



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### Faculty Senate Meeting, 14 October 2013

**Call to order:** Senate President Johann Neem called Senators to order at 4:00 pm, welcoming a total of 37 attendees (roster attached).

**Minutes:** Senators accepted the Senate minutes of 30 September 2013 with one name correction.

#### REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **President Neem's Report:**

- The administration is working on addressing the problem of noise during finals week.
- ACC will consider calendar recommendations returned by the Senate at the last meeting and those made last year in a report by the ad-hoc Calendar Committee.
- Senators are invited to review and circulate documents regarding the Washington State Higher Education Sustainability Conference and the student-run Humans vs. Zombies Fall Game.

##### **University President Bruce Shepard:**

- Reported on the events of the evening of Saturday, October 12, and the University's efforts to respond to and recover from the incident. Shepard commended and thanked Bellingham Police for their professional handling of the situation and applauded the response of student leaders on campus.

##### **Provost Brent Carbajal:**

- National searches for new deans to three colleges are expected to commence in coming weeks. Search committees will include faculty, staff, students, and other community stakeholders.
- In faculty hiring news, searches relevant to curricular transition to an ABET-accredited engineering program will be a significant hiring priority this year.

##### **Josie Ellison, ASVP for Academic Affairs:**

- A [resolution](#) has been posted on the AS website encouraging student involvement in attempts to respond to and move beyond the events of October 12.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

***The Student Success Collaborative:*** Subsequent to presentation at the September 30 meeting of the pilot of the Student Success Collaborative, Senators weighed desire for faculty input and involvement in the program, which is seen to have potentially significant academic and curricular implications. Senators agreed that faculty need to participate in creating a culture that will help students succeed and expressed desire for further information and a role in discussion and evaluation of SSC and other programs considered for the purpose of achieving similar ends.

#### REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted unanimously in favor of a **motion** (forwarded by Sara Weir and seconded by Craig Moyer) to **approve** ACC minutes of 28 May 2013, UPRC minutes of 29 May 2013, ATC minutes of 5 June 2013, and all motions contained therein.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
<i>Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC)</i>	28 May 2013	<b>APPROVED</b>
<i>University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC)</i>	29 May 2013	<b>APPROVED</b>
<i>Academic Technology Committee (ATC)</i>	5 June 2013	<b>APPROVED</b> , including <b>MOTION to accept</b> the <i>Departmental Computer Lab Assessment Report</i> .

## ACTION ITEM

### Report of the Electronic Course Evaluations Committee:

Senators discussed a report of the Electronic Course Evaluations Committee announcing recommendations supporting a move from paper-and-pencil to electronic evaluations of courses and outlining two possible approaches for implementing electronic evaluation of courses.

- 1) **Discussion:** Senators discussed concerns regarding the implementation of electronic course evaluations. Interest was expressed in investigating broader questions regarding how course evaluations are constructed and used on campus in advance of any possible move to electronic evaluations.
- 2) **Motion:** A motion to approve the recommendations of the Electronic Evaluations Committee (forwarded by Sheila Webb and seconded by Craig Moyer) **failed to carry** (2 votes in favor, 18 opposed, 6 abstentions).

## APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – Amites Sarkar, *Appointments Officer*

### Elected by the Faculty Senate:

**To Faculty Senate:** Roger Anderson, *Biology*, for Clint Spiegel, 2013-14

**To ACC:** Gail Coulter, *Special Education*, for Tracy Thorndike-Christ, Fall & Winter

### Vacancies on Senate and Standing Committees:

**UPRC:** 1 faculty from *CBE*, replacing Hart Hodges, who serves at-large as UPRC chair

**Academic Technology Committee:** 1 faculty from *Fairhaven*

## CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

A request that the UFWW and administration jointly address the issue of compensation for Chairs in terms of both time and money was met with assurances that both groups are currently working toward resolution.

### Senators adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Lizzy Ramhorst, *Recorder*, 21 October 2013

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Jim Graham, *Senate Secretary 2013-14*

FACULTY SENATE – ROSTER 2013-14

Senators with terms ending in 2014					Ex Officio attendees		
1	Roger Anderson	Biology	P	A	31	Bruce Shepard, <i>University President</i>	P
2	Steve Henson	Economics	--	E	32	Brent Carbajal, <i>Provost</i>	P
3	Milica Jovanovic	Music	P	D			
4	Jason Kanov	Management	P	E	<b>Other regular required attendees</b>		
5	Donald Larsen	Educ. Admin	P	H	33	Sarah Singleton, <i>Faculty Legislative Representative</i>	--
6	Kathy Lundeen	English	P	C	34	Chuck Lambert, <i>UFWW President (NV)</i>	--
7	Rebecca Marrall	Libraries	P	I	35	Josie Ellison, <i>AS VP for Academic Affairs (NV)</i>	P
8	John McLaughlin	Huxley	P	G	36	Lizzy Ramhorst, <i>Recorder (NV)</i>	P
9	Craig Moyer	Biology	P	A			
10	Kathleen Saunders	Anthropology	P	B	<b>Guests</b>		
11	Karen Stout, <i>Past President</i>	Communication	P	C	37	David Brunnemer, <i>Registrar</i>	P
12	Elsi Vassdal-Ellis	Design	P	D	38	John Farquhar, <i>Academic Technology</i>	P
13	Molly Ware	Secondary Ed	P	H	39	Michael Sledge, <i>Assistant Dean of Students</i>	P
14	Sheila Webb	Journalism	P	C	40	Taya Winter, <i>Registrar's Office</i>	P
15	Michiko Yusa	M&C Languages	P	C			
Senators with terms ending in 2015							
16	Babafemi Akinrinade	Fairhaven	P	F			
17	Spencer Anthony-Cahill	Chemistry	P	A			
18	Nolan Dennett	Dance	P	D			
19	Amanda Eurich	History	P	C			
20	David Gilbertson	Accounting	P	E			
21	Jim Graham	Psychology	P	B			
22	Jim Hearne	Computer Sci.	P	A			
23	Sean Murphy	Liberal Studies	P	C			
24	Johann Neem, <i>Senate President</i>	History	P	AtLg			
25	Trula Nicholas	Human Services	P	H		<b>Senators present</b>	29
26	Andreas Riemann	Physics/Astron.	P	A		<b>Ex Officio</b>	2
27	Keith Russell	PEHR	P	B		<b>Other regular required attendees</b>	2
28	Amites Sarkar	Mathematics	P	A		<b>Guests</b>	4
29	Rae Lynn Schwartz-DuPre	Communication	P	C			
30	Sara Weir	Political Science	P	B		<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>	37