

**Senators present:** Michael Aulick, Brian Fencl, Jeff Pfister (*secretary*) Gregory Chase, James Crumbacher, Hannah Harnar, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Dominique Hoche, Corey Reigel (*vice-chair*), Peter Staffel, Chad Kuhns, Jon Serra (*chair*), Mohamed Youssef

**Absent members:** Linda Cowan, David Hanna, Fuhua Chen, Matthew Zdilla,

**Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests:** Stephen Greiner (*President*), Sylvia Hawranick-Senften (*ACF Representative*), James Haizlett, (*BOG Representative*), Sarah Schimmel, (*Education*)

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Jon Serra at 3:32 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

**President Greiner:**

- Legislation – Two bills are currently being discussed are 1) campus free speech and 2) allowing guns to be kept on public property. The bill on campus-carry is currently in judiciary and he would like to see this bill stay in judiciary for the rest of the year.
- *Questions from floor* – 1) Process of awarding scholarships and housing waivers within colleges. 2) Update for creating a student job placement center on campus.

**Sylvia Hawranick-Senften – ACF Representative:**

- Legislation – status legislation changes occur “hourly”. Three issues that ACF is focus on are: weapons bill, teacher strikes, and PEIA policies.
- Teacher protests – some higher education institutions are said to be considering walking out in support of public school teachers and also salary increases for faculty. Concord University is reportedly the only higher institution currently being discussed. Many Faculty at Concord belong to American Federation Teachers (AFT).
- PEIA – 29 million dollars has been transferred from the rainy day fund to assist with a temporary fix for health care.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Soda Tax . 2) Discussion about lowering teaching certifications/qualification standards in secondary education. Discussion followed.

**Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:**

- Active Shooter training – training session was canceled due to weather.
- Policy on Policies – according to BOG Policy 23, Section #2, paragraph #2, “all comments shall be made available to Board Members” see <http://westliberty.edu/bog/files/2010/01/Policy-23-Policy-on-Policies.pdf?x81669>. WLU has had a history of submitting comments to the President but not directly to BOG. President Greiner stated this isn’t a change but simply how the communication occurred.
- Employment of Relatives Procedure 20 – Faculty should be aware of the changes of language as applied to the General Information and Terms.
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Procedure vs. Policy clarification. Discussion followed.

• **Chad Kuhns – General Studies:**

- Course Evaluations – committee reviewed course evaluations from fall semester. Feedback will be posted to Paula’s General Studies assessment website soon for review.
- Procedure – General Studies requests for changes should sent to the Assistant to the Provost. The Provost’s Office will disseminate the proposal to: 1) Faculty Senate Chair, 2) General Studies Chair, and 3) Dean’s Council. Once proposals are either recommended or not recommended they then move to Curriculum Committee. This isn’t a new, or modified procedure but just a reminder.
- Data Collection of Upper-Level Courses – designed to provide university wide uniform collection of data late in a student’s academic career. The committee sent a campus wide email to faculty but anyone with questions should contact Senator Kuhns for clarification.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Discussion.

**Sarah Schimmel – General Studies:**

Background – This proposal aims to 1) better align Secondary Education General Studies’ requirements with the Elementary General Studies requirements and 2) fixing an error within Elementary Education General Studies and aligning Fine Arts to be more conformed to other programs.

- Motion – Sarah Schimmel made a motion to accept General Studies parts A., B., and C. Corey Reigel, seconded.
- Discussion occurred.
- Motion – Corey Reigel made a motion to table the proposal presented by Sarah Schimmel in order to receive further clarification, Mohamed Youssef seconded.
- Discussion occurred.
- *Vote* – Faculty voted, Motion: 12 Yea, 2 Nay, 0 Abstention. Motion to table proposal for additional clarification passes.

**Aaron Harper – Academic Policies Report:**

- No report due to snow days.
- *Questions from the floor* – No discussion.

**Darrin Cox – Finance Report:**

- No report due to snow days.
- *Questions from the floor* – No discussion.

**Dominique Hoche – Personnel Policies Report:**

- Policy 123 – committee met to review policy from the standpoint of “shared governance” and agreed that the policy is in need of clarification. The committee will prepare a list of recommendations and present recommendations to Executive Senate committee.
- *Questions from the floor* – no questions.

**Discussion:**

Darrin Cox has been appointed to the Ad-hoc Faculty Workload committee. Since the current Senate session is due to expire in April, Senate Chair Serra created the committee with the idea that this committee will carry over to the next Senate session.

**Faculty Forum:**

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:11 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary