

Senators present: Jeff Pfister, Anna Stephan-Robinson, David Wolfe, David Wright, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Corey Reigel, John Float, Robert Kreisberg, Chad Kuhns, Jon Serra, Mohamed Youssef

Absent members: Linda Cowan, Vishakha Maskey, Steve Richards, Dominique Hoche

Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests: Stephen Greiner (*President*), Brian Crawford (*Provost*), Jeremy Larance, (*Planning Task Force*), Sylvia Senften (*ACF Representative*), James Haizlett (*BOG Representative*)

Guests: Gerard NeCastro

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

Minutes - Senator Anna Stephan-Robinson noted the misspelling of a name in minutes. Minutes from the January meeting were approved as corrected.

Announcements: Chair Cox reported:

- BOG and ACF Elections – 2-year appointments for BOG and ACF representation will be voted on at the end of the semester. After having discussion with Provost Crawford it was suggested that the elections of these positions use Google Forms. Faculty should see an email from Elizabeth (Liz) Richter soliciting nominations for these positions. Any person nominated would have a period to accept or reject the nomination. Any person wishing to submit information about his/her qualifications for the position should submit the information to Elizabeth Richter. The election for these positions will then take place electronically through Google Forms.
- March Meeting – Indigenous People Day proposal and proposal to revise General Studies will be included on the March agenda.
- Executive senate meeting will be held on March 12 due to Spring Break. Anything to be added to the March agenda should be received by March 12.
- House of Delegates has tabled the education bill.

President Greiner:

- Legislation – due to the teacher's strike most of the legislation discussion stopped. Campus-carry bill passed 11 to 10 and will moving forward. This new legislation included an exemption that firearms would not be allowed in a faculty member's office except by the faculty member.
- Community College – no new information.
- *Questions from floor* – No Questions.

Provost Crawford:

- Policy Committee - Provost Crawford reported that he and the President met with the Faculty Senate Policy Committee to discuss the next steps. A graduate faculty member has been added to the committee and the committee will be meeting again next week.
- Employment Candidate Travel Assistance guidelines – are being revised and consideration for funding in next year’s budget is being addressed.
- Procedure 10 – has been rewritten. Provost Crawford reported that he has been asked to provide budget requests from Dean’s by the middle of March. With the use of Google share documents the Provost has been receiving input from Deans already. Provost Crawford expressed that faculty too should provide input.
- Master of Science Athletic Training – change request has gone to HLC. We are currently waiting for a response and hope for a visit in late Spring or early Summer.
- Master of Arts in Art Therapy – is currently in review by the Provost. This document will need some editing and should be going to HEPC soon. This program is probably a couple of years from start but is underway.
- Dean Search – College of Business and College of Sciences are underway.
- *Questions from floor* – Senator Harper inquired about Title 9 training.

Jeremy Larence – Planning Task Force:

- Concept Papers – are due on Friday, February 22 on the 4 themes (1-Academic Success, 2-Branding, 3-Operational Efficiency, and 4-Student Experience). These documents will be available to the University for review and input but the primary audience is for the people who will be attending the Vision Conference in March. Dr. Larence reported that representation would include faculty, staff, administrators, and a large group of external stakeholders (alumni, parents, local business members and government officials).
- *Questions from floor* – No Questions

Sylvia Senften – ACF Representative:

- Textbook Affordability – Dr. NeCastro is working on the committee and feedback will hopefully be received soon.
- Legislation – Senate Bill 492, getting no traction. House Bill 3096 (Blue Ribbon Commission) Dr. Senften reported that discussion for this restricting has occurred for over a year however there is no definitive movement. Senate Bill 440 Anti-Hazing has been discussed nationally. There have been no updates on PEIA.
- Campus Self-Defense Act – Senators were shown the collective document “Regional 4 Year Public Schools Letter Regarding the Purpose Campus Self Defense Act” signed by regional campus presidents which opposed House Bill 2519.
- Funding Formula – President Greiner reported that a funding formula has just been introduced but has not reached discussion.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:

- Elections – Professor Haizlett expressed appreciation that process for election of the new BOG representative had begun.

- BOG Communication – At the last BOG meeting, BOG Chair Ford and other BOG members expressed that from BOG’s perspective the communication has been much healthier than in years past.
- Community College Bill – Professor Haizlett reiterated President Greiner’s comments that if this legislation passes this could be catastrophic for WLU. Discussion continued about the concerns of this legislation.
- *Questions from the floor* – No questions.

Finance: Chair, Dominique Hoche

- Report – Senator Hoche was not in attendance but sent a statement to Chair Cox that the committee was continuing to work on issues raised in the last term. The hopes to have information to report in the next Senate meeting.
- *Questions from the floor* – No questions.

Chad Kuhns – General Studies

- Meetings – committee met recently with Dr. Larance to discuss elements of the General Studies proposal. The committee plans to meet again to formulate formal feedback from the perspective of the committee.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Policy Committee; Ryan Koenig

- Policy 123 – Senator Koenig reported that the committee had met with President Greiner and Provost Crawford. The next step is to define what is a “policies” and “procedures”. After drafting definitions the committee will review the current policies to validate which policies are “true” policies.
- Faculty Handbook – the committee is also reviewing the need to return to a Faculty Handbook. The webpage has a link to policies and procedures but it might be beneficial to have a “true” Faculty Handbook.
- *Questions from the floor* – No Questions.

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary