



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

**Meeting No. 8, December 6, 2017**

**President's Conference Room, Lieuallen Administration Building  
12:00 – 1:00 PM**

**(1) Call-to-Meeting and Roll Call**

Committee Chair Lane Shetterly called the committee meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Trustees Shetterly, Gloria Ingles, Kelsee Martin and Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas in attendance; quorum present. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephen Scheck and Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Dukes were present.

Invited guests attending: Dr. Mark Girod, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Kathy Cassity, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**(2) Approval of October 12, 2017 Draft Minutes**

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

**(3) Action items:**

**Proposal for a new minor in Public History**

Scheck reviewed the proposal with the committee. Trustee Paraskevas moved approval; Trustee Martin seconded -- the committee members unanimously recommend forwarding the proposal to the full Board of Trustees for approval. The program capacity is already in place so essentially a no-cost program.

**(4) Reports & Discussion Items**

- a. Scheck provided a summary of progress made on curricular redesign to support the 180 credit to degree initiative. The General Education Task Force is prepared to hand the newly-designed GE curriculum off to the Faculty Senate's General Education Committee that will oversee the movement of the proposal through the Faculty Senate curricular review process. Adoption of the new GE curriculum should be completed by March 2017, giving time to work on



implementation planning for a fall 2019 launch. Faculty Senate has impaneled a faculty committee to draft new criteria for distinguishing requirements to be met in order for a student to earn a BA or a BS degree. These criteria will be reviewed by Faculty Senate in winter term. Once these definitions are in place, academic programs may begin examining their program requirements such that GE, BA/BS and major requirements comply with the 180-cr degree goal. Scheck noted that the work the faculty are doing on the 180-credit degree initiative positions the university quite well for meeting transferability mandates associated with HB 2998, the “transfer bill of rights.”

Scheck noted that we are well prepared for meeting deliverables for the March 1, 2018 resubmission of our Year One Northwest Commission report.

- b. Dukes reviewed early statistics for admission to the fall 2018 class: first-time freshmen admits is up, transfer admits is down, housing applications are up. Processing of applications is shorter; this may be due to eliminating the need for a letter of recommendation be included in the application.

Dukes noted that WOU has received gold status for being a veteran friendly university by a veterans focused organization. Previously, we had silver status. Student Affairs has applied for Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs for funding to enhance services offered our veterans.

- c. Dukes and Scheck updated the ASAC on multiple actions that are taking place on launching the university’s new strategic plan. President Fuller has held multiple retreats with president’s staff and with the University Council to prioritize initiatives in support of the strategic plan. Further, the university budgeting process is in full swing with various groups developing and reviewing proposed budget enhancements to support strategic programming. University Budget Committee will be reviewing proposals for strategic plan-focused enhancements early in 2018.
- d. General discussion occurred around the subject of low cost textbook alternatives as well as what emergency fund resources are available to students who find themselves struggling with financial issues.

## **(5) Adjournment**

Chair Shetterly asked for any further discussion, hearing none, he thanked all for their participation; meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.