

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2018

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Compatriots Hall, HSC

CHAIR: Joshua Cameron

VICE CHAIR: Malika Kachani

SENATORS: Keith Boyer, Beth Boynton, Casey Chaney, Donna Emanuele, Ed Goering, Eric Gupta, Rod Hicks, Shalechia Hunt, Malika Kachani, Jerome Lacroix, Kabir Lutfy, Linda Pang, Yawen Peng, Valerie Quan, Beatrice Saviola, David Shofler, Steven Standley, Jacqueline Truong

ABSENT: Pat Callard, Craig Kuehn

SECRETARY: Alyssa Rodriguez

Topic	Proposed Discussion	Actions
<p>REPORTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Standards & Policy – The committee held their elections last month, Dr. Emanuele is Chair and Dr. Hunt is Vice Chair. MSBS is the next program that the committee will be reviewing, should have the documents this month. Will be meeting with Dr. Andrews and Matt Durkin regarding the name of the Assessment and Program Review Committee. October 24 will be the second meeting for the curriculum chairs. • Academic Support Services and Planning – Linda Pang, CO, is the newest member. The committee is working on a survey for Faculty and the various support services that Faculty work with. Dr. Boyer is the representative on a multipurpose sim lab. Drs. Truong and Standley are Co-Chairs for the committee. • University Faculty Affairs – Dr. Hicks was reelected as chair of the committee. The committee will continue working with colleges to review the college guidelines, requests were made to the remaining 5 colleges. The Provost has agreed to an Evaluation Task Force, volunteers have been solicited. • Strategic Planning – There is a meeting this Thursday to kick off the Strategic Planning, there are multiple faculty members attending this meeting. There are many people across campus attending this meeting, discussing how to put forward the strategic pillars. • Provost Search – Dean Stephanie Bowlin will be the chair of the search committee and Dr. Josh Cameron and Dr. Donna Emanuele will be on the committee, also faculty members that were nominated, the names were sent to the president. • Budget Advisory – The committee has not met yet, just starting the process for this upcoming year. • Ops Council – adopting a new charter for their organization, they will now have a Chair and Vice Chair that will exist for two year periods. The Chair and Vice Chair will only come from Directors of Operations Units. 	
<p>1. Call to Order</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 11:59am by the Chair, Joshua Cameron</p>	

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 8-10-13		Dr. Gupta motioned to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Chaney seconded, all were in favor.
3. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Senator – Dr. Jerome Lacroix, GCBS. He will be joining the University Faculty Affairs Committee. • Anonymous Feedback – Anonymous feedback has been sent in regarding vote of confidence for Deans. It has been brought up numerous times over the last two years. There was a vote at the last assembly meeting to look into this, part of this will be dealt with through the Evaluation Task Force. “Every 5 years Deans should undergo a vote of confidence. The outcome should be shared with the faculty. The provost should come to the faculty to present support or lack of support for the majority opinion and move in accordance. The provost should request a revote if his opinion is not in concordance with the faculty opinion and he wishes to make the case. This is a common procedure at many other Universities of stature.” “Has the senate consider the feasibility of regularly allowing faculty members to cast votes of confidence or no confidence pertaining to the Deans and Associate Deans of their colleges? I also request that this topic and the senate's opinions regarding such assessments be presented at a faculty assembly. Thank you.” The vote of confidence for the Deans should be presented at the Academic Assembly. Drs Kachani and Saviola volunteered to help Dr. Cameron prepare to present this topic at the Assembly. 	All were in favor of presenting this at the Academic Assembly.
4. Shared Governance	Drs. Kachani and Cameron have been following up on the shared governance discussion at that was had at the last meeting. Jorge Teide, from the AAUP Leadership Council, gave a shared governance presentation in 2014 and he will is willing to come back and speak with the Senate and Faculty at large for another presentation. If you have any other ideas of who else to invite, please let Dr. Cameron know. We would like to have at least two to three other people come and make a whole day of it.	
5i. Faculty Involvement <i>-Dr. Diane Abraham</i>	Dr. Diane Abraham is the Vice President for University Advancement. Their department is the fundraiser for the University. Advancements mission is to support WesternU with Philanthropy – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital and Annual Campaigns • Endowed and Annual Scholarships • Special Events • Grants and Research • Gifts in Kind Upcoming University Advancement Events – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumni Reunion – September 15, 2018 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th Annual Dr. Philip Pumerantz Distinguished Lectureship – September 20, 2018 • A Tribute to Caring Gala – November 3, 2018 • East West Scholarship Dinner – April 13, 2019 <p>Alumni giving has a 28% increase since Dr. Abraham came on board.</p>	
5ii. Report on AAUP Summer Institute <i>-Drs. Napier-Dovorany/ Goering</i>	<p>Dr. Ed Goering (COMPNW) and Dr. Kierstyn Napier-Dovorany attended the AAUP Summer Institute this past summer at the University of New Hampshire. Both Drs attended the same sessions and learned about the Redbook and how it could continue to help our school function more efficiently. The Redbook details the policies and what the role of a faculty member should be, what the role of administration should be and how they should work together.</p> <p>WesternU is not a member organization, which means the University does not have a chapter. Dr. Napier-Dovorany has been talking to other faculty members to see if there would be interest in starting a chapter here. Perhaps all the Faculty Members that have attended the AAUP could also speak at the Shared Governance retreat to share their experiences. The Senate will look into purchasing Redbooks for the senators.</p>	
5iii. Handbook Corrections	<p>Two corrections need to be made in the handbook, the first one has to do with the leave of absence policy. Dr. Cameron is working on language to put back into the handbook. Just trying to make sure that there are correct references within the handbook.</p> <p>Now that there will be multiple colleges in the Northwest, will there be another senator? Dr. Goering will currently be the only representative for the Northwest until the language in the handbook is revised.</p>	
6. Next Meeting	<p>October 15, 2018 Academic Assembly meeting: November 27, 2018</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.	