## WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE Regular Meeting, 25 October 2016, 4:00 p.m. Capitol Rooms - University Union

ACTION MINUTES

- x The School of Agriculture will hold an open house on Friday, October 28.
- x Discover Western will be held on Saturday, October 29.

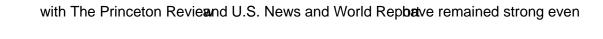
## C. <u>Student Government Association (SGA) Report</u> (Joi Wells SGA Representative to Faculty Senate

- x Ms. Wells reported that SGA recently passed legislation asking that stirdentescutive leadership positionise allowed to wear their cords during Commencement.
- x SGA President Dovile Svirupskaite recently returned from Chicago where she advocated for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant funding.
- x SGA continues to make changes to its Constitution.
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WIU also reduced tuition by three percent for domestic students and offered no fee increases for the current academic year.

Vice President Rives stated that the University needed to make very difficult decisions in order to save \$3.1 million in personnel costs. He nthtetd26 faculty, eight administrative/professional, and 25 civil servicesitions were not replaced last year. Additionally, 59 employees (eight faculty, 12 administrative/professional, and 39 civil service service) ook advantage of theatly retirement offered in December 2015, for a savings of \$85,100. Department chair contracts have now all been changed-fromth2 to 11.5 month contracts he 110 layoffs in FY 16 saved the University \$468,000; 87 of those individuals were subsequentlired back. Senior administrative pay reductions equivalent donations beginning in January 2016 resulted in a cost savings of \$206,700. The hiring freezewith only "mission critical" positions being filled sulted in savings of \$1.2 million. The furlough program for nonegotiated civil service and professional employees also saved the University \$1.2 million. Additionally, the Board of Trustees approved the disestablishment" of four academic programs following deliberations by the Academic Pogram Elimination Review (APER) Committee.

For FY 17 and FY 18, Vice President Rives stated that efforts will be made to support aggressive recruitment effortsoel-Levitt consultants define "aggressive recruitment" as using all forms of recruitment in the home, community and region through distance education, international outreach, and other for President Rives noted that freshman enrollment stabilized this fall after six years of declines, although efforts need to



agreements hey serve both students who wish to stay in the St. Louis region as well as students who transfer across the state of Illinois. Vice President Rives stated that WIU representatives have had a couple of introductory meetings with wastern Illinois Community Collegeand they have asked for templates of 2+2 agreements. College of Arts and Sciences Dean Sue Martin Eleirnandez added that she has met with a couple of representatives from Lewis and Clark to follow up on some alfoliate greements. She stated that Geology and Meteorology have signed agreements with the community college, and Nursing is in the process of revisiting its program so that it is more transfer friendly, especially in terms of developing possible agreementalitis we wis and Clark.

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## 1. Nominations to Fill Vacancies

## SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

Council on Admission, Graduation, and Academic Standards

Chase Catalano, Educational Studies eplacing Mark Cole Spring 2017 only E&HS

**UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**:

Bureau of Cultural Affairs

Kim McClure, Psychology replacing Sarah Haynes Spring 2017 only At-large

**University Honors Council** 

Scott Hemenover, Psychology replacing Christopher Morrow Spring 2017 only A&S

Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program Advisory Cortereit

Hal Marchand, Health Sci/Social Wrkreplacing Sarah Haynes Spring 2017 only At-large

There were no further nomination she slate of candidates was clared elected. Nominations to fill additional vacancies for spring 2017 will be presented at the ne Senate meeting.

- IV. Old Business- None
- V. New Business