

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 27 October 2015, 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Rooms - University Union

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: M. Bean, S. Bennett, V. Boynton, J. Brown, A. Burke, G. Cabedo-Fimmons, M. Carncross, D. DeVolde, K. Dodson, D. Halverson, R. Hironimus, Wendt, K. Kapale, C. Keist, N. Lino, J. McNabb, J. Myers, C. Pynes, T. Roberts, Sadler, B. Siever, A. Silberer, S. Szyjka, T. Weerhold
Ex-officio: Kathy Neumann, Interim Provost; Tej Kaul, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Dale Adkins, Matt Bierman, Andrea Henderson, Angela Lynn, Sue Martin, Hernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Rose McConnell, Nathan Miczo, Scott Palmer, Nancy Parsons, Steve Rock, Aimee Shouse, Lora Wolff

I. Consideration of Minutes

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Senator Boynton clarified

Mr. Bierman provided an update on where the state of Illinois stands budgetarily based on what local legislators told the administration a month ago as well as information received (a)112c

Senator Sadler asked when in WIU's history it had no reserves. Mr. Bierman responded that the income fund had no reserves less than ten years ago and was built up in fairly recent history, while the auxiliary funds have carried reserves for many years, fluctuating from \$3-\$4 million to \$12-\$13 million. He added that the local funds are not so much reserves as they are cash balances in those accounts; some entities at WIU may have a cash balance of \$200 while others such as Beu Health Center, can have \$200,000 because of the size of its operation.

Parliamentarian Kaul asked how good the enrollment outlook is for the spring semester. Mr. Bierman responded that the University is expecting similar fall to spring enrollment as last year, so numbers that were down in fall will likely remain down this spring semester but should not be significantly worse. WIU covered MAP funding for students for the fall semester in the absence of MAP funds from the state, and the administration is discussing what to do if the state does not pay MAP funds for the spring, although it is likely the University would have to cover those as well. Mr. Bierman stated that the lack of MAP funds, therefore, has no financial impact on students, and the financial reasons that may keep them from returning would be their own situations.

Interim Provost Neumann's primary concerns are to cover payroll and provide for Western's students so she will be asking departments to closely monitor spending to make sure that expenditures are absolutely essential in order to preserve cash flow. Additionally, all nonessential travel will need to be shut down, although Interim Provost Neumann hopes this can be restored once money starts to flow from Springfield. In the meantime, she stressed that everyone at WIU will need to be very careful in order to retain money in the account for payroll.

Interim Provost Neumann believes that planning for FY 17 and beyond is a real exercise for all of the campus community. She is very mindful of the need to work through the collective bargaining process but thinks the University will need to look at what can be done to refocus and reshape the institution. Interim Provost Neumann told senators administration does not believe that WIU can continue to raise tuition every year because the gap between the cost of education and what students can afford seems to have reached its maximum. She related that Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Biller is heading a task force to see if tuition can be lowered a little bit to reduce th

President Thomas met with the Quad Cities Faculty Council on Friday, October 23,

Dr. Miczo reported that two WID courses – RDG 383 and ARTH 394 – were overenrolled as of the tenth day report. After emailing the chairs of both departments, he heard back from Sara Simonson, Chair of Curriculum and Instruction, that her department would increase the workload for the instructor of RDG 383 by .08 per student to 3.24. Senator Boynton asked if action will be taken to make sure that in the future those courses are not overenrolled. Dr. Miczo responded that in the absence of any real enforcement ability, the WID Committee is trying to raise awareness by more regular reports to Faculty Senate. A standard email is now sent to chairs with overenrolled courses after receiving the tenth counts each semester. He added that while 3.24 is not a huge increase and may not have any practical effect, the Committee sees it as a small victory as compared to previous years when little or no action was taken to address overenrollment.

Senator McNabb asked if these two courses have a history of overenrollment; Dr. Miczo responded that he does not have that information with him but would need to double check. Senator McNabb noted that the occasional overenrollment, if rare, may be a response to something such as faculty leaving, but chronic overenrollment of the same class should raise a red flag and some sort of probation for the instructor might be an appropriate response. When she chaired the WID Committee, Senator McNabb sometimes saw the same courses on the overenrollment list every semester which seems to indicate a department culture that finds it acceptable to exceed the enrollment. She added that information regarding whether the overenrollment is an isolated incident or represents a chronic pattern would be helpful to have when the WID Chair presents the overenrollment reports to Senate. Senator Miczo stated that he would include that information in future reports in order to make it part of the record.

C. Senate Nominating Committee
(Virginia Boynton, Chair)

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Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Civility

Holly Stovall, Women's Studies		A&S
Justin Ehrlich, Computer Sciences		B&T
Carmen Keist, DFMH		E&HS
Amy Burke, CSD		FA&C
Jill Myers, LEJA		ExCo

UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Selection Committee

Dennis Bowman, LEJA	replacing	SeungWon Yoon	2015-17	E&HS
James Stegall, Music	replacing	Matt Bean	Spr 16 only	FA&C

There were no further nominations, and the candidates were declared elected.

IV. Old Business- None

V. New Business

A. Election of Representative to Search Committee for Associate Provost for Budget, Planning, and Personnel

Chairperson Pynes told senators he received an email from Ron Williams, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, asking that Faculty Senate name a representative to the search committee for an Associate Provost for Budget, Planning, and Personnel on 5.299(r)-4(e)0 Tce(c)9

telephone number, email address, and concrete resources that students can access if the situation applies to them. Senator McNabb thinks the Title IX information should follow a similar model rather than trying to explain or lecture about the policy's philosophies.

Chairperson Pynes asked if it would be acceptable for the syllabus policy to mandate that instructors explain what Title IX is to their students but for the faculty members' syllabi to specifically include resource information rather than the explanation, which would be verbal. He believes this would achieve the goal of conveying the resource information to students in written format as well as instructing faculty to talk to students about these resources. Ms. Henderson responded this would be acceptable.

Senator Roberts suggested the language for the Title IX section begin with the introductory statement included in the section for students with disabilities – “In accordance with University values ...” – rather than beginning with “In accordance with University policy.” Chairperson Pynes pointed out that what is being discussed is Title IX policy, not Title IX values, but