

BFCC  
Minutes  
February 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Members present: Nathan, Melissa, Gary, Mary, and Natashia

Minutes approved from 2/3/2025 with minor clerical corrections. Gary motioned to approve, Natashia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Chair report:**

- The NTT new senator position charge/motion was submitted to EC for review. We have not heard back and likely will not until after their meeting on 2/12 or 2/19/2025.
- **Motion No. 24-19:** Modify Faculty Senate Bylaws 1.B, Nomination and election of department senators passed at Senate on 2/5/2025
  - Natashia received an email from the EC that suggested we try to find a happy medium with regard to including language that reminds senators that their reports are considered speech on behalf of the university. BFCC opted to leave this language out because it should be common knowledge. Gary pointed out that the concern is not about the truth of the reports, but the added editorial comments.
  - Nathan stated that this is covered in the CBA (6.2). BFCC had the idea that we could simply reference the CBA. **Natashia will bring this to EC.**

**EC report:**

- None.

**Charges:**

**BFCC 24-25.05**

- **(Winter)** Modify Faculty Code, Appendix B to allow self-nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Context: We're getting less nominations over time. Janet knows specific details of how many.

Application numbers appear to be stable.

Sandy Tennant – nominations *and* notebooks need to be submitted in .pdf file. Other changes were made to the Nominations and Supporting Materials (Appendix, Section 3.C) and Required Application Materials sections for each award.

- Mary will check with Sandy Tennant to see whether or not more than one letter of nomination may be submitted for a nominee. If not, we will need to change language to indicate one and not multiple.
- To do: Strengthen the language to awardees on the requirement that they serve on future screening committees. Make sure it's clear that they have to serve on more than one future screening committee. The pool of awardees is very small and each

year we lose members from that pool due to retirement, leaves of absence, and faculty turnover, making the pool even smaller.

- BFCC will review changes and work on the next sections at the next meeting on 2/24/2025.

Adjourned at 4:08pm.

## Status Report

In progress

Completed

## Motion before Senate

### **BFCC 24-25.01**

- **(Fall)** Modify Code/Bylaws to reflect the upcoming change from two NTT senators to four NTT senators, determining appropriate representation, term limits, and eligibility requirements.

Completed motion language sent to EC on 2/5/2025. Waiting for their review.

### **BFCC 24-25.02**

- **(Fall)** Add a section to either Code and/or Bylaws that itemizes senator responsibilities (e.g. attendance, disseminating accurate reports and information back to departments) and possible senate actions if these responsibilities are grossly neglected.

Natashia to follow up with EC regarding simply referencing the CBA to remind senators of speech on behalf of CWU.

### **BFCC 24-25.03**

- **(Fall)** Add language to either Code and/or Bylaws recommending that chairs not serve as senators if other department faculty are willing and able to serve.

Senate passed on 2/5/2025

### **BFCC 24-25.4**

- **(Winter)** Modify the complaint process outlined in Code IV.G to require EC members to recuse themselves when issues or grievances are brought forward from their own departments.

Second reading of three presented at Senate on 2/5/2025.

#### **BFCC 24-25.05**

- **(Winter)** Modify Faculty Code, Appendix B to allow self-nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Language edited. Will finalize via email and on 2/24/2025

#### **BFCC 24-25.06**

- **(Winter)** Investigate possible ways to reduce the time requirements of the Distinguished Faculty Award application process without compromising the integrity of the awards. Make recommendations as appropriate.

Language edited. Will finalize via email and on 2/24/2025

#### **BFCC 24-25.08**

- **(Spring)** Modify Code to remove references to the University Centers having senators (e.g. Code IV.B.1.a.iii, Code IV.E.7.a)

Combined with **BFCC 24-25.01**

#### **BFCC 24-25.09**

- **(ongoing)** Recommend revisions to Code and Bylaws to improve clarity and fix typos and errors.
- Note: review the use of WLU vs. WLUs when editing Code.

#### **BFCC 24-25.07**

- **(Spring)** Clarify eligibility for and benefits of emerit status in Faculty Code, Section I.B.2

#### **BFCC 24-25.10**

- **(Winter)** Update Code and Bylaws to change the Budget and Planning Committee's name to the Budget Transparency Committee. Consult with the Executive Committee to update the committee's purpose and composition as appropriate.

On hold for now as per Peter K.

- Mary will request the 2015 through 2017 versions of the Code. Also, Mary will request access for all code versions.

Future charges:

- Note: future charge for BFCC – add language to Code/Bylaws outlining process situations in which a department does not nominate a senator (senator vacancy).