Call to order: Senate President Molly Ware called Senators to order at 4:04 pm, welcoming a total of 28 attendees (roster attached).

Minutes: Senators approved Senate minutes of 9 November 2015 as written.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President Molly Ware:
- Congratulations to Senator Rich Brown for being named Washington’s Professor of the Year.
- Ware and Senate Vice President Kristen Larson attended an Associated Students meeting to discuss creating a pool of students who are willing to participate in forums that would benefit from student voice and requested that faculty recommend students who may be interested in participating in this process. Ware and Larson also received student feedback on the Senate’s next steps for inclusive excellence.
- Faculty members with relevant experience are sought for the 2015-16 Gender Neutral Facilities Guidelines Advisory Committee and interested faculty are asked to contact Lizzy Ramhorst.
- Offered thanks to the members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for the work they did on the presidential job search announcement.
- The Senate Executive Council has created a draft process for committees who would like to revise their charges and requests feedback from Senators on this process.

Zachary Dove, AS VP for Academic Affairs:
- Associated Students Board has not taken an official stance on changing Western’s mascot.

ACTION ITEM

Appointments and Elections: A motion to approve the Library Task Force appointments (forwarded by Allison Giffen and seconded) passed. The Library Task Force membership is as follows:

To Library Task Force Committee:
- Area A, CSE: Greg O’Neil, Chemistry
- Area A, CSE: Roger Anderson, Biology
- Area B, CHSS: Kristi Lemm, Psychology
- Area C, CHSS: Steven Garfinkle, History
- Area D, CFPA: Monique Kerman, Art
- Area E, CBE: Mark Springer, Decision Sciences
- Area G, Huxley: Brooke Love, Environmental Sciences
- Area H, Woodring: Marilyn Chu, Elementary Education
- Area I, Libraries: Jeff Purdue, Libraries
- At Large: Kristin Denham, English

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Inclusive Excellence: Senators discussed the Faculty Senate’s priorities for the coming year.

Collaborating toward a Culture of Well-Being and Success: Shari Robinson, Director of the Counseling Center, Farrah Green-Palmer, Suicide Prevention Grant Manager, and Michael Sledge, Assistant Dean of Students joined the Faculty Senate to discuss how faculty could collaborate with Student Services to improve student well-being. Resources to help faculty identify students who may need additional support include Kognito Training and the Student Life Office. Resources that faculty can recommend to their students include the WWU Counseling Center After-Hours Crisis Line (360-650-3164 – select Option 1 for after-hours services), and the Best Self framework.

REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senators passed a motion (forwarded by Jackie Caplan-Auerbach and seconded) to approve Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) minutes of 27 October 2015; University Planning and Resources Council (UPRC) minutes of 4 November 2015; and Academic Technology Committee (ATC) minutes of 5 November 2015.
Senators adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Trula Nicholas, Senate Secretary 2015-16