

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, 26 September 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

**SENATORS PRESENT:** J. Albarracin, D. Atherton, D. Barr, G. Cabedo-Timmons, C. Chadwell, H. Elbe, D. Gravitt, E. Hamner, D. Hunter, S. Ko, J. Land, K. Perone, B. Petrocovici, S. Turkelli, K. Wiseley, L. Wipperling

**Ex-officio:** Jeremy Robinett, Parliamentarian; Provost Manoochehr Zoghi

**SENATORS ABSENT:** S. Bailey, B. Bellott, D. Brown, L. Ebert Wallace, A. Lewis, J. Sarra, M. Shamsuddoha, Y. Tang

**GUESTS:** Andrea Alveshere, Lee Brice, Amy Burke, Amy Carr, Craig Conrad, Katrina Daytner, Dennis DeVolder, Patricia Eathington, Greg Kain, Jessica Lin, Patrick McGinty, Rebel Mickelson, Russ Morgan, Lorette Oden, Renee Polubinsky, Linda Prorise, Eric Sheffield, Emily Shupe

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. September 12, 2023

**APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED**

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Provost Zoghi announced that the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting scheduled for this week has been postponed to October 12/13. The Provost's office was waiting for Board approval before announcing the Provost's Travel Awards applications process, but with the postponement the decision has been made to upload that information tomorrow. He asked Associate Provost Russ Morgan to elaborate.

Associate Provost Morgan apologized for how long the information has taken to be announced; he had hoped to get the information out earlier, but the BOT has not yet voted on changes to the UPI contract; now that their meeting is delayed the decision was made to go ahead and move the information out. He noted that the process will not be much different than last year for Unit A tenure and tenure-track faculty, who wil

Associate Provost Morgan stated that the CITR/ODES webpage remains available for now, and applications for the travel awards can be accessed there. There are some changes to past forms, but it is basically similar to previous forms. Associate Provost Morgan said the forms will eventually migrate to the Provost's website, but for now it is a seamless process comparable to past years. Individuals with questions about the process should call Russ Morgan or Amy Hodges in the Provost's office.

Chair Albarracin asked Associate Provost Morgan if he can share any more information about the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR). Provost Zoghi stated that Alisha Looney, Interim Associate Vice President for Communications, Marketing, and Media Relations, is finalizing an announcement to be circulated campuswide tomorrow. Associate Provost Morgan added that the Provost's office is still working on changes to CITR, which will continue over the semester. They are trying to make the changes as seamless as possible and to make sure things that faculty are used to are still available.

Associate Provost Morgan announced that salary increases agreed to in the new UPI contract will also be postponed in light of the postponement of the BOT meeting, but they will be retroactive to the beginning of the contract (July 1 or August 17). He said everything was on track for increases to be reflected in November 1 paychecks (since the payroll for October 1 was run two weeks ago), but they will now be delayed until December 1.

Senator Gravitt asked if review and approval for potential positions being advertised or approved will also be delayed until October; Provost Zoghi replied affirmatively because this must wait on the BOT. He added that Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Edwards will make a presentation to the BOT at their meeting, and post-meeting there will be a better idea of where everything stands.

support of some kind by bringing them into the University Technology Support Center in Stipes Hall. Mr. Kain said the Library may have a short-term laptop loan program for a day or a week, but he is not certain.

- The Faculty Senate Council for Instructional Technology was asked last year to determine how much the university saved by having students pay for their printing, and Mr. Kain told the council that he would report his findings to the Faculty Senate. Mr. Kain related the program to have students pay for printing started in September 2021 in order to bring awareness to and address the costs of printing on campus. In FY19, the last big year before Covid, students printed 2,500,000 pieces of paper on campus at a cost of \$45,000. During the last fiscal year, students printed 657,000 sheets at a cost of \$16,000.

Mr. Kain noted that students are currently allowed to print 250 copies for free per academic year. For this academic year 500,000 pi1.2 (d)2 (em)19.2eedb00 p/P MCpd



1. Proposed Changes to Policies and Procedures

CCPI revised its policies and procedures document to make it more closely match current practices. The biggest policy change is the addition of a statement that “It is expected that departments will have a representative present at the meeting when their proposals are considered; failure to have a representative present will lead to the proposals being tabled until the next meeting. In extraordinary situations, exceptions to this practice may be made by an approved motion of the Council. If the motion is approved, the proposal will be considered according to CCPI procedures.”

**NO OBJECTIONS**

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. For the Good of the Body

Chair Albarracin remarked that the postponement of the Board of Trustees meeting seems a little scary. She hopes that Trustees just need more time to look at the proposed budget.

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