

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**April 16, 2024
4:00 pm**

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS

none of the proposals on the table changed LEJA. Faculty voted on the proposal(s) that

unit on campus right now and is one of the few that is growing.

Senator Hamner asked if Dean Sheffield could provide a brief sense of the issues that are active and why there is such a split in the vote among Counselor Education, College Student Personnel, and Social Work. Dean Sheffield replied the issue seems to have been Counselor Ed and Social Work. He pointed out that Counselor Ed is a master's level program, and Social Work was recently granted permission to develop a master's program. He stated that while there is some overlap between what a social work counselor

it was important to provide everyone with a vote.

Ms. Hamm asked if there will be any creation of new schools; Dean Sheffield replied there are none in the plan that was chosen. He said what is involved is the elimination of a department and the realignment of some programs. Parliamentarian Robinett remarked that the College of Education and Human Services has a tradition of not immediately changing names when realignments occur. He noted that when the Dietetics program moved to Kinesiology and when Hospitality Management moved to RPTA in 2018, the names of the departments were not changed at that time, which gave them time to craft their own identities. He thinks what needs to be better articulated on the forms is what the mergers will facilitate happening. He thinks the content explaining the justification for the changes matters far more than the new department names.

2. Interim President Kristi Mindrup

Interim President Mindrup said she has now been in her new role more than two weeks and has had at least one chance to meet everyone present, at the Faculty Senate, her presentation to the campus community, or otherwise across the campus. She has spent the last 16 days working for resources at the state level, actively planning with the leadership team, and putting together information toward collaborations with stakeholders throughout the university.

Interim President Mindrup related her “first remarks” to the university community laid out her initial priorities:

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campus. She told ExOWIU has run into tax issues with faculty who live out of state or ~~over~~ of the country. She said the Provost's office wants to make sure everyone is being good stewards of the university's dollars and using their money responsibly by giving students the right kind of experience. Associate Provost Nikels recognizes that ~~natl~~ classes will meet face-to-face and some faculty will continue to teach online, but WIU does not have a designation for remote faculty; some faculty have remote schedules, but they will still need to be on campus unless there are extenuating circumstances that need to be evaluated.

Senator Gravitt remarked that some faculty in her school live out of state and teach remotely but come to campus when needed. Associate Provost Nikels thinks the "when needed" must also take into account office hours. She ~~said~~ the administration has a meeting scheduled with UPI to discuss what this means ~~and she~~ that chairs also need to be on notice that they may need to move things in the schedule.

Senator Gravitt asked if online courses will have to be transitioned back to ~~face~~ face if the students taking the online course are ~~on~~ campus. Associate Provost Nikels replied that could potentially be so, but she does not know if that decision has been made absolutely. ~~Said~~ the Board of Trustees expressed concern that students are showing up for classes ~~campus~~ but their faculty member is ~~of~~ out-of-state and students are looking at a screen. She stressed this is not the kind of experience students sign up for ~~or~~ that the administration wants them to have.

