Faculty Senate Minutes

October 13, 2020

**Virtual Meeting**

*Primarily paperless, wou.edu/facultysenate*

# 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

*Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering, optional)*

# 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

*Business Meeting*

## 1. Call to order

## 2. Call of the roll (by entry of names into Zoom Chat)

## 3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting (see website)

## 3.1. June 9, 2020 Minutes

* Minutes approved as posted

## 3.2. July 14, 2020 Minutes

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* Minutes approved as posted

## 4. Institutional Reports

## 4.1. Faculty Senate President

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website
* Final exam schedule: came up in Spring, want to add a couple clarifications: any online asynchronous course cannot have a rigid final exam time due to conflicts with other classes; online synchronous courses should follow the final exam schedule with when class meets in person. Some course dates/times are missing from the final exam schedule. If not on that chart, use the time you normally meet. Amy Clark has suggested a small faculty workgroup to work on revising final exam schedule. If any interest, please email Leigh at FS President email.
* Comment: It is important to note that some instructors have finalized syllabi and students have made plans around these, so making rules about the final exam time while the term is in progress can potentially create problems.

## 4.2. University President

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website

## 4.3. University Provost

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website

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## 5. Consideration of Old Business: None

## 6. Consideration of New Business

## 6.1 German Studies Major – proposal to drop (Paula Baldwin)

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website
* German minor is going strong
* Question: regarding the German teacher concentration (option for education, teaching middle and high school German) - will that affect the ability to offer that concentration? Have you connected with chair Marie LeJeune about that?
* Response: Deans have had this discussion – there are not currently any German Ed majors, so this has not been an issue. (confirmed by both Deans)

## 6.2 Theatre Education – new concentration (Michael Phillips)

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website

## 6.3 Creative Productions Major – New (Dirk Freymuth)

* Report available on the Faculty Senate Website
* Question: I was wondering if you have spoken with Sean Huston about this proposal regarding Film studies?
* Response: Will do so.
* Question: Where can we find examples of the process and some finished products of this proposal?
  + Response: No one has really done this yet, so we don’t have any finished examples. There is a student (Darrien Campo) who was an inspiration for this project. We think there is a need for combining these types of skills.
* Question: When doing program review, I wonder if the issue of total number of credits was discussed; we were told 63 credits is too high for a major, and this one is 73...any concern about having a program with large number of credits required?
* Response: It didn’t seem like a high number to us; in fact, everyone I have collaborated with knows I’ve expressed concern about number of credits being too low.

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## 7. Discussion items: None

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* Question: Are there any plans currently in the works for the new Rex Fuller (i.e., President) in its starting phases?
* Rex: Thanks for the question. Chair Kompf is in conversation with the committees, they will meet soon; there has been some thinking/conversations. There is a 12-month window, which is ample to do the work needed. Expect that there will be an announcement soon but it is a work in progress.

## 8. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

## 8.1 Faculty Sustainability Committee (Mark Perlman & David Janovick)

* No report yet, just started work, not enough time to have something to share. Perhaps next meeting.

## 9. Announcements: None

## Meeting adjourned: 4:30pm

# 5 – 5:15 p.m.

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering continued, optional)