



**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Minutes of October 29, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Karen Stout, *Faculty Senate President*, called the 2012-2013 Senate to order at 4:02 pm. Stout welcomed twenty-six (26) Senators along with eight (8) others for a total of thirty-four (34). (See Roster).

**Minutes.** Senators accepted the Senate minutes of October 15, 2012, as written.

**Announcements:**

- President Stout:
  - 1) The AS will host a debate in Arntzen 100 on initiatives 1184, 1240, and 502, entitled “Weed, Taxes and Democracy” on 10/30/2012 at 7 pm in Arntzen Hall 100;
  - 2) A “Don’t Let Your Vote Pass You By” video was produced by the AS in its efforts to increase student voting. The video link is at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQUnguAccCs>;
  - 2) Small contributions by larger numbers of employees to the Combined Fund Drive are encouraged this year and can be very effective in reaching this year’s \$60,000 goal;
  - 3) The Faculty Senate will review Dean Carbajal this quarter and that survey will be sent out shortly.
  
- Provost Riordan:
  - 1) As many as 1200 parents registered to visit Western this past weekend and those who attended had the opportunity to hear faculty give sample lectures and to see the dance troupe perform;
  - 2) Riordan is meeting Thursday with the Western Governor’s chancellor to review and examine WGU’s role relative to Western;
  - 3) Riordan continues focus on critical enrollment issues; our programs in Everett, with about 300 students from both Woodring and Huxley are expected to continue into the near future;
  - 4) Searches are underway for the Library and Fairhaven Deans, and upon Steve Sulkin’s retirement next year, for Director of WWU’s Shannon Point;
  - 5) Nominations are sought for the faculty awards which come with a small honorarium this year.
  
- UFWW President Steve Garfinkle:
  - 1) The Squalicum Boathouse celebration was very successful with special thanks to Sandra Alferts;
  - 2) A forum for all faculty to discuss issues related to the CBA, the new dues structure, and the representation fee will be held **at 4pm both days: Wednesday, November 7 in BH105**, and on **Thursday, November 8 in CF110**. Please check the website at <http://www.ufww.org>
  
- ASVP-Academics Victor Celis:
  - 1) Ballot boxes will be available for faculty and students in VU714 next Monday and Tuesday;
  - 2) Students are invited to apply on the AS website to serve on university committees;
  - 3) Special thanks to Karen Stout, Mark Kuntz, and Melinda Assink who attended the first training for students willing to serve on committees.

**MINUTES FROM SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES (Exhibit B)**

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>
<i>Academic Coordinating Committee</i>	10/9/12	Accepted.
<i>University Planning Council</i>	10/3/12	Accepted
<i>Academic Technology Committee</i>	10/3/12	Accepted
<i>Senate Library Committee</i>	10/3/12	Accepted

**APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS** – Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, *Officer*. Approved appointments:

Faculty Senate: Lesley Sommer, *Music* for Milica Jovanovich, *Fall Qtr*

Senate Library Committee thru 2013: Carol Janson, *Art*, for Cara Jaye; Elizabeth Joffrion, *Library*, for Gabe Gossett

Student Publications Council thru 2013: Christina Keppie, *M&CL*, Paula Airth, *Design*, Maria McLeod, *Journalism*, as alternate.

**Vacancy**: One Senator to serve on Senate Library Committee through spring 2013.

**DISCUSSION**

**Olympia and Legislative Issues Affecting WWU.** Senators discussed priorities for the upcoming legislative session with guests Bill Lyne, *President United Faculty of Washington State*, *Faculty Associate to the President*; Patrick Stickney, *ASVP, Governmental Affairs*, and Dan Boxberger, *FLR*.

- Boxberger reported that with the State's mandate to support K-12, Western must continue to battle to promote the high standards of the liberal arts degree. Boxberger mentioned the nationwide movement to open access.
- Stickney reported that students are making the case that there is no way to fund education except through increased revenue whether through a legislative vote or a referendum. Stickney listed other topics of concern including residency requirements to accommodate student veterans, financial aid possibilities for undocumented students and accountability for WGU.
- Bill Lyne reported that efforts over the past several years have paid off and we avoided more cuts. However, we are still falling behind and rank 50<sup>th</sup> in terms of total funding per student, a point that will be made again to the Legislature this year. Lyne supports Western Advocates to help mobilize alumni all over the state, and to follow Sherry Burkey's lead in legislative action.
- Senators support these efforts and those of Sherry Burkey in educating new legislators and suggested that faculty need to take the time to talk to students on how to make higher education a voter's issue.

**Constituent Concerns:** On the possibility of Western changing to semesters: Provost Riordan has been gathering results from other universities who have switched and plans to form a committee to consider the issue.

**Senate moved to Faculty Caucus at 5:31 and adjourned at 5:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Rose Marie Norton-Nader, *Recorder*.

Kathleen Saunders, *Secretary 2012-2013*

**FACULTY SENATE – ROSTER 2012-2013**

Senators whose terms end in 2013							
1	David Hirsch	Geology	P	A			
2	Jackie Caplan-Auerbach <i>Appts&amp;Elects</i>	Geology	P	A		<b>Ex Officio</b>	
3	Andreas Reimann, <i>SEN to ACC</i>	Physics/Astron	P	A	1	Bruce Shepard, <i>University President</i>	--
4	Stephanie Treener	Mathematics	P	A	2	Catherine Riordan, <i>Provost;</i>	P
5	Jim Graham, <i>Exec At Lg</i>	Psychology	P	B			
6	Debra Salazar (for V.Hsueh)	Poli Sci	--	B		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b>	
7	Charles Sylvester	PEHR	P	B	1	Daniel Boxberger, <i>FacLegRep 2011-12. Exec</i>	P
8	Cecile Hanania	M&CL	P	C	2	Steve Garfinkle, <i>President, UFWW</i>	P
9	Dennis Whitcomb (for HH)	Philosophy	--	C	3	Victor Celis, <i>ASVP-Academics</i>	P
10	Sean Murphy	Liberal Studies	P	C	4	Rose Marie Norton-Nader, <i>Recorder</i>	P
11	Johann Neem, <i>VPres&amp;Parl; UPRC</i>	History	P	C			
12	Deb Currier	Theater&Dance	P	D			
13	David Gilbertson, <i>SEN to ACC</i>	Accounting	P	E			
14	Babafemi Akinrinade	Fairhaven	P	F			
15	Kate Wayne	Elementary Ed	P	H			
Senators whose terms end in 2014						Guests	
16	Craig L Moyer, <i>SEN to ATC</i>	Biology	P	A	1	Bill Lyne, <i>President, UFWS,</i>	P
17	Paul (Clint) Spiegel	Chemistry	P	A	2	Patrick Stickney, <i>ASVP Governmental Affairs</i>	P
18	Kathleen Saunders, <i>Exec Secty</i>	Anthropology	P	B	3	Paul Grzelak, <i>Western Front</i>	P
19	Sandra Alfors	M&CL	--	C			
20	Sheila Webb	Journalism	P	C			
21	Michiko Yusa	M&CL	P	C			
22	Lesley Sommer for Milica Jovanovic	Music	P	D			
23	J Wiese	Theatre&Dance	P	D			
24	Steve Henson	Economics	P	E			
25	Jason Kanov	Management	P	E		<b>Senators Present</b>	26
26	David Wallin	Huxley	P	G		<b>Ex Officio</b>	1
27	Donald Larsen	Educ Admin	--	H		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b>	4
28	Molly Ware	Secondary Ed	P	H		<b>Guests</b>	3
29	Rebecca Marrall	Libraries	P	I			
30	Karen Stout, <i>Senate President</i>	Comm	P	AtLg		<b>TOTALS: October 29, 2012</b>	34