

Senators present: Michael Aulick, Linda Cowan, Brian Fencl, Jeff Pfister (*secretary*) Gregory Chase, James Crumbacher, David Hanna, Hannah Harnar, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Corey Reigel (*vice-chair*), Peter Staffel, Robert Gall (alt), Theunis van Aardt, Margy Bowman, Fuhua Chen, Chad Kuhns, Jon Serra (*chair*), Matthew Zdilla

Absent members: Sheli Bernstein-Goff

Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests: Les DeFelice (BOG President), Stephen Greiner (*President*) Brian Crawford, (*Provost*), Roberta Linger (VP of Finance and Administration), Keely Camden (Dean College of Education), Rebecca Meacham (Psychology), Sylvia Hawranick-Senften (*ACF Representative*), James Haizlett, (*BOG Representative*),

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Jon Serra at 3:31 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

BOG President Les DeFelice:

- BOG is working to develop and open communication with faculty, staff, and students
- Senators were encouraged to ask questions
- Any additional questions should be emailed to President Greiner
- *Questions from floor* – 1) long-term planning, 2) remodeling vs. new construction of student housing, 3) BOG president's term, 4) BOG's change of leadership. Discussion followed.

President Greiner:

- He recently attended legislative public forum to answer questions about higher education such as:
 - percentage of funding for the operating budget from the state
 - what happens to the funds in the budget due to cuts from the state
- Legislation – too early to tell to determine which legislation will gain momentum
- Foundation and Financial Aid – WLU has 120 funded (from donors) scholarships in the Foundation. Of those only 45 have been awarded this year. Fund managers should go back to verify that these scholarships are being used.
- Boyd Hall – engineering study concluded a cost of 6-million to renovate to suite style living. The plan for Boyd is to open it back up offered as singles to students with the same plan for Rogers. Options are being considered but there are no immediate plans for new construction.
- *Questions from floor* – 1) Consulting fees to look at academic classes. Discussion followed.

Provost Crawford:

- Academic Programs and Personnel
 - MA, MS Biology – HLC will be on campus for a site visit March 20th and 21st
 - MS, Dental Hygiene and MA Clinical Psychology both approved HEPC, will be submitted to HLC later this spring.
 - Open faculty positions now at 11. 5 positions started in January - 2 will start in the fall.
- *Questions from the floor* – no questions

Dr. Keely Camden – College of Education name change:

- Overview – Senate was briefed of the campus January 16th memo to change the name of the College of Education.
- *Vote* – Motion made to accept (College of Education and Human Performance) Linda Cowan. Seconded by Peter Staffel. Faculty voted, motion passes - unanimously.

Becky Meacham – Psychology:

- Overview – Senate was briefed on the points from the February 1st proposal to move the Psychology to the College of Sciences.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Fit of Psychology M.A. 2) Process/Policy/Procedure for moving programs/departments on campus, 3) Feedback from faculty, 4) Use of Campbell Hall, 5) Letters of Appointment.
- *Vote* – Motion made to accept (Move of the Psychology program to College of Science) Corey Reigel. Seconded by Sylvia Hawranick-Senften. Discussion Continued. Faculty voted, motion passes (9-yea, 5-no, 6-abstained).

Sylvia Hawranick-Senften – ACF Representative:

- To receive a list of your legislative representation call (520) 200-2223 and enter your zip code
- From HEPC/ACF meetings in February
 - overall consensus that there will be “widespread challenges” during this legislative session
 - look for HEPC to promote their value and the value of higher education, especially with smaller schools
 - HEPC started a financial literacy campaign
- President Greiner added that it is still too early to tell which piece of legislation may gain attention, “nobody knows”.

Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:

- Senate was briefed of the campus February 16th email sent to faculty
- Executive Committee is operating “way different” than the way it was with respect to receiving communication from faculty
- Next BOG meeting – April 5th, 4:00 p.m. Shaw Hall – all are welcome

Darrin Cox – Finance Report:

- Requested report from Roberta Linger, VP of Finance and Administration however she was able to attend
- The issue of mold in the second floor of Main Hall have been corrected
- President Greiner reported that the issue with water in the basement of Main Hall was determined to be “outside” the building therefore repair costs would be less than originally anticipated
- President Greiner – reports that we are “right on target” to finish the year within the fiscal year
- Discussions followed.

Linda Cowan – Personnel Policies & Procedures Report:

- Policy 216 – Senate was briefed on seven amendments (as publicized)
- Discussion occurred
- *Vote* – Motion made to accept Policy 216 with amendments Darrin Cox . Seconded by Robert Gall. Discussion followed – Motion was made to table the motion, Seconded. Faculty voted, motion tabled.

Aaron Harper – Academic Policies Report:

- Finished draft of revised Grade Appeal Policy
- Policy 218 – revision to cancel class electronically
- Policy 219 – added to included summer terms
- Policy 220 – office hours for online classes
- *Questions from the floor* – no questions.

Matt Inkster – Classroom Space Utilization and Facility Allocation:

- No Report

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary