



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### Faculty Senate Meeting, 12 February 2018

**Call to order:** Senate President Allison Giffen called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm, welcoming a total of 55 attendees (roster attached).

**Minutes:** Senators approved minutes of 29 January 2018 as written.

#### REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Senate President Allison Giffen

- Informed Senators that faculty from the Intensive English Program (IEP) requested presentation time on the Senate's agenda in order to address questions raised during the Study Group and WWU Pathway Programs discussion of January 29<sup>th</sup>. Issues outside of the Faculty Senate's purview made it necessary to postpone the presentation.

##### Brent Carbajal, *Provost*

- Updated Senators on Tenure & Promotion and professional leave and thanked everyone who participated in the process.

##### Hunter Eider, *AS VP for Academic Affairs*

- AS is considering a proposal to provide funding for 12 students to attend the National Association for Ethnic Studies Conference March 8-11.
- AS approved the 2018 Lobby Day agenda.
- The Student Technology Fee Renewal Committee is in the process of approving language to include on the student spring ballot.
- Ana Ramirez has stepped down from her position as AS VP for Governmental Affairs. AS has decided not to fill the position for the remainder of the year out of respect for Ramirez and will instead divide her work load among the remaining AS board members and the AS Office.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

A **motion** (forwarded by Craig Dunn and seconded) to confirm the appointment of Shawn Knabb, *Economics*, to the Senate Extended Education Committee (SEEC) **passed** unanimously.

Lizzy Ramhorst, *Shared Governance Operations Manager*, stated that Senators are assigned departments for the purpose of ensuring that all faculty have a Senator who they may communicate with. Currently, there are multiple substitutes in CBE who are not communicating with their own departments. Senators **voted in favor** or re-designating Craig Dunn, *Management*, as a substitute for Jason Kanov, *Management*, and re-designating Steve Smith, *Accounting*, as a substitute for Yvonne Durham, *Economics*, in order to facilitate communication with constituents.

#### REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators voted in favor of a **motion** (forwarded by Kristin Denham and seconded) to **accept** the University Planning & Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 17 January 2018; the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) minutes of 22 January 2018; and the Social Justice & Equity Committee (SJEC) minutes of 11 January 2018. President Giffen noted that the [proposed amendments to Bylaw 7.6 of the Faculty Constitution](#) have been distributed to the campus and Senators can expect to hold the second vote on Bylaw 7.6 – The Academic Technology Committee at the Senate meeting of February 26.

The Senate Executive Council recommended separating consideration of Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 23 January 2018 from that of the ACC's motion to accept the Global Pathway Programs (GPP) proposal of the GPP Academic Working Group. A **motion** (forwarded by Judy Pine and seconded) to accept the Executive Council's recommendation and to accept ACC minutes of 23 January 2018 with the exception of the GPP motion **passed** unanimously.

## DISCUSSION ITEM

**Study Group and WWU Global Pathway Program:** Senators reviewed and discussed reports from Jeff Young, Ricardo Lopez, and Vicki Hamblin regarding their January visit to James Madison University (JMU) to learn more about JMU's experience with Study Group and its own pathway program. Senators observed that JMU appears to be driving its own pathway program admission standards and noted the importance of continuously evaluating Western's GPP and revising as necessary once the program has been implemented.

Senators expressed concern regarding GPP participants taking credit-bearing courses at level 4 in the Intensive English Program (IEP) and inquired whether current IEP students take credit-bearing courses at this level. A meeting attendee stated that the credit-bearing courses in the GPP do not include significant reading, writing, or speaking and will be used primarily to help students acculturate to Western.

Senators inquired about the type of training that will be available to faculty and who will be required to take it.

A Senator inquired whether data on student pathway program GPAs could be obtained from Study Group and forwarded a constituent concern regarding the 2.7 GPA entry standard for the pre-MBA GPP pathway. It was noted that according to university policy, graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout a graduate program in order to remain a graduate candidate or else they will be required to go through a petition and remediation process if they want to stay in the program. Mark Staton, *Director of the MBA Program*, stated that both the MBA Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council approved the GPP with the expectation that the program will report back after implementation and will be revised as necessary and suggested that the GPP could be used as a matriculation model for domestic students. A Senator suggested having an independent international accreditation agency assess transcripts. It was noted that Study Group is trained by local accreditors to assess transcripts.

Senators inquired about the resources necessary to support the GPP program, students, and faculty. One meeting attendee suggested that resources could be allocated toward an English language learning center that could benefit all faculty and students on campus. Senators inquired about student support services for GPP participants. Melynda Huskey, *Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services*, stated that GPP participants will not have separate services from other Western students. A Senator observed that JMU's pathway program does not appear to bring extra financial resources to the University as all resources obtained are used to support the program. Senators inquired about the financial implications for Western if it does not meet its GPP recruitment goals.

A Senator expressed concern that GPP participants are assessed for English proficiency before they arrive at Western and again once they arrive at Western, noting that the second assessment determines a student's pathway program starting level. Senators inquired whether this process could be streamlined and whether there is a way to ensure that it is equitable for students. Senators inquired about who administers the English Proficiency test.

## ACTION ITEMS

Senators voted unanimously in favor of a motion (forwarded by John Lund and seconded) to extend the meeting until 6:00 pm for the purpose of considering the Academic Working Group Global Pathway Programs Proposal from ACC minutes of January 23, 2018.

**Global Pathway Program Proposal from GPP Academic Working Group:** Senators discussed the Academic Working Group Global Pathway Program (GPP) proposal contained within the [ACC minutes of January 23, 2018](#). A Senator expressed concern regarding the ethics of having a lower GPA requirement for

GPP participants, specifically regarding the potential personal costs to a GPP participant who is admitted to Western, but not able to succeed. A meeting participant suggested that it may be useful for Western to consider more holistic admission standards and rely less on GPA. President Giffen drew attention to GPP recruitment materials already posted online. Concern was raised that the marketing materials were published in advance of Senate action on the GPP and that the materials may be misleading.

A **motion** (forwarded by John Lund and seconded) to approve the Global Pathway Program proposal **passed** unanimously.

**Senators adjourned at 6:04 pm.**

### FACULTY SENATE – ROSTER 2017-18

Senators				Ex Officio attendees			
1	Allison Giffen, <i>Senate President</i>	At Lg – English	P	31	Sabah Randhawa, <i>University President NV</i>		P
2	McNeel Jantzen, <i>Senate VP</i>	B ~ Psychology	P	32	Brent Carbajal, <i>Provost NV</i>		P
3	Jeff Young, <i>Secretary</i>	A ~ Biology	P	<b>Other regular required attendees</b>			
4	John Lund, <i>A&amp;E Officer</i>	D ~ Engineering & Design	P	33	Roger Anderson, <i>FLR 2017-19 (voting)</i>		P
5	Rich Brown, <i>UFWW President</i>	D ~ Theatre & Dance	P	34	<i>Vacant, Past Senate President NV</i>		--
6	Colin Amos <i>for Jackie Caplan-Auerbach</i>	A ~ Geology	P	35	Hunter Eider, <i>ASVP for Academics NV</i>		P
7	Regina Barber DeGraaff	A ~ Physics & Astronomy	P	36	Lizzy Ramhorst, <i>Parliamentarian NV</i>		P
8	Brian Bowe	C ~ Journalism	P	37	Kylee Swift, <i>Recorder NV</i>		P
9	Patrick Buckley	G ~ Environmental Studies	P	<b>Guests</b>			
10	Devyani Chandran	H ~ Health & Comm Studies	P	38	Babafemi Akinrinade, <i>Fairhaven</i>		P
11	Kristin Denham	C ~ English	P	39	Seán Murphy, <i>ACC Chair</i>		P
12	Craig Dunn <i>for Yvonne Durham</i>	E ~ Economics	P	40	Richard Bruce, <i>Director of International Student &amp; Scholar Services</i>		P
13	David Evans	B ~ Comm Sci & Disorders	P	41	Marc Geisler, <i>Associate Dean of CHSS</i>		P
14	Holly Folk	C ~ Liberal Studies	--	42	Vicki Hamblin, <i>Exec Dir of IGE</i>		P
15	Hugo Garcia	C ~ Modern & Classical Lang	P	43	Paul Mart, <i>Intensive English Program</i>		P
16	Pierre Gour	D ~ Art & Art History	P	44	Jiasong Yuen, <i>International Advisor</i>		P
17	Stella Hua	E ~ Decision Science	P	45	Ricardo Lopez, <i>History</i>		P
18	Filip Jagodzinski	A ~ Computer Science	P	46	Alisa Sweet, <i>International Student Advisor</i>		P
19	Milica Jelaca Jovanovic	D ~ Music	--	47	Ting Hsien, <i>International Student Advisor</i>		P
20	Rand Jimerson	C ~ History	P	48	Mark Staton, <i>Director of the MBA Program</i>		P
21	John McLaughlin	G ~ Environmental Sciences	--	49	Maggie Barklind, <i>EE Sr. Dir Admin Svcs</i>		P
22	Cheiron McMahill	H ~ Elementary Education	--	50	Jeanne Gaffney, <i>Associate Dir of Admissions</i>		P
23	Amanda Murphy	A ~ Chemistry	P	51	Cezar Mesquita, <i>Director of Admissions</i>		P
24	Jenny Oleen	I ~ Libraries	P	52	Maxwell Brunt, <i>Reporter for Western Front</i>		P
25	Aaron Perzigian	H ~ Special Education	P	53	Vickie Farmer, <i>Intensive English Program</i>		P
26	Judy Pine	B ~ Anthropology	P	54	Abigail Borchert, <i>Intl Student Advisor</i>		P
27	Jun San Juan	B ~ Health & Human Dev	P	55	Madeline Hoffman, <i>Lang &amp; Culture Prog</i>		P
28	Hilary Schwandt	F ~ Fairhaven	--	56	Clara Capron, <i>Assistant VP of ESS</i>		P
29	Steve Smith <i>for Jason Kanov</i>	E ~ Accounting	P	57	Melynda Huskey, <i>VP of ESS</i>		P
30	Jianying Zhang	A ~ Mathematics	P	58	Ed Love, <i>Finance &amp; Marketing</i>		P
				59	Tuan Nguyen, <i>Language &amp; Culture Program</i>		P
				60	Kris Moore, <i>Director of IEP</i>		P
				61	Haily Murphy, <i>Report for AS Review</i>		P
					<b>Senators present</b>		25
					<b>Ex Officio</b>		2
					<b>Other regular required attendees</b>		4
					<b>Guests</b>		24
					<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>		55