Approved): "Approval of the 2008-09 regular Faculty Senate meetings as

follows: Fall Quarter - October 8, November 5, December 3; Winter Quarter - January 14, February 11, March 11; Spring Quarter - April 8, May 6, June 3."

Motion No. 07-47(Approved): "Accept nominations for the 2008-2009 Executive Committee Member-At-Large position. " Voting will take place at the May 7, 2008 meeting.

Academic Affairs Committee: No report

Academic Code and Bylaw Committee: Senator Nixon reported a new faculty dispute resolution process is being developed to deal with disputes over academic issues. This will hopefully be part of the new Academic Code. The committee hopes to have the draft to the Executive Committee within the next two weeks.

Curriculum Committee: Senator Brandsdorfer indicated he is currently the chair of the committee. The committee is working with definitions to be applied to the words specializations, major & minor, etc. They are also working on reviewing credit limits for BA and BS degrees.

General Education: No report

Evaluation and Assessment Committee: No report

Faculty Legislative Representative: Jim Huckabay reported that the Council of Faculty Representatives will have their session report available soon. The Council is working on getting Academic freedom and diversity statements from all of the universities in the state. They are trying to be prepared as the bill on intellectual diversity will likely come back up next session. The CFR was able to get hearings on their bill that would put a faculty member on the Board of Trustees of the baccalaureate universities. Unfortunately, the bill did not make it to the floor. The CFR will be asking all of the universities to provide a mechanism for nominating individuals for their BOT. This information will be provided to the Governor and staff with these recommendations that could be appointed to the BOT. The salary technical correction was in the budget. The \$100,000 for the fire protection transfer of new county wide system was funded. The Capital budget request of \$1.3 million for Dean was approved. The deconstruction funds for Muzzall and Courson was not funded. Faculty recruitment and retention funds were not approved as well. The money for each of the universities to hire another counselor was vetoed by the Governor. Also the child care funding for students was also vetoed by the Governor.

CHAIR: Chair Snedeker hoped that faculty received the Executive Committee report to all faculty on NTT service on committees. This is in response to questions in the NTT forum held February 13th. The Executive Committee continues to work on several of the issues that were brought up at the forum. The Code proposals on work load credits and emeritus faculty policies are on the BOT agenda for May. These proposals should be voted on in June. Chair Snedeker has sent out a statement to chairs, deans and the Provost regarding the value of university service. Hope the university can work towards a more balance approach to committee service. The Senate office will send a copy of this statement to all Senators. Hope to have, by the next meeting, to have fairly well vetted assessment tool for Senate and Executive Committee. Chair Snedeker will send out for input before the next meeting if possible. Chair Snedeker reported on some useful meetings with Bob Hickey, Dennis Defa, president and provost recently. This is a very positive situation and is encouraging to be included in these discussions. There is still a need for faculty on the Academic Code and Bylaws committee for next year.

CHAIR-ELECT: Chair-Elect Manweller reported that in addition to the At Large position that the Senate will be voting on at the next meeting, we will have CEPS position open. Don Nixon will be resigning from the Executive Committee at the end of this academic year, so we will be doing elections in the College of Business/Library as well this year.

STUDENT REPORT: Mike Bogtay reported that the BOT has approved the student academic

senate. The S&A Committee has approved \$20,000 for students to get experiential learning. Hope that people can help with the canal cleanup this weekend. There are signup sheets at the Civil Engagement Center. The ASCWU election process has started. There are students running in each of the positions. There will be forums and debates coming up. They will be pushing for online advising next year.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.