

## Faculty Senate President's Report October 10, 2017

- 1. Elections:** It is never too early to start thinking about electing Faculty Senate Executive Committee members even though the elections are spring term. We will need a new FS President and other positions for next year. Also, we will need a new Board of Trustees representative. Now is the time to start thinking about who might be willing to be nominated and who is ready, willing and able to serve in those roles.
- 2. Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR):** An announcement will be sent out soon to all faculty about filling a Faculty Athletics Representative position. We currently have two FARs. Dean Braa is serving as the on campus FAR. Our off campus FAR for many years was Kathy Farrell who retired last year. This off campus position involves being WOU's representative at NCAA II and GNAC meetings. Travel is paid for by WOU. The FARs meet with the WOU President to discuss matters related to student athlete success.
- 3. General Education Program rollout:** The General Education Program rollout has begun. There are a variety of ways (town halls, online survey, talk to a task member) to get your ideas, concerns and questions to members of the General Education Task Force. Also, there are three division meetings this fall that hopefully will have time for divisions to discuss the revised program. The GETF needs to hear from you.
- 4. Curriculum Committee:** As of last week the curriculum committee had no chairperson. There is a student note taker for this committee to help with the workload. Please ask your division representative about assuming this role. The first meeting is next week.
- 5. Faculty Senate Executive Committee** will be meeting with the Academic Affairs Council once per term this year instead of only at the beginning of the academic year. There are many initiatives and activities on campus this year that will benefit from both groups discussing them together and collaborating
- 6. Other ideas and other opinions:** This is an information item that needs to be shared. Over the past year there have been some faculty-faculty and faculty-student interactions about topics where there was disagreement. Sometimes these interactions have caused one or both parties to feel uncomfortable with how they were listened to or treated. Sometimes visits to Human Resources or other administration offices have resulted from this.