

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, 9 October 2018, 4:00 p.m.

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Donations may be made by using the Spring for Books second gift form at <http://bit.ly/spring4books> by texting SPRING4BOOKS to the number 41444; or by calling the Foundations Office at 309/29861 to enroll in payroll deduction. Ms. James told senators the current balance of the account is \$3,680.50; last year, advisors gave \$3,800 in textbook scholarships, so the account is \$1,000 short from what they need to be able to give 14-15 scholarships this year to deserving students. All advisors have scholarship application forms that they can hand out to students or send electronically. Assistant Director for Development Tim Hallinan will be sending a TeleSTARS message to the ca14aevhe t the sco(l)-5(a)9(r)-4(s9(h(i)-5(ps)-2 g)11(a)-2ps)-2 wel

communication back and forth, particularly in the years ~~ended~~ as Senate chair ~~he~~ noted that generally a member of the FAC is appointed as a representative on the IBHE, so this is an important body.

Senator Boynton thanked Dr. Carr for her report. She related that she attended a meeting at the University of Illinois a couple of weeks ago of history teachers from across the state, and the topic of the state authorizing community colleges ~~for~~ BSN degrees came up. Dr. Carr replied that a bill on this topic last year did not progress because it was lobbied against by university representatives; FAC lobbied against it as ~~well~~. Senator Boynton stated that she has heard there might be support ~~for~~ allowing community colleges to offer a four-year education degree, but Dr. Carr replied that she has not heard that. Dr. Carr will include links to follow ~~up~~ bills on higher ed in her next set of IBHE FAC meeting notes. She added that if there are any ~~issues~~ that faculty are concerned about or want her to convey to the working groups, she will be happy to share their thoughts.

Senator Rahman thanked Dr. Carr for her great report. She is curious why Governor Rauner has yet to appoint a faculty member ~~to~~ IBHE, which is a legal requirement. Dr. Carr responded that this was the topic of a statewide faculty senates resolution in the past couple of years. She added that any time that someone from the IBHE or the legislature attends an IBHE FAC meeting, Chair ~~Donovan~~ asks what they can do to get Governor Rauner to appoint a faculty representative to the IBHE. Dr. Carr explained that it was always understood in the past that the FAC would nominate two of its members to be the faculty representative and that ~~the~~ governor would choose one of ~~them~~ but this has not happened under Governor Rauner. She added that the Governor at one time tried to appoint a part time computer science faculty member to the IBHE, but when it did not look like the position would be ~~confirmed~~ the nomination was withdrawn. She added that there may be some legislation that is being worked on to try to change this appointment process.

Senator Zbeeb remarked that there have been rumors at WIUQC that the Quad Cities campus will become part ~~of~~ the University of Illinois. Dr. Carr stated that she has heard nothing about that. Interim Provost Neumann stressed that these rumors ~~are false~~ are no plans for the U of I to have a Quad Cities campus. She explained that Governor Rauner made ~~this~~ statement in error when he was on a campaign stop several weeks ago. Senator Perabo observed that a clarifying email ~~was~~ out about this topic. Chairperson Pynes stated that the President's Executive Institute is working on something with the University of Illinois, but President Thomas put out a press release the day after the Governor's statement refuting it. Sena storeE 3(y)13(ew)5(or)n.tif

- Hal Marchand, Health Sciences and Social Work, representing Education and Human Services
- Duke Oursler, Art, representing Fine Arts and Communication
- Linda Zellmer, Malpass Library, representing University Libraries

5. At the request of the Faculty Senate, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President Kathy Neumann will host a meeting to discuss Academic Affairs reorganization and staff reduction on October 24 from 4:30 p.m. in the University Union Capitol Rooms, with video conferencing to the QC campus in RF 111. Questions about the event should be directed to Interim Provost Neumann at [KNeumann@wiu.edu](mailto:KNeumann@wiu.edu) or to Faculty Senate Chair Christopher Pynes at [CPynes@wiu.edu](mailto:CPynes@wiu.edu).
6. Senior Vice President for Quad Cities and Planning Joe Rives, Interim Vice President for Administrative Services Bill Polley, and Budget Director Letisha Trepac will join President Jack Thomas and Interim Provost Kathy Neumann at individual Town Hall Meetings on the following dates. Questions, particularly those that require data in their response, may be submitted in advance to any of these administrators.

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| College of Arts and Sciences            | October 11, 2018  | 3:30 PM |
| College of Business and Technology      | October 15, 2018  | 3:30 PM |
| School of Global Education and Outreach | November 1, 2018  | 3:30 PM |
| College of Education and Human Services | November 5, 2018  | 3:30 PM |
| University Libraries                    | November 8, 2018  | 3:30 PM |
| College of Fine Arts and Communication  | November 15, 2018 | 3:30 PM |
| Western Illinois University/Quad Cities | TBD               | TBD     |

Senator Boynton has had several individuals ask her if they can attend a town hall meeting for a different college if they are unable to attend on the date for their own college. Interim Provost Neumann responded that this would be fine.

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definition was created after the last update of the policies and procedures in 2010. [Note: This definition was proposed by the Registrar's Office and approved by CCPI and Faculty Senate in 2013.] Senator Perabo stated that she is glad to see this definition included since she has had to make this point to her online students a number of times, and they are often surprised. Senator Boynton asked if the SGA rep can take the definition of a unit of credit back to SGA with a request that they remind students that a 3 s.h. course requires nine hours of work a week, not three hours.

NO OBJECTIONS

B. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)  
(Ginny Boynton, Chair)

1. Faculty Nominations

SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES :

Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI)

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| Todd Lough, LEJA | replacing | Ken Clontz | 2021 | At-large |
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Council on Intercollegiate Athletics

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| John McMurtery, Music | replacing | Amanda Silberer | 2019 | FA&C |
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2. Faculty Representatives on the Social Responsibility Task Force

The Executive Committee asked the Senate Nominating Committee to determine if any senators wished to serve on this task force, to fill the remainder of the five seats with faculty volunteers. Senator Boynton reported that only Senator Dimitrov volunteered. Other faculty volunteers so far are Bill Knox, English, and Steve Dvorak, Psychology, which she pointed out are all from the College of Arts and Sciences. There were no further nominations, and the three were declared elected. Chairperson Pynes asked the Senate Nominating Committee to continue to work to fill the two remaining seats.

Senator Dimitrov asked why the task force references Social Responsibility when it is charged to look at accreditation. Senator Boynton replied that strategic planning is part of

Senators Boynton and Allison observed that the wording in the second proposed duty of the Committee is awkward. Senator Cordes pointed out a missing word in the third duty. Chairperson Pynes agreed that there are infelicities in the wording that could be changed and suggested that the Executive Committee address these before the bylaws come back for the second reading and vote. He asked that senators send their suggestions for wording to the Recording Secretary so that ExCo can make these minor changes.

Senator Dimitrov asked if the SSC is to “study” or to “review” summer programs at peer institutions. Dr. Kenny replied that last year’s ExCo had suggested the SSC “review summer programs at other institutions” and the SSC changed that to “peer institutions.” Senators expressed some confusion as to the intent of this duty. Chairperson Pynes believes what last year’s ExCo intended was for the SSC to look at whether other institutions are offering things in the summer that WIU is not. He added that this stems from the fact that WIU has a summer school system that is governed by constraints, and the SSC is asked to consider if there are ways that WIU can increase its summer enrollment that have not been considered.

B. For the Good of the Body

Chairperson Pynes reminded senators that Robert Wendt when he served on Faculty Senate asked for this item to be added to the bottom of all Senate agendas, and he would like to reinstate it. Senator Allison asked if the University is looking into updating the list of peer institutions since they may no longer resemble WIU. Chairperson Pynes stated there are several different versions of WIU’s peer institutions. He asked the UPI President when the last time UPI’s peer group list was updated and was told that it has not been changed since 2005. He promised that there would be further conversations about WIU’s peer groups.

Interim Provost Neumann agrees that WIU’s peer groups probably no longer look like WIU in most cases, so there needs to be a discussion about reopening them and having everyone provide input. She pointed out that, in addition to the Macomb and QC campus peer review lists and the UPI list, Institutional Research and Planning also has a list of peer institutions that it uses, which includes state universities and some institutions in the border states which Illinois students are migrating to. Chairperson Pynes believes it is important for WIU not to be too self-referential; he prefers that some peer institutions be from farther away.

Interim Provost Neumann stated that the UPI peer institution list is negotiated between the UPI leadership and WIU administration. Senator Allison remarked she is not concerned about the UPI negotiated peer group list but is interested in the academic list, specifically regarding who gets to provide input into which institutions are determined to be academic peers. Interim Provost Neumann asked how that process worked last time. Senator Cordes responded that the list of academic peers was reworked as part of the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association reaccreditation process. He stated that possible peer institutions were compared to various categories on a spreadsheet, and the committee went through them one by one. The categories included size, faculty/student ratio, enrollment, and more. Vice President Rives spearheaded the process. Chairperson Pynes added that Vice President Rives came to Faculty Senate for endorsement of the final list.

Senator Bellott remarked that Interim Provost Neumann said that Institutional Research and Planning looks at border schools where Illinois students are migrating, but he did not get that information when IRP Director Angela Bonifas made her presentation to the Board of Trustees meeting he thought that Ms. Bonifas included the border schools simply because they were close to WIU. Interim Provost Neumann apologized that the migration of students may not have been Ms. Bonifas’s connection but her own because data shows Illinois students are often migrating to Wisconsin and Indiana. Senator Bellott remarked that students seem to be migrating to state schools such as University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin, whereas the group that Ms. Bonifas was referencing specifically included schools very close to Illinois’s border.





overarching question that everyone keeps asking is what the purpose is of realignment. She





Senator Allison thinks Senator McIlvaine is absolutely right. She had her daughter help create her course flyers this year. She thinks faculty need to have more space to be able to say to small groups of other interested faculty that this is how they promoted their courses because, for example, she would never have thought about doing a YouTube video. Senator McIlvaine recommended that Senator Allison read the Board of Trustees minutes where she provided a short summary of what she has done for the past two and a half years. She related that foremost Anthropology has worked together as colleagues and have not been fighting with one another, which is some of the anxiety with everybody wanting to protect their own areas.

Senator Dimitrov related that about a year ago he read a *Wall Street Journal* article about whether a university education is worth the effort, and for a lot of years many parents and students have thought it is not worth the money and effort. He connected this with a statistics program at George Washington University that combined mathematics with interesting subjects and found that all students want to learn is computer programming so that they can find a job that pays a lot of money and avoid high debt. Senator Dimitrov believes that if WIU keeps on accepting students that do not know the answer to 7x8, these students can be brought to a certain level but will not be employable after that, so going to WIU may not be worth it for them. He thinks the University needs to rethink its recruitment strategy, and perhaps the program realignment may be the best strategy overall. Senator Dimitrov pointed out that if WIU accepts students with a lot of deficiencies, then a 17:1 student/faculty ratio may not be reasonable for students who need extra help. He does not think WIU should be accepting students for which it is socially responsible if a WIU education will not work for them at the end of the day.

Motion: To adjourn (Maskarinec)

The Faculty Senate adjourned 5:25