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*Exhibit A: Approved 2/25/13*

**FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of February 11, 2013**

**Call to Order**

Karen Stout, *Senate President*, called the 2012-2013 Senate to order at 4:08 pm. Stout welcomed nineteen (19) Senators along with eight (8) others for a total of twenty-seven (27). (See Roster).

**Minutes.** Senators accepted the Senate minutes of January 28, with an addition to the vote to accept the ACC minutes of 1/8/2013 (which included approval of the RN to BSN program), to read: “(16 in favor, 2 abstentions)”.

**Announcements:**

*President Stout*

- Please send recommendations for the inclement weather FAQ to Stout and she will forward to the chair of ACC;
- The review of Dean Carbajal is complete, he has been provided with his information, and the review survey has gone out for Dean Guyette. The Executive Council is discussing if survey results are to be shared with larger groups of individuals.
- Steady progress on program review is underway with chairs of the governance councils; feedback is sought for the draft criteria. An FAQ document is being prepared to answer questions on the topic.

*President Shepard:*

- Washington’s new economic forecast is due in March.
- The Dream Act, which is favored at the state level, would extend state-based financial aid to the state’s aspiring citizens and build on the persuasive argument that national wealth is best measured by the talent of its people.
- Washington ranks 50<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in student support and is squandering an opportunity and undermining its own self-interest by failure to fund education.
- Western ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for Peace Corps volunteers among its peer institutions
- It is important to resist the legislative pendulum swing toward understanding higher education as simply job training. “It is not higher education unless it is put to higher purposes.”

*Vice Provost Steven VanderStaay:*

- Since rebuilding the Fulbright program, we have eight finalists this year; a very large group. Tom Moore is the fellowship director, and VanderStaay expressed gratitude to faculty who nominate students and who come in on weekends to help students prepare. VanderStaay noted that the sophomore year is the right time to consider applying.

*UFWW President Steven Garfinkle:*

- A forum will be held in March for final discussion of the representation fee before moving to a vote.
- Compression and equity funds (reached through a complex formula in which faculty are compared with a national peer group) will be paid retroactively (to September 2012) in the March 25<sup>th</sup> paycheck. The agreement with administration promises 100% transparency and could become a model in academe. An email to faculty in the first week of March will describe details and a forum will be held in the second week. UFWW is available to answer questions. Faculty can plug into the formula on their own to find out about getting an award this year, but future awards may be affected by changes in status such as promotion.
- President Shepard appreciated the collaborative work and the progress in addressing what he termed “nagging inequalities”.

*ASVP-Academics Victor Celis:*

- The AS would like recommendations from faculty for the next student trustee for the BOT; please send recommendations to Cindy Monger of the AS office.
- The Green Energy Fee Committee is introducing small grant projects in amounts from \$500 to \$2000.

**Presentations:**

**Platform for interactive e-texts:** Eric Kean, *Mathematics, Music*

- Eric Kean presented his site *itsmorethanatextbook.com*, an online platform for interactive e-texts, which provides low cost text books written by faculty for specific pedagogical purposes. The system is a basic course management system with media hosting. The textbook portion is free to anyone on the internet; the assessment portion can be purchased through email request to Kean.
- Sandra Alferts, one of three authors who have created textbooks on the platform, explained her use in the classroom and cost savings to students. Alferts’ use was focused on obtaining student outcomes and the curriculum design in the text was noted as exemplary by the American Association of Teachers of German when conferring the Center of Excellence award on the German program.
- Senators suggested electronic publishing must be discussed by departments as contributing to T&P categories of publication, professional service, and teaching.

**Dream Act:** Patrick Stickney, *ASVP for Governmental Affairs*,

- Patrick Stickney presented additional information on legislative proposals related to the Dream Act. He pointed out that the small increase in the pool of eligible students (due to proposals that would allow undocumented students to apply) is less than the impact of WGU students’ eligibility for the State Need Grant.
- Stickney asked for faculty support for the March 14 rally in the PAC plaza in Olympia, which will focus on increasing funding support for higher education.

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<i>Academic Coordinating Commission</i>	1/22/2013	Accepted. Huxley/BTC AA - accepted Inclement Weather Recommendations
<i>University Planning &amp; Resources Council</i>	1/16/2013	Accepted. Graduate programs – discussion Budget template review
<i>Academic Technology Committee</i>	1/16/2013	Accepted. Canvas pilot recommended – <b>MOTION</b>
<i>Senate Library Committee</i> <i>w/ Addendum</i>	1/16/2013 <i>January '13</i>	Accepted. Learning Commons <i>Paid open access</i>

In accepting Standing Committee minutes, Senators accepted an ACC motion asking the Senate to comment on inclement weather recommendations, and an ATC motion recommending that the university switch from Blackboard to Canvas.

**APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS** – Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, *Officer*

*Vacancies:* 1 CBE representative to serve on ATC

**MOTION: Revision to Faculty Handbook, Constitution BL 7.6.1:** Senators conducted a first vote to approve an addition to the membership of the Academic Technology committee as follows: “k. One representative from Extended Education (non-voting)”, which **passed**. A second vote will follow at the next Senate meeting following publication to the faculty.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Senators adjourned at 5:32 pm, and then moved to a faculty caucus which concluded at 5:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rose Marie Norton-Nader, *Recorder*, 2/11/2013.

## FACULTY SENATE – ROSTER 2012-2013

Senators whose terms end in 2013						
1	David Hirsch	Geology	--	A		
2	Jackie Caplan-Auerbach <i>Appis&amp;Elects</i>	Geology	--	A		<b>Ex Officio</b>
3	Andreas Reimann, <i>SEN to ACC</i>	Physics/Astron	P	A	1	Bruce Shepard, <i>University President</i> P
4	Stephanie Treneer	Mathematics	P	A	2	Steve VanderStaaay, <i>VPUE, for Provost Riordan</i> P
5	Jim Graham, <i>Exec At Lg</i>	Psychology	P	B		
6	Debra Salazar (for V.Hsueh)	Poli Sci	P	B		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b>
7	Charles Sylvester	PEHR	--	B	1	Daniel Boxberger, <i>FacLegRep 2011-12. Exec</i> --
8	Cecile Hanania	M&CL	--	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		<b>Guests</b>
13	David Gilbertson, <i>SEN to ACC</i>	Accounting	--	E	1	John Lawson, <i>VProvost, Infor Tech and CIO</i> P
14	Babafemi Akinrinade	Fairhaven	P	F	2	Eric Kean, <i>Mathematics, Music</i> P
15	Kate Wayne	Elementary Ed	--	H	3	John Farquhar, <i>Director Media, Web Devlpmnt</i> P
Senators whose terms end in 2014						
16	Craig L Moyer, <i>SEN to ATC</i>	Biology	P	A		
17	Paul (Clint) Spiegel	Chemistry	P	A		
18	Kathleen Saunders, <i>Exec Secty</i>	Anthropology	P	B		
19	Sandra Alfors	M&CL	P	C		
20	Sheila Webb	Journalism	P	C		
21	Michiko Yusa	M&CL	P	C		
22	Milica Jovanovic	Music	P	D		
23	Elsi Vassdal-Ellis	Design	--	D		
24	Steve Henson	Economics	P	E		
25	Jason Kanov	Management	--	E		<b>Senators Present</b> 19
26	David Wallin	Huxley	--	G		<b>Ex Officio</b> 2
27	Donald Larsen	Educ Admin	P	H		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b> 3
28	Molly Ware	Secondary Ed	--	H		<b>Guests</b> 3
29	Rebecca Marrall	Libraries	P	I		
30	Karen Stout, <i>Senate President</i>	Comm	P	AtLg		<b>TOTALS: February 11, 2013</b> 27