

Faculty Senate President Report April 11, 2017

1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved course and program modification proposals:
 - Course modifications and new courses in: CS, COM, SPAN, GL, BI and A
 - Program modifications: Political Science, Public Policy and Administration, B.F.A in Art

These are the last ones of this academic year to make it into next year's catalog.

2. 2017 - 2018 Faculty Senate Officer Elections

The candidates are:

Faculty Senate President: Dr. Adele Schepige, Division of Teacher Education

Faculty Senate Vice-President: Mr. Paul Disney, Division of Business

Faculty Senate Secretary:

Are there any nominations from the floor?

Elections for officers will be held (by ballot) at the next meeting, April 25, 2017.

As a reminder, per the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

II. 1: Elections to the Faculty Senate

Each of the faculty units elects its representatives. Representatives are elected by majority vote.

Elections are conducted during spring term each year.

Both present and newly elected faculty senators should attend the second regular May meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Also per our bylaws, we will have an election for two Faculty Senate senators-at-large for the 2017-2018 academic year and for the Faculty Senate Curriculum System Manager/Programmer at Faculty Senate on May 23.

3. Announcing Formation of a General Education Taskforce

A General Education Taskforce is to be convened during Spring 2017 to make recommendations about revisions to General Education at WOU. Much of their work will take place during Summer 2017.

Like was done for the faculty who served on the Strategic Planning Committee during Summer 2016, faculty on the General Education Taskforce will be compensated the equivalent of a 4 credit summer course. The task force shall consist of one representative from each division and one member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

12 General Education Taskforce Faculty Members

1. Behavioral Sciences Division
2. Business and Economics Division
3. Computer Science Division
4. Creative Arts Division
5. Deaf and Professional Studies Division
6. Health and Exercise Science Division
7. Humanities Division
8. Library and Media Services
9. Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division
10. Social Science Division
11. Teacher Education Division
12. One representative from Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Representatives to the General Education Taskforce bring valuable disciplinary expertise to this creative endeavor. While serving on the Taskforce, however, members are expected to adopt a larger perspective as they advocate, first and foremost, for the interests of students and their learning. Details about the dates of meetings and the expectations of taskforce members will be communicated in an announcement that will be sent to all faculty members, hopefully, later this week.