

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 27 September 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Rooms - University Union

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: M. Allison, V. Boynton, J. Brown, G. Delany-Barmann, D. DeVolder, R. Hironimus-Wendt, K. Kapale, C. Keist, N. Lino, B. Locke, S. Macchi, H. McIlvaine-Newsad, J. McNabb, K. Pawelko, J. Plos, C. Pynes, T. Roberts, M. Sajewski, D. Sandage, S. Szyjka, C. Tarrant
Ex-officio: Nancy Parsons, Associate Provost; Janna Deitz, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: D. Halverson, T. Sadler

GUESTS: Pat Anderson, Katrina Daytner, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kyle Mayborn, Russ Morgan, Darcy Plymire, Aimee Shouse, Joi Wells, Ron Williams, John Wozniak

I. Consideration of Minutes

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On page 5, the question about the Peace Corps was asked by Senator Delany-Barmann, not Senator Allison. (Allison)

On page 7, in the third paragraph change the fourth sentence to read, “Dr. Shouse responded that there are currently nine students majoring in Women’s Studies ...” (Sandage)

MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED

II. Announcements

1. The 30th annual Mary Olive Woods Lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29 in the Union Heritage Room. Peter van Inwagen, John Cardinal O’Hara Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and Research Professor of Philosophy at Duke University, will present on “Evil and the Existence of God.” In his lecture, Dr. van Inwagen will respond to the argument that evil cannot coexist with an omnipotent and morally perfect God.
2. The Board of Trustees (BOT) will meet on Friday, October 7, 2016. The packets that were delivered last week informed senators that comments or questions needed to be submitted to the Board of Trustees by Friday, September 23.
3. Chairperson Pynes recalled that some discussion about tabling a motion occurred during the last Senate meeting. He related that a senator asked if the motion on the floor could be tabled, which Chairperson Pynes understood to be a question and not an actual motion to table. Chairperson Pynes explained that motions can be tabled, but this is complicated because there are different ways in which this can be accomplished. He explained that *The Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, which governs Faculty Senate, prefers use of the phrase “motion to postpone” rather than “motion to table.” Chairperson Pynes said that if a motion to postpone is made and then the subject is not brought back to the floor, it represents an attempt to make that topic go away because it is something the individual who made the motion does not want to vote for; alternatively, a motion to postpone can be made indicating a specific date that the topic will be brought back before the body. He added that to postpone without indicating a date for the subject to be brought back to the floor requires a two-thirds majority and the motion cannot be debated, while postponement until a later time can be debated and requires 50 percent to pass.

Chairperson Pynes explained that last week when a motion was made to table, he asked Parliamentarian Deitz about the voting requirement because he could not remember a similar motion to table in his three terms on the Senate. While Parliamentarian Deitz was checking, Chairperson Pynes allowed debate, which technically, depending upon which interpretation of tabling it was, the Chair was not supposed to do. When the Parliamentarian determined that debate should not have been allowed, Chairperson Pynes made the decision to allow discussion to continue on that topic rather than at that point telling those that had not yet had the opportunity to speak that they were not allowed to do so while others had already made their comments. He pointed out that *Sturgis* is less formal than

Senator Roberts asked if a motion can be made to postpone until a subsequent Senate meeting; Chairperson Pynes responded that this is acceptable and only requires 50 percent of the body to approve it. Senator Hironimus-Wendt added there are two ways to accomplish this; at one Senate meeting, senators decided to not to “adjourn” but to “recess,” which meant that the conversation was continued at the next meeting where it left off.

Parliamentarian Deitz told senators that parliamentary procedure is designed to be an expression of the democratic process. She stressed that, while there are many ways to do

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Social Responsibility Task Force (one faculty member from each academic college)

Laura Barden-Gabbei, Biological Sciences (A&S)

Janice Gates, Management and Marketing (B&T)

Gary Daytner, Educational Studies (E&HS)

Jeannie Galioto, Theatre and Dance (FA&C)

Two Senators:

Tim Roberts, History

Mallory Sajewski, University Libraries

General Education Review Committee (one faculty member from each academic college)

Gordon Pettit, Math, Logic, and Philosophy (A&S)

Marty Maskarinec, Computer Sciences (B&T)

Emily Shupe, Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, and Hospitality (E&HS)

Julie Dalmasso, Communication Sciences and Disorders (FA&C)

There were no further nominations. The slate of candidates was declared elected. Senator Boynton thanked Senators Roberts and Sajewski for volunteering serve as the Faculty Senate representatives on the Task Force. Chairperson Pynes added his thanks and also recognized the Senate Nominating Committee for their hard work filling the positions.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. BOT Meeting Action Items Consent Agenda Discussion

Chairperson Pynes explained that historically chairs of governmental bodies, including the Senate, write a consent agenda for the Board of Trustees stating that the bodies they represent consent to the action items on the BOT agenda. He recalled that in June a special meeting of Faculty Senate was held because the BOT agenda included action items that Chairperson Pynes did not feel that he could consent to on behalf of the full body. Chairperson Pynes said he has realized that the full Senate body should regularly have the opportunity to look at and consent to the action items rather than having the Senate Chair alone tell the BOT that they are all acceptable. He hopes that having discussion of the BOT agenda at today's meeting will set a new precedent for Faculty Senate. He warned, though, that often the governance groups must submit their report two weeks prior to the BOT meeting, so making sure that individuals have time to respond to the BOT agenda during their regular meeting times can be difficult. Chairperson Pynes, however, wants senators to be able to be involved and to see what is involved in those reports. He added that if any senator has a concern about a specific item, it can be discussed, and if there are no concerns then Chairperson Pynes will tell the BOT that Faculty Senate consents to all of the action items.

Senator Boynton asked about BOT General Discussion and Action Item 16.10/7, President's Executive Corporate Cluster, Fiscal Year 2017 Update. Chairperson Pynes explained that President Thomas has created a group to try to determine different funding models for the University. He related that President Thomas believes WIU cannot continue to rely on the state anymore and must discover different sources of funding.

Chairperson Pynes pointed out that Resolution 16.10/5 on the BOT agenda proposes creation of a Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He pointed out that this first BOT meeting does not have a lot of action items and may be fairly short.

Senator Delany-Barmann recalled that the past two Executive Committee minutes include remarks from one of two faculty members who remain on the layoff list. She told senators she would feel remiss if at some point in the future senators saw a BOT agenda with these individuals' names on it without Faculty Senate ever having talked about these colleagues. Chairperson Pynes replied that Executive Committee members have a meeting scheduled at 5:00 today with one of those colleagues and will be meeting with the second faculty member on Wednesday, October 5. He said the two faculty members have been asking the Faculty Senate to do something, but the Executive Committee is not clear what that "something" is, and scheduling times to meet with the two has been difficult. Chairperson Pynes recalled that Faculty Senate did approve a resolution in December 2015 condemning the proposed faculty layoffs. He hopes to be able to bring back to the Faculty Senate more specific requests for action after meeting with the faculty members. Senator Delany-Barmann remarked that she was concerned that Faculty Senate not ignore the remarks from one of the faculty members related in recent Executive Committee meetings, but it does appear that ExCo is addressing these concerns, for which she expressed her thanks.

Senator Pawelko remarked that she received an email from the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) President today about new contract negotia5(ne)-2-3(y)B6(i)-w-4(iP-23P(h)2(0cis)Tj 01(t)-3(h)3 Td [

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