Called to order by Senate President Allison Giffen at 4:04 pm. Minutes of 27 November 2017 were approved as written.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOAN STEVENSON**

A resolution forwarded and read by Senate President Allison Giffen honoring the memory of Senator Joan Stevenson, *Anthropology*, passed by acclamation. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Anthropologist Joan Stevenson passed away on Monday, December 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevenson had been a member of the Western Washington University faculty and the Department of Anthropology since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevenson’s service to the University was vast in its scope and was particularly characterized by a deep commitment to the welfare of her students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevenson’s service has included past chairship of the Department of Anthropology and service on numerous important committees at both the College and University level, including multiple terms of service on the Faculty Senate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University expresses its sorrow over the death of a deeply respected and committed colleague and scholar, and salutes the accomplishments and honors the memory of Dr. Joan C. Stevenson.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JEANNE ARMSTRONG**

A resolution forwarded and read by Senate President Allison Giffen honoring the memory of Jeanne Armstrong, *Libraries*, passed by acclamation. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Librarian Jeanne Armstrong passed away on Friday, November 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Armstrong had been a member of the Western Washington University faculty and served the Western Libraries since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Armstrong’s service to the University was vast in its scope and was particularly characterized by her passionate commitment to social justice, as exemplified by work that contributed to the creation of the Ray Wolpow Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Armstrong’s service to the University included invaluable service on the Faculty Senate, Honors Board, the Digital Assets Task Force, and Western’s Internationalization Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University expresses its sorrow over the death of a deeply respected and committed colleague and scholar, and salutes the accomplishments and honors the memory of Dr. Jeanne Armstrong.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Senate President Giffen:* (1) Is working with the Provost and the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) to develop inclement weather guidelines; (2) The Global Pathway Program (GPP) Academic Working Group is presenting a GPP proposal to the Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) at ACC’s regular meeting of Tuesday, January 9th; (3) Emily Williams Knight, *Managing Director for Study Group*, will join Senate at its meeting of January 29th to answer questions about the GPP; (4) A group of faculty and administrators are traveling to James Madison University (JMU) to learn more about JMU’s Study Group pathway program.
Provost Brent Carbajal: (1) President Sabah Randhawa is currently in Pakistan and will return to campus next week; (2) Has received 52 Tenure & Promotion (T&P) applications and will endeavor to notify applicants by the end of January.

Steven Garfinkle, Acting UFWW President: (1) Thanked Provost Carbajal for making a conscientious effort to process the T&P applications in a timely fashion; (2) UFWW expresses thanks to all faculty who participated in UFWW's bargaining survey; (3) Encouraged faculty to communicate with their UFWW stewards about any questions or concerns they may have for UFWW to consider; (4) Rich Brown, Theatre Arts, resumes his position as UFWW President on January 9th.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Committee appointments: Senators are asked to contact John Lund, Appointments and Elections Officer, or Lizzy Ramhorst if interested in serving as a Senate representative on the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) or on the Senate Library Committee (SLC). Lund also notified Senators that he will continue serving as Senate representative on the GPP Academic Working Group until a replacement can be found.

A motion to confirm all appointments to Senate standing committees and to the Central Health & Safety Committee (forwarded Judy Pine and seconded) passed. The following appointments were confirmed:

To Faculty Senate:
  Area E, CBE: Craig Dunn, Management – Winter Quarter replacement for Yvonne Durham

To Academic Technology Committee (ATC):
  At-Large: Sergey Smirnov, Chemistry

To Senate Library Committee (SLC):
  Area H, Woodring: Steph Strachan, Elementary Education

To University Planning & Resources Council (UPRC):
  Area C, CHSS: Paqui Paredes, Modern & Classical Languages

To Central Health & Safety Committee:
  At-Large: Harsh Buddhadev, Health & Human Development

Faculty interested in serving on the Services & Activity Fee Committee are asked to contact Lizzy Ramhorst. This committee evaluates programs funded by the S&A Fee and submits an annual proposal to the Board of Trustees regarding the S&A Fee level and revenue distribution. Faculty from departments who receive funding from the S&A Fee (i.e. Communication Studies, Journalism, Music, Theatre & Dance, and Political Science) are precluded from serving on this committee.

REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted in favor of a motion (forwarded by Patrick Buckley and seconded) to accept the University Planning & Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 1 November 2017 and 15 November 2017; the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) minutes of 6 November 2017; the Social Justice & Equity Committee (SJEC) minutes of 9 November 2017; the Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 21 November 2017; and the Senate Library Committee (SLC) minutes of 21 November 2017.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Past Work and Upcoming Projects: Senators discussed past work and upcoming projects. Upcoming projects are expected to focus on improving lines of communication and strengthening shared governance at Western.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Commencement and Convocation: A Senator forwarded a constituent concern regarding the selection of individuals who sit on stage during commencement and convocation.

Senators adjourned at 5:11 pm.