

## Faculty Senate Minutes – January 19, 2021

**Senators present:** Jon Serra, Ryan McCullough, Anna Stephan-Robinson, Gregory Chase, David Hanna, Kenneth Sexton, Darrick Brake, Brian Fitzpatrick, Kimberly Underwood, Eveldora Wheeler, Diana Barber, Fuhua Chen, Zachary Loughman, Brian Nichols

**Absent members:** Mark Pissos, Jeffrey Grubbs, Steve Richards

**Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests:** Stephen Greiner (President), Brian Crawford (Provost), Sylvia Senften (ACF Representative), Linda Cowen (BOG Representative)

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Dr. Jon Serra, at 3:30 p.m. via video conference Zoom.

**Minutes** – Chair Serra asked if there were any revisions or corrections to minutes from the January 2021 Senate meeting. No corrections were submitted.

**Call to order:** Dr. Serra provided an update/had questions about Covid-19 mandatory testing and how/when faculty are contacted about contact tracing matters concerning students.

Additionally, he provided an update/introduced questions about the new OWL technology on campus. OWL training: the OWLs have been distributed them to Deans. They might be set up in hot-spot locations or are checked out by faculty. They are fairly intuitive to use.

Send correction of minutes to the Senate email account and they will be addressed.

When we get to the discussion item, we will have a straightforward vote of affirmation of the ACF list of issues- we either approve or don't. We cannot modify them.

### **Dr. Crawford - Provost update:**

1. Dr. Evans is travelling today so is unable to attend.
2. MS in Exercise Physiology- waiting for the HLC panel review; it has not come through yet.
3. Update on academic program: program in BA in music was approved by Senate in the Fall 2020 semester; it was also approved by the BOG.
4. Speech Language Pathology will undergo HLC site review on 2/15-2/16.
5. If faculty have videos posted on TopperStation from Fall 2020, they will be deleted this week if they do not submit a special request to Maureen Golick.
6. University Policy 123 was discussed last academic year and changes were made by the Policies Committee and Provost. It was sent to Stephanie Hooper for changes; she has made the changes. Provost will be sending it out for 30-day comment period tomorrow (1/20/21).
  - Describe in more detail the process for making changes to policies.
  - A name change to the Staff Council.
  - Questions from Dr. Serra, Dr. McCullough

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7. Vaccine program has had a lot of questions. OH County Health Department is handling this. Provost is submitting requests from employees each week. Over 200 full-time employees at the University have submitted requests. Provost gets a report on how many vaccines the health department has and asks for that many names of employees to set up for vaccines.
  - At least 50 employees have either received a vaccine or have scheduled an appointment.
  - Things are changing quickly as the health department finds they may have extra vaccines that people did not show up for- some faculty are notified very shortly before the vaccines are available (as in, the same day).
  - Dr. Richard's input: once you register, you are given several options of dates/times to get the vaccine.
  - According to the HEPC, the Provost's Office should generally go by older aged individuals and those with pre-existing conditions be offered vaccines first.
  - The Health Department might delay vaccinations for adjuncts and part-time employees. They may encourage these employees go to vaccine clinics for the general public. WLU will encourage vaccines for these employees, but the Provost cannot guarantee availability.
  - When you get an email to set up the vaccine, employees should select the OH County Health Department site.
8. Questions from Dr. Loughman, Dr. McCullough, Dr. Hanna, Dr. Stephen-Robinson
9. There are some funds now available for virtual conference fees. Information will be sent to Deans soon.
  - Faculty should fill out a travel request fund as if you are traveling and only include the conference fee expense.
  - Provost's office has been trying to cover these kinds of fees

### **Dr. Senften - ACF update:**

1. The ACF issues list was comprised.
2. ACTION ITEM: vote of affirmation of list of issues. 12-0-0 (approve/does not approve/abstention) vote. List of issues was approved.
3. Next ACF meeting is being held remotely next week Wed. The legislative session for WV is now open but it will not convene until early Feb. (due to Gov. election year).
4. There has been quite a bit of turnover with new legislators being voted in; Republicans now occupy the Senate, the House, and Governor's office.

### **Dr. Cowan - BoG representative update:**

1. Next BoG meeting is Wed. 2/3/21 at 4pm. Can attend in person or via Zoom.
  - a. Contact MaryAnn Edwards about link to Zoom meeting for BoG meeting next week.

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- b. No further report at this time.
- c. Dr. Cowan is meeting with President Evans soon. Please pass along topics of concern to Dr. Cowan to discuss at the future meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Dr. Barber, Policies Committee Chair:**

1. The Policies committee will be looking at the office hours policy (concerning the needed split between virtual vs. in-person office hours based on breakdown of format of teaching).
2. Also, committee will be reviewing the plagiarism statement at WLU and see if a self-plagiarism statement needs to be added.

**Dr. Wheeler, Finance Committee Chair:** No report at this time.

#### **Dr. Underwood, Space-Utilization Chair:**

1. The committee will be contacted soon to update the classroom technology/space information at the beginning of the semester.
2. Additional University faculty will be solicited for help in collecting data if the need arises.

### DISCUSSION ITEM

1. [ACF vote occurred earlier in the meeting.]

**Faculty Forum:** Discussion ensued.