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RN to BSN approved  
Occam's Razor presented  
Canvas pilot discussed



*Exhibit A: Approved 2/11/13*

**FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes of January 28, 2013**

**Call to Order**

Karen Stout, *Senate President*, called the 2012-2013 Senate to order at 4:04 pm. Stout welcomed twenty-three (23) Senators along with fifteen (15) others for a total of thirty-eight (38). (See Roster).

**Minutes.** Senators accepted the Senate minutes of January 14, with a correction to a constituent concern to read: “that a separate fee required to take *self-sustaining non-major 100-level activity courses delivered through Extended Education* will drive students away when they should be encouraged to exercise.”

**Announcements and Report**

*President Stout:*

- The AAUW (<http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>) is seeking a female faculty representative, and is working to get a “Smart Start” program off the ground. No membership dues are required and service includes attending board meetings or social gatherings about once a month. Please contact [Karen.Stout@wwu.edu](mailto:Karen.Stout@wwu.edu);
- A faculty member is requested to provide perspective on the Access Control Management Committee, which oversees ways to make the campus safer through electronic door security (i.e., keycard).

*President Shepard:*

- Western will continue to partner with the Washington Student Achievement Council, which is involved in supporting higher education in the legislature.
- More than sixty students who spent the MLK holiday in Olympia as ambassadors of Western are to be commended. This and the combined efforts of faculty, alumni, and parents are leading legislators to champion the support of higher education.

*Vice Provost Steven VanderStaay (sitting in for Provost Riordan)*

- The Provost and Dean Carbajal have approved the move of Women Studies to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and a director’s search will be conducted next year.

*Steven Garfinkle, President, UFWW*

- Garfinkle praised the achievements of constituencies involved in legislative activity in the last four years and encouraged continued involvement with Western Advocates and FYI-PAC, both joint efforts on behalf of Western.

*Victor Celis, ASVP-Academics*

- The student legislative agenda includes items such as financial aid support to undocumented students, issues surrounding the GET program, resident in-state tuition for veterans, and student tuition issues in general.
- Celis requests feedback on the student tech fee which is up for renewal in 2013.

***PRESENTATION:*** *Occam’s Razor* (student academic journal): Glen Tokola, *Editor-in-Chief*

- Senators commended Glen Tokola following his presentation, on his plans to expand *Occam’s Razor*, the journal which provides a publishing opportunity for outstanding undergraduate academic work. The project seeks funding to expand circulation by creating a website, fliers and posters for marketing to students, and an online version of the publication by the end of spring quarter 2013. At present the journal staff of 11 to 12 people includes a marketing coordinator and graphic designer. Tokola asked faculty to allow students into their classes to announce guidelines for submissions. Faculty can nominate excellent student papers for publication to the email address [occam.wwu@gmail.com](mailto:occam.wwu@gmail.com)
- Tokola welcomed suggestions from Senators which included peer review of nominated papers, possible inclusion of highly readable science papers, and papers submitted in a foreign language.

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<i>Academic Coordinating Commission</i>	1/8/2013	ACCEPTED. <i>Motions:</i> Nursing Program Approved
<i>University Planning Council</i>	11/28/12	ACCEPTED. Role of RSP and Graduate Programs: Kathy Kitto leads discussion
<i>Academic Technology Committee</i>	11/28/12	ACCEPTED. IT Security issues; IT personnel
<i>Senate Library Committee</i>	11/28/12	ACCEPTED. Updates, report, discussion

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

*To Faculty Senate:* Timothy Fitzpatrick for Milica Jovanovich, for Spr Qtr 2013

*Vacancies:* 1 CBE representative to serve on ATC

1 At-Large faculty (teaching GURs) to serve on Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE)

1 faculty representative to Access Control Management Committee (replacing Lorrie Brilla)

1 female faculty to serve on the AAUW

Senators *voted* to approve the *2013 Election Calendar*.

**Results of Canvas Pilot.** Derek Yip-Hoi, Chair of the Academic Technology Committee, along with Vice Provost and CIO John Lawson; John Farquhar and Frank Roberts, *ATUS*, reported to Senators on Canvas, a proposed replacement for Blackboard.

- Senators reported that use of Canvas helped in rethinking course work and invited thought about modules. One Senator asked for a better way to figure out who received email through Canvas, as sometimes only one recipient name shows up.
- Senators learned there is a speed grader App that can be accessed through the web and can be used on tablets (e.g., iPads).
- If faculty decide on early migration from Blackboard to Canvas, it is possible to export all one's Blackboard files as zip files and reimport them to Canvas.
- Senators suggested not keeping both systems active for a long period of time (one of the migration options) as that could encourage faculty not to migrate and it might be confusing to students. Early migration along with archiving appeared to be a popular option.
- A concern was raised about the higher cost of Canvas in relation to Blackboard. Have the necessary funds been found or set aside for the implementation of Canvas and the yearly fees associated with it?"
- Senators learned of the possibility of locking into a 4 year or 7 year pricing contract with Canvas which could prevent a spike in licensing fees. Since Canvas considers itself a service company that operates in the "cloud" and not a software company, it approaches reliability of service very seriously.
- Faculty and student pilot responses to Canvas have been favorable overall. ATC will make a decision on migration options in two weeks after gathering additional feedback.

**Motion to approve RN to BSN.** President Stout held a vote by hand count to accept the ACC minutes of 1/8/2013 which *passed* (16 in favor, 2 abstentions). The vote conveys Senate approval of ACC decisions communicated in the ACC meeting minutes, which include acceptance of the Nursing Program and its curriculum.

- Senators asked for reassurance that resource implications be examined if we accept more GUR credits from community colleges in new or emerging programs as this may affect our GURs at Western.

**ADJOURNMENT.** *Senate adjourned at 5:44 pm.*

Minutes submitted by Rose Marie Norton-Nader, *Recorder*, 1/28/2013.

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Kathleen Saunders, *Secretary 2012-2013*

## 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	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>	P
4	Stephanie Treneer	Mathematics	P	A	2	Steve VanderStaay, <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	--	B		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b>	
7	Charles Sylvester	PEHR	P	B	1	Daniel Boxberger, <i>FacLegRep 2011-12. Exec</i>	--
8	Cecile Hanania	M&CL	P	C	2	Steve Garfinkle, <i>President, UFWW</i>	P
9	Dennis Whitcomb (for HH)	Philosophy	P	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	--	D		<b>Guests</b>	
13	David Gilbertson, <i>SEN to ACC</i>	Accounting	P	E	1	Mary Baroni, <i>Interim Director, Nursing</i>	P
14	Babafemi Akinrinade	Fairhaven	P	F	2	Jill Mount, RN, Ph.D, <i>Human Svcs &amp; Rehab</i>	P
15	Kate Wayne	Elementary Ed	--	H	3	Beth Boland, <i>Chair, Human Svcs &amp; Rehab</i>	P
	<b>Senators whose terms end in 2014</b>				4	Derek Yip-Hoi, <i>Chair, Acad.Technology Cte</i>	P
16	Craig L Moyer, <i>SEN to ATC</i>	Biology	P	A	5	John Lawson, <i>VProvost, Infor Tech and CIO</i>	P
17	Paul (Clint) Spiegel	Chemistry	P	A	6	John Farquhar, <i>Mgr Multimedia &amp; Web Dev</i>	P
18	Kathleen Saunders, <i>Exec Secty</i>	Anthropology	P	B	7	Frank Roberts, <i>Director, ATUS</i>	P
19	Sandra Alfors	M&CL	P	C	8	Lise Fitzpatrick, <i>Director, EE Admin &amp; Fin</i>	P
20	Sheila Webb	Journalism	--	C	9	Glen Tokola, <i>Editor-in-Chief, Occam's Razor</i>	P
21	Michiko Yusa	M&CL	P	C	10	Francisco Rios, <i>Dean, WCE</i>	P
22	Milica Jovanovic	Music	P	D			
23	Elsi Vassdal-Ellis	Design	P	D			
24	Steve Henson	Economics	P	E			
25	Jason Kanov	Management	P	E	14	<b>Senators Present</b>	23
26	David Wallin	Huxley	P	G		<b>Ex Officio</b>	2
27	Donald Larsen	Educ Admin	--	H		<b>FLR, UFWW, ASVP, Recorder</b>	3
28	Molly Ware	Secondary Ed	--	H		<b>Guests</b>	10
29	Rebecca Marrall	Libraries	P	I			
30	Karen Stout, <i>Senate President</i>	Comm	P	AtLg		<b>TOTALS: January 28, 2013</b>	38