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None

Krista Bowers Sharpe, Parliamentarian; Interim Provost Mark Mossman

Sally Adams, Tawnya Adkins Covert, Marjorie Allison, Andrea Alveshere, Josh Averbeck, Lori Baker-Sperry, Greg Baldi, David Banash, Keith Boeckelman, Zaire Bradshaw, Julie Brines, Amy Burke, Amy Carr, Amy Carrigan, Scott Clarke, Craig Conrad, Kassie Daly, Drew Donahoo, Hunt Dunlap, Lora Ebert Wallace, Michael Eddy, Tara G6 (i)v6 (un)10 6 (a)9.3 (r)-4 (a .011 Tc 0.01C7edy)6,7 (r)12.e.S4ounAs

- b. Move PE Teacher Education program to School of Education
- c. Move Health Sciences programs to Department of Kinesiology

B. Approvals from the Provost

1. Requests for New Courses
 - a. ENG 382, Book Reviewing and Non-Fiction Literary Writing, 3 s.h.
 - b. MATH 489, Numerical Optimization, 3 s.h.
 - c. UNIV 102, Academic Refocus, 1 s.h.
2. Request for Change of Minor
 - a. Professional Writing
3. Requests for Changes of Options
 - a. Actuarial Science
 - b. Agricultural Business
 - c. Agricultural Science
 - d. Agriculture – Teacher Education
 - e. Data Science and Statistics
4. Request for Change of Emphasis
 - a. Big Data Technologies
5. Requests for Changes of Majors
 - a. Accountancy
 - b. B.A. in Economics
 - c. B.B. in Economics
 - d. Business Analytics
 - e. Business Core
 - f. Finance
 - g. Human Resource Management
 - h. Management
 - i. Marketing
 - j. Supply Chain Management

B. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Mossman said he was proud of the way the university handled the tragedy of last week [when two Macomb police officers were shot while in the process of serving a warrant]. He noted that while there are many things still lingering about the nature of the event, he without a doubt wants to raise up Office of Public Safety Director Derek Watts and his officers who did everything possible to make sure WIU students were safe. He noted that they made sure to follow protocol and got every student they could find into the residence halls or other safe spaces. Interim Provost Mossman thinks it was a very good decision to cancel classes and close the university the following day given the nature of the situation. He added that both Chief Watts and Interim Vice President for Student Success Justin Schuch constantly communicated with the Cabinet and with others across the campus in a calm way, and he thinks that communication really helped the Cabinet to make good decisions. He recognizes that it was a tragic event, and he is very glad there were no fatalities that occurred during it.

Interim Provost Mossman thinks it may be six weeks before the part that was destroyed in a lightning strike can be obtained and the problem to Horrabin Hall's air conditioning system repaired. He noted

needs to be an institution-

Keith Boeckelman, College of Arts and Sciences Interim Associate Dean, noted this is an introductory course. He explained that previously the department offered two introductory courses, for eastern and western religions, but with the declining size of the department they decided to consolidate these into a World Religions course. He said this type of course is more typical of smaller departments at other universities and gives the opportunity to cover religions outside of the “big five.”

2. Request for Change in Minor

a. Religious Studies

Ms. Burke explained the request for change of minor is basically due to the change in the core.

J. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)

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Chair Robinett explained that this is an informational first reading. He noted that, according to Article V of the

explained that if Faculty Senate wishes to initiate a referendum, it will require a motion to initiate and a majority vote of the senators present. He added that if Faculty Senate does not choose to make a motion following discussion, or if no one seconds such a motion, then no action will be taken other than that of allowing the faculty member to present the agenda item. He noted that if Faculty Senate votes to initiate one or both referendums, the Executive Committee is tasked with conducting the referendum by mail or electronic ballot within 30 days and with communicating the results at the end

She thinks the administration may get to the number they want today, but in the future things will go in the direction they do not want them to go because of the way in which this has been done. She has not met anyone in the community or on the campus who does not agree with her on this point. Dr. Ebert Wallace noted that everyone has some significant part of the design of the cuts they do not understand, and she has not heard an explanation from the administration that would make her understand it, even though this should not be that difficult to do. She concluded that she just wanted to speak up generally in support of the resolutions.

Senator Wipperling stated that, speaking from her experience in the Department of Theatre and Dance specifically, and having read some of the past minutes of other experiences at WIU and from other universities where votes of no confidence have happened, if the administration were to have cut in order of hierarchy – where a Unit B person was laid off, then someone who was tenure track, and then a tenured faculty member – that would have made more sense. Senator Wipperling noted, however, that she is tenure track, but someone in her area who has been working at WIU ten years and just got tenure this past year was laid off, and Senator Wipperling was not, which does not make sense to her. She also noted that a specialty ballet instructor in her department was laid off, and even though this faculty member is in Unit B, losing her will make the BFA in Musical Theatre lose its accreditation next year. She stated that WIU is the only state institution with a BFA in Musical Theatre, and this specialized program is a good recruiting tool for WIU.

Chair Robinett reminded that the discussion is on the request for referendum of no confidence on

from the Board, who said to resolve the budget crisis by September, and the current administration has done that. Dr. Banash stated that if there is a vote of no confidence and the BOT removes Interim President Mindrup and Interim Provost Mossman, he does not see where that leaves the university, and he does not see any indication that the Board would do that.

Dr. Banash admitted he does not agree with every decision that has been made and is, like others, troubled by the decision to lay off all librarians, which seems somewhat not to have been well thought

about and for the Senate's committees and councils to ask questions about. He pointed out that the