

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2018

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

4th Floor Conference Room, LRC

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
REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Standards & Policy – The committee is gearing up to meet with the chairs of the curriculum committees from the colleges on campus. Finished the program review for the MSMS Program and is now in the process of completing the MSBS program review. Need to have a meeting with the Program Review and Assessment Committee in regards to changing their name. • Academic Support Services and Planning – The committee has been working on a survey for the faculty in regards to support services. The survey was sent the Academic Senate for their feedback, please send feedback to Dr. Truong or Dr. Standley. The committee is trying to find out if CAPE falls under their purview. Dr. Boyer attended the CPM Classroom Technology Meetings. • University Faculty Affairs – The grievance committee submitted proposed changes for the Faculty Handbook, a small task force has been put together. The committee is still waiting for the remaining college guidelines to make sure that they are congruent with the University Handbook. Dr. Hicks will follow up with Dr. Rega in regards to the remaining guidelines. The Evaluation Task Force was approved by Dr. Gugelchuk and is just waiting to convene. • Strategic Planning – • Provost Search – The Higher Education Chronicles has written and sent out a posting in regards to solicit individuals for the position. 	
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 12:06pm by the Chair, Joshua Cameron	
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 9/10/18		Dr. Boynton motioned to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Kachani seconded, all were in favor.
3. Announcements	Anonymous Feedback – Since the last meeting, there have been three comments sent in to anonymous feedback.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Bowlin should not chair the Search Committee for a Provost for WesternU. Is it possible that a member of the search committee chairs it to avoid hierarchy issues and conflict of interest? Please convey this concern to the Provost. Thank you.</i> The sentiment is appreciated but it's a done deal. There is no conflict of interest. Dr. Cameron will address this at the Assembly. • <i>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.</i> There was a vote at the last assembly meeting to have some mechanism of doing this, which is part of why we are working on a shared governance survey. • <i>I believe Nick Webb is in violation of the faculty handbook because he:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Does not met the requirements for "adjunct" faculty as a holder of an associates degree from Cuesta College, which is not "comparable to regular faculty" [faculty handbook] which should have a professional degree or PhD.</i> 2. <i>Is using his "honorary doctorate degree" to portray himself equal to someone who EARNED a doctorate by listing himself as a WesternU grad [listed on LinkedIn under "education" instead of "honors" as "Dates attended or expected graduation 2017 – 2018"] and calls himself a "Dr.", "medical school professor", "Adjunct Professor of Innovation at a Top Medical School" [BTW he holds his appointment through Allied Health, not COMP] which he uses for personal gain through selling books and presentations on his personal website nickwebb.com</i> <i>This needs to be discussed at the Senate to determine if "Dr. Webb" qualifies as auxiliary faculty, and if he should be sanctioned for portraying himself to the general public as a "Dr." and "medical school professor". The findings should be noted in the published minutes and presented to the Faculty Assembly.</i> Upon receiving this information and about a dozen other faculty members on campus making similar concerns, Dr. Cameron has met with the President and the Deans Council to express these concerns. The Deans shared similar concerns. President Wilson will take direct action to rectify any problems that need to be rectified and to more appropriately handle and put into perspective of Nick Webb's affiliation with the institution. 	
<p>4. Shared Governance</p> <p>Shared Governance Survey</p>	<p>Jorge Teide is available to come and speak for three hours on February 1st. He does not want to be paid but would support donations for the AAUP. Dr. Cameron going to work with Dr. Tim Woods to make these CAPE level presentations. The Provost office is on board, they are just waiting on the cost. Ms. Rodriguez will post the PowerPoints from his 2014 presentation on Shared Governance to the Senates OneDrive.</p> <p>At the last meeting, Dr. Cameron, Dr. Saviola, and Dr. Kachani worked on a survey for</p>	

	assessing shared governance at the institution. Will present at the Academic Assembly in late November.	
5i. UBAC Representative	Dr. Quan is stepping down from the UBAC Committee and is now looking for another senator to fill her role. The representative would be joining Dr. Wael Khamas And Dr. Janet Konecne It is a three year appointment.	Dr. Chaney nominated Dr. Cameron for the UBAC Committee as the Academic Senate Representative, Dr. Kuehn seconded, all were in favor.
5iii. ILO Review	Dr. Gugelchuk is looking to put together a group to review the institutional learning outcomes and looking for feedback on how to facilitate that. The Program Review and Assessment Committee reviews that but Dr. Gugelchuk wants more input than just that because they want to look at a very broad perspective for intuitional learning outcomes and what they should be. The current learning outcomes don't incorporate things that are done in any of the non-health professions master programs or and PhD or Doctorate level programs. They want to be able to incorporate those and to better reflect the mission and strategic direction of the institution. If you have any interest, please let Dr. Cameron know. It will be an AdHoc Committee.	
5iv. Faculty Time for SPG Participation	Strategic Planning Groups are carrying forth the five pillars for the strategic plan. With the different groups and the way they are working together, these groups exist for a period of over a year, the meetings are turning into once every two to three weeks. There are concerns from Faculty members about not getting credit for it. It has been estimated that it is about a 20% workload. Please take back to your faculty, that we are working on ways to give them credit and have recognition for their service.	
6. Next Meeting	October 15, 2018 Academic Assembly meeting: November 27, 2018	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.	