Faculty Senate Meeting, 7 March 2016

Called to order by Senate President Molly Ware at 4:03 pm. Minutes of 22 February 2016 were approved with roster corrections.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President Ware: (1) Invited Senators to attend CBE dean search candidate presentations; (2) Updated Senators on new faculty orientation initiatives; (3) Updated Senators on a Board of Trustees special meeting held on March 3rd regarding shared governance at Western.

Zachary Dove, ASVP for Academic Affairs: Requested that faculty communicate with their students about upcoming AS elections. Students may file as candidates until April 5th and voting will take place from April 25 to 29.

REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted unanimously in favor of a motion (forwarded by Allison Giffen and seconded) to approve University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 2 February 2016 as written and Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 16 February 2016 as amended.

ACTION ITEMS

Senate Elections Calendar and Process: Senators voted unanimously in favor of a motion (forwarded by Kristen Larson and seconded) to approve the 2016 Senate elections calendar and process as edited.

Libraries “Sustainable Access” Task Force Report: Mark Springer, Libraries Sustainable Access Task Force Chair, Mike Olson, Director of Scholarly Research, and Mark Greenberg, Dean of Libraries, joined the faculty Senate to answer questions about the Libraries Sustainable Access Task Force Final Report and presented a timeline for next steps. A motion to accept the Libraries “Sustainable Access” Task Force Report (forwarded by Seán Murphy and seconded) passed unanimously. A resolution thanking the Libraries Sustainable Access Task Force for the work they have done (forwarded by Trula Nicholas and seconded) passed by acclamation. A motion to approve the set of next steps presented by the Libraries Sustainable Access Task Force (forwarded by Seán Murphy and seconded) passed unanimously. A motion to request feedback from the Senate Library next academic year on how this process went (forwarded by Kristen Larson and seconded) passed unanimously.

Campus Engagement Process: President Ware presented a revised Campus Engagement Process document titled Collectively Imagining Outstanding General Education at Western. A motion to endorse the Campus Engagement Process document with express permission to make minor revisions as necessary (forwarded by Molly Ware and seconded) passed unanimously.

Senators adjourned at 5:36 pm.