WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ASAC) REGULAR MEETING

Meeting No. 6, April 14, 2017
President's Conference Room, Lieuallen Administration Building
9:30 - 10:30 AM

COMMITTEE MINUTES

(1) Call-to-Meeting and Roll Call

Committee Chair Lane Shetterly called the committee meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Lacking a quorum, Chair Shetterly temporarily moved the meeting into a working session. Roll was called at approximately 9:56 AM. Trustees Shetterly, Kelsee Martin, Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas were present; Trustee Gloria Ingle, absent -- quorum present. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephen Scheck (present); Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Dukes (absent).

Invited guests attending: Dr. Sue Monahan, Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness; Dr. Dan Clark, Director of the Center for Academic Innovation; Associate Provost David McDonald; and Associate Professor Camila Gabaldon, member of the faculty senate general education committee.

(2) Approval of December 15, 2016 Draft Minutes

Trustee Paraskevas moved approval; Trustee Martin seconded: minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

(3) Action item: Proposal for new minor in Youth Crime Studies

Scheck reviewed the proposal with the committee. Trustee Paraskevas moved approval; Trustee Martin seconded: the committee members unanimously recommend forwarding to the full Board of Trustees for approval.

(4) Reports/Update items

(a) Final Year One Report to Northwest Commission on Colleges &Universities (NWCCU) has been submitted and is available on the Provost website. http://www.wou.edu/provost/files/2017/02/Feb2017_Year-1_ChapterOne.pdf

Printed copies will be distributed at the April 26 full Board of Trustees meeting.

- (b) Work on university learning outcomes assessment is on schedule for inclusion in the fall 2017 ad hoc report to NWCCU.
- (c) Monahan, Clark and Gabaldon walked committee members through the planning preparations for the 180 credit-to-degree and general education revision initiative. Such revision should create new enrollment opportunities for WOU to attract transfer students and to reduce the number of "excess" credits most students have incurred upon graduation.
- (d) Health & Counseling Center construction is progressing and will be ready for fall term service to students.
- (e) Scheck reviewed enrollment statistics for spring term relatively flat compared to same day of term last spring. McDonald discussed enrollment projections for fall term. The university projects a decrease in new freshmen – in part due to Oregon Promise incentivizing freshmen to start at the community college and the launch of Oregon State University Cascades campus. We are experiencing upticks in transfer students and out-of-state students due to recruitment efforts. International enrollment is hard to predict with rhetoric currently coming out of Washington DC and graduate enrollment is highly influenced by changes in Teacher Standards and Practices (TSPC) policy changes. Overall enrollment for the university is projected at zero (best case) to 5% (likely) drop in fall 2017.

Other:

- (f) The committee was updated on current status of faculty and administrator searches: Dr. Kathleen Cassity (Hawai'i Pacific University) has been appointed as the next dean of liberal arts and sciences, starting mid-August; 12 faculty searches have been successfully completed; 3 failed searches in high market competition areas – business management, bilingual teacher education, multicultural pedagogy teacher education. Searches in the active campus visit phase are: athletic director and student affairs coordinator of leadership and programs.
- (g) Scheck noted that it appears that the university and the faculty union (WOUFT) will be unable to reach a one-year contract to move full bargaining out one year to avoid the uncertainties of the current legislative session and likely decreasing enrollment. The university and WOUFT will begin full bargaining, April 17th.

(5) Adjournment

Chair Shetterly asked for any further discussion, hearing none, he thanked all for their participation; meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.