OFFICIAL MINUTES
Faculty Senate Meeting, 4 May 2015

Call to order: Senate President Spencer Anthony-Cahill called Senators to order at 4:01 pm, welcoming a total of 33 attendees (roster attached).

Minutes: Senators approved Senate minutes of 20 April 2015 as written.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President Spencer Anthony-Cahill:
• The 2015 Faculty Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Provost and Faculty Senate will take place on Thursday, May 7 from 4 to 6 pm at the Western Gallery.
• The May 18th Faculty Senate meeting will be devoted to discussion of feedback and next steps around issues of campus climate and inclusion. Raine Dozier and Nick Sanchez, co-chairs of the President’s Task Force on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, will attend to present a draft of the Diversity Strategic Plan and the charge for a new diversity and equity teaching grants committee will be discussed.
• Molly Ware and Trula Nicholas are working to organize a meeting from 11 am to 1 pm on May 29th that will bring interested faculty and students together to discuss issues of campus climate and inclusion.

Provost Brent Carbajal:
• President Shepard wishes to express his appreciation to all those involved in planning Back to Bellingham, which will take place this year May 15-17th and is being anchored by Huxley and Fairhaven Colleges.
• Hafthor Yngvason has accepted the position of Western Gallery Director. Yngvason is currently Director of the Reykjavik Art Museum and has ample public sculpture experience. He will begin the position in September.
• To date, Twenty-two of thirty-three tenure-track hiring searches have resulted in confirmed hires, and several more offers are pending. All pending searches remain viable.

Chuck Lambert, UFWW President
• The UFWW’s annual spring meeting took place on Thursday, April 30th, and union members will soon be asked to vote for 2015-16 Officers via electronic ballot.
• Contract bargaining continues, and the Union and University hope to have come to agreement before the end of spring quarter.

Sara Singleton, Faculty Legislative Representative:
• The Washington State Legislature has been called into special session and budget discussions are ongoing.
• Any faculty member interested in serving as the 2015-16 Faculty Legislative Representative should contact Singleton or the Senate Office.

REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted unanimously in favor of a motion (moved by David Wallin and seconded) to approve Senate Library Committee (SLC) minutes of 8 April 2015; University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 8 April 2015 and 15 April 2015; Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 14 April 2015; and Academic Technology Committee (ATC) minutes of 15 April 2015 with a roster correction.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM

Student Success Collaborative: Steve VanderStaay, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Sara Wilson, Special Assistant to the VP for Enrollment and Student Services, presented a Year Three Assessment Summary of the Student Success Collaborative Pilot Initiative and sought feedback from Senators regarding the perceived desirability of continuing Western’s contract with the Student Success Collaborative for another five years.
Pilot users Elsi Vassdal-Ellis, Chair of the Design Department, Cher Carnell, Theatre and Dance, Terri Hall, CBE Pre-Major Advisor, Mary Moores, Huxley Pre-Major Advisor, Joan Ullin, Assistant Director of Student Outreach Services, and Meagan Bryson, Assistant Director of Advising Services, shared information about their experiences with and use of the SSC and spoke about the platform’s perceived strengths and limitations. Presenters stated that the platform enhanced the efficiency of program planning and advising and many touted the benefits of the SSC’s enablement of proactive student outreach efforts.

Senators inquired about utilization of predictive analytic tools in advising and were told that these features of the SSC have been used very little at Western. Several individuals expressed appreciation for the benefits cited by pilot users and recognized the responsiveness of efforts to address past faculty concerns about the program. Senators expressed continuing concerns about database security and the inherent security risks associated with increasing the centralization of sensitive data and emphasized the necessity of ensuring the security and appropriate utilization of student information. Spencer Anthony-Cahill invited faculty members to contact him with additional comments or concerns and stated that Senators would discuss and vote on Senate recommendations on May 18th.

**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmation of Senate Appointments:** Senators voted unanimously in favor of a motion (forwarded by the Executive Council) to confirm the following appointment:

To Senate Executive Council: Kristen Larson, Physics and Astronomy (as At-Large rep in place of Past President, spring 2015)

**2015-17 Faculty Senate Nominations:** Spencer Anthony-Cahill presented the names of faculty members who have been nominated to serve on the Faculty Senate from 2015-17. See Appendix A.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Diversity Fellowships and Summer Teaching Grants Selection Committee:** Trula Nicholas reported that the President’s Taskforce on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity has secured funding for diversity summer teaching grants and a year-long diversity teaching and research fellowship, and the Faculty Senate has been asked to charge a committee with administering and awarding these grants and fellowships. The Senate Executive Council will meet to draft a charge for this group and will seek to ensure that the committee includes and works to engage with faculty who are still in early stages of increasing their knowledge about issues of diversity and inclusion and who might otherwise not consider applying for such a grant. Faculty with ideas, questions, or comments about what should be included in the charge should contact Trula Nicholas, and a draft charge will be presented to Senators for discussion on May 18th.

Senators adjourned at 5:48 pm.
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**Other regular required attendees**

**Guests**
Appendix A: 2015-17 Faculty Senate Nominations

Area A – Natural Sciences (CSE)
2015-17 Nominees (for 2 available positions):
   Kristen Larson, Physics and Astronomy
   Daphne Sluys, Mathematics

Continuing Senators: Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, Geology; John Lund, Engineering; P. Clint Spiegel, Chemistry; Craig Moyer, Biology

Area B – Social Sciences (CHSS)
2015-17 Nominees (for 2 available positions):
   Jim Graham, Psychology
   Vicki Hsueh, Political Science

Continuing Senators: Karen Bradley, Sociology; Joan Stevenson, Anthropology

Area C – Humanities (CHSS)
2015-17 Nominees (for 4 available positions):
   Amanda Eurich, History
   Sean Murphy, Liberal Studies
   Neal Tognazzini, Philosophy
   Sheila Webb, Journalism

Continuing Senators: Allison Giffen, English; Hud Hudson, Philosophy

Area D – Fine and Performing Arts (CFPA)
2015-17 Nominees (for 2 available positions):
   Rich Brown, Theatre Arts
   Pierre Gour, Art

Continuing Senator: Milica Jelaca Jovanovic, Music

Area E – Business and Economics (CBE)
2015-17 Nominees (for 1 available position):
   Stella Hua, Decision Sciences

Continuing Senator: Steven Henson, Economics; Jason Kanov, Management

Area F – Fairhaven College
2015-17 Nominees (for 1 available position):
   Babafemi Akinrinade, Fairhaven

Area G – Huxley College
2015-17 Nominees (1 position available):
   One nominee still needed

Continuing Senator: John McLaughlin, Environmental Sciences

Area H – Woodring College of Education
2015-17 Nominees (for 2 available positions):
   Chuck Lambert, Special Education
   Trula Nicholas, Human Services and Rehabilitation

Continuing Senators: Molly Ware, Secondary Education; Kate Wayne, Elementary Education

Area I – Libraries
Continuing Senator: Jeanne Armstrong, Library