

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
Regular Meeting, 23 February 2016, 4:00 p.m.  
Capitol Rooms - University Union**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**SENATORS PRESENT:** S. Bennett, V. Boynton, J. Brown, A. Burke, G. Cabedo-Timmons, D. DeVolder, K. Dodson, R. Hironimus-Wendt, S. Holt, K. Kapale, C. Keist, N. Lino, B. Locke, J. Myers, C. Pynes, T. Roberts, B. Siever, A. Silberer, T. Westerhold  
Ex-officio: Kathy Neumann, Interim Provost; Janna Deitz, Parliamentarian

**SENATORS ABSENT:** D. Halverson, T. Sadler

**GUESTS:** Stacy Betz, Scott Coker, Katrina Daytner, Kevin Hall, Buzz Hoon, Angela Lynn, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Russ Morgan, Michael Murray, Nancy Parsons,

4. For the second time in its history, WIU has a Truman Scholar finalist. Jillian Ross, a Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration major and Centennial Honors scholar from Cedar Falls, Iowa, will be interviewed for the award on March 14 in Kansas City.
5. Thirteen high schools will send 82 band students to WIU this week for the Showcase of Bands. Guest conductors for the event are from Drake and Baylor Universities. Interim Provost Neumann announced that ten bands have already submitted their applications to be included in next year's event. She pointed out that the Showcase of Bands brings hundreds of students that might not otherwise get to visit WIU to the Macomb campus and enables them to work with WIU faculty. She expressed thanks to the School of Music for hosting the event.
6. President Thomas has approved graduate courses at the 500- through 700-level for hybrid delivery.
7. WIU participated in two press conferences on Friday, February 19 as part of events hosted by the Illinois Coalition to Invest in Higher Education. Chairperson Pynes participated in the conference on the Macomb campus on Friday morning. Representatives from Quad Cities community colleges, private colleges, WIU, and the community met at WIUQC on Friday afternoon to advocate for state higher education funding.
8. Following Governor Rauner's budget address last week, Illinois Secretary of Education Beth Purvis provided information about the budget for higher education. The Governor's FY 17 budget proposes a 20 percent reduction from the FY 15 appropriation, which for WIU would amount to an appropriation of \$41,156,200. Money would also be set aside for Performance-Based Funding under the Governor's proposal, which could make the 20 percent cut a little less. Interim Provost Neumann reported there was no news about the current year's budget. Governor Rauner vetoed a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant bill that came to his desk, but Interim Provost Neumann is hopeful that a new bill co-sponsored by Representative Norine Hammond and others that would include funding for public higher education, MAP, and some procurement reform will get some traction.
9. Associate Provost Nancy Parsons attended the recent Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) meeting where changes to the metrics used for their Program Efficiency and Effectiveness Report (formerly called the Low Performing Programs Report) were discussed. Beginning August 2017, metrics will be put in place that would increase the target enrollment and graduation levels for bachelors and doctoral programs and decrease the average number of years all programs are assessed:

Terms/Metrics (~~5-year~~ 3-year averages):

Bachelor's level programs:

Enrollment: Less than ~~25~~ 40 majors

Graduation: Less than ~~42~~ 9 degrees conferred

Master's level programs:

Enrollment: Less than 10 majors

Graduation: Less than 5 degrees conferred

Doctoral level programs:

Enrollment: Less than ~~5~~ 10 majors

Graduation: Less than ~~3~~ 2 degrees conferred

Senator Myers asked if proposed Performance-Based Funding would help WIU. Interim Provost Neumann responded that she has not yet seen a list of the performance metrics that will be proposed for next year, but she was told that it could mean a reduction of 16 percent instead of 20 percent if WIU achieved the maximum. Interim Provost Neumann promised to share more information on this topic when it becomes available to her.

C. Student Government Association (SGA) Report

(Dovile Svirupskaite, SGA Representative to Faculty Senate)

from class that more had already been delivered. Chairperson Pynes explained that the notecards are to be returned to Admissions for mailing so that individual stamps can be affixed to them; this indicates they were sent by a human rather than machine-generated and makes them more likely to be opened. He added that it is in faculty's interest to try to genuinely show potential students that WIU is a welcoming, student-centered university where faculty do make themselves available to help.

### III. Reports of Committees and Councils

#### A. Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI) (Lora Wolff, Chair)

##### 1. Curricular Requests from the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

###### a) Requests for New Courses

- (1) FS 300, Administration of Firefighter Safety Programs, 3 s.h.
- (2) FS 487, Fire Codes and Standards, 3 s.h.

###### **NEW COURSES APPROVED**

###### b) Requests for Changes of Options

- (1) Fire Protection Services (Fire Administration major)
- (2) Fire Protection Services (Fire Science major)

###### **CHANGES OF OPTIONS APPROVED**

###### c) Requests for Changes of Minors

- (1) Fire Administration
- (2) Fire Science

###### **CHANGES OF MINORS APPROVED**

##### 2. Curricular Requests from the Department of Engineering Technology

###### a) Request for Change of Minor

- (1) Operations Management

###### **CHANGE OF MINOR APPROVED**

##### 3. Curricular Requests from the Department of Broadcasting and Journalism

###### a) Request for Change of Major

- (1) Journalism

###### **CHANGE OF MAJOR APPROVED**

##### 4. Curricular Requests from the College of Arts and Sciences

###### a) Request for New Course

- (1) A&S 196, Introduction to Research Methods, 0 s.h.

Senator Boynton asked if the new course is intended only for Liberal Arts and Sciences majors or for all students. College of Arts and Sciences Interim Associate Dean Kyle Mayborn replied that the course is for all Arts and Sciences students. Arts and Sciences Dean Sue Martinelli-Fernandez added this is why the College preferred to use the A&S prefix rather than LAS, which is specific to the Liberal Arts and Sciences major. Chairperson Pynes asked if there is any cost to students for a 0 s.h. class; Registrar Angela Lynn replied that there is no cost to students.

Senator Roberts asked how this course will differ from students doing an honors project or other research within existing courses. Dr. Mayborn replied that freshmen interested in exploring research with a faculty member, perhaps over the summer, may not want to pay for a credit class; it is hoped that A&S 196 might help with retention of these students. He said another target audience would be high school students interested in working with a science professor, which will also help with recruitment. Dr. Mayborn said the College does not want high school students to have to pay to work with professors over the summer, but they need some kind of affiliation with the University for purposes of liability. Last year, the College hired these students for \$25, but it is thought that a 0 s.h. course will be a better path. Senator Hironimus-Wendt remarked this course might also work well for students, such as social scientists, who want to do research outside of their major area.

**NEW COURSE APPROVED**

B. Council on Campus Planning and Usage  
(Brian Stone, Chair)

1. Report on Active Shooter Situations Related to Campus Facilities

Dr. Stone read from a resolution passed by Faculty Senate in 2013:

*WHEREAS, many of the doors on classrooms and other facilities on the campus of Western Illinois University have locking mechanisms that prevent shelter-in-place from being a viable option because the doors must be locked from the outside while in a closed position;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council on Campus Planning and Usage shall*  
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first run from the situation if possible, then hide if you can't get away, then fight as a last resort." Dr. Stone reported that CCPU heard that it is less expensive and more effective to train employees than to try to modify buildings to anticipate active shooter situations and prevent or avoid casualties.

Further discussions at CCPU included use of technology and communication in active shooter scenarios. According to the CCPU report, University Technology is working on a system that would pop an alert up on any computer on campus if an emergency occurred.

Senator Dodson asked if anyone is tracking the number of faculty that have completed the

model would represent a huge alteration in WIU's open campus

Senator Boynton informed senators that the Nominating Committee's interest survey will go out via email at the end of the week.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business – None

**Motion:** To adjourn (Pawelko)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Jeff Brown, Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary