

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, , 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: D. Banash, M. Bean, B. Bellott, M. Bernards, L. Brice, A. Carr, J. Choi, S. Cordes, R. Dimitrov, R. Filipink, D. Hunter, I. Lauer, T. Lough, S. Macchi, M. Maskarinec, D. Oursler, C. Pynes, J. Robinett, R. Sawhney, M. Stinnett, E. Taylor, J. Wroblewski, K. Zbeeb

Ex-officio: Billy Clow, Interim Provost; Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT:

GUESTS: S. Bennett, T. Blackford, D. Carithers, C. Conrad, D. DeVolder, S. Martinelli-Fernandez, F. Godwyll, A. Hamm, R. Hamm, W. Hoon, G. Hunter, M. Inman, A. Lynn, K. Mindrup, R. Morgan, M. Mossman, M. Narvaez, L. Oden, E. Orwig, M. Owens, S. Rock, T. Sadler, J. Stiermann, B. Thompson

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. 1 September 2020

The 1 September 2020 minutes were tabled to a future meeting without objection.

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Clow acknowledged that university employees have been subject to an unemployment scam. Jeanette Malafa is working with other state-wide leaders to protect WIU employees from the scam. If you get a call or email from Human Resources or IDES, please reply that you still work at WIU. Provost Clow will provide other relevant information to employees caught up in the scam.

Chairperson Pynes mentioned there were three members of the executive committee affected by the fraudulent unemployment claims. Senator Brice mentioned that he received a call from IDES in which he was informed that private employers were being affected by fraudulent unemployment claims as well. Chairperson Pynes said that everyone should follow the advice provided by HR.

Interim Provost Clow stated that the Office of Distance Education and Support (ODES) announcements will be sent out at the end of the week to fill the position held by retired Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR), Roger Runquist. He also mentioned that a third instructional designer was hired; however, the university had one designer resign. Interim Provost Clow mentioned that we're hoping to hire another designer in the near future.

Interim Provost Clow congratulated the Provost's Excellence Award winners:

- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Teaching: Emily Shupe, Department of Kinesiology.
- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus: Rebekah Buchanan, Department of English.
- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in University/Community Service: Megan Owens, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration.
- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Teaching with Technology: Jason Franken, School of Agriculture.
- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Scholarly/Creative/Performance/Professional Activities: Sherry Lindquist, Department of Art and Design.
- Provost's Award for Academic Excellence in Multicultural Teaching & t e Design.

- Outstanding Academic Advisor: Kelly Morris, University Advising and Academic Support Center.

Interim Provost Clow also acknowledged Dr. Brian Locke of the School of Music was named the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

B. Student Government Association Report
(Elizabeth Orwig, SGA representative to Faculty Senate)

SGA had Interim President Abraham visited and discussed what campus would look like in the spring. He expressed that things would be very similar. Molly Bird was elected Senator at-large. University Housing and Dining visited SGA to address concerns and the benefits of the new contract.

Whereas, Russell and Annette Hamm promoted higher education at Western Illinois University by graduating and sending all their children to WIU for a family total of ten degrees from WIU – six undergraduate and four graduate degrees.

Whereas, Russell Hamm has served the Macomb community as a “founding father” of La Familia in 1982, as an origin

It is a great pleasure to be able to participate in this celebration of Annette Hamm's contributions to the Faculty Senate and to Western Illinois University. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.”

Steve Rock, Professor of Economics, Emeritus and former Faculty Senate chair for seven years:

“I echo Dennis DeVolder’s comments. Annette was the glue that kept the Senate together. For the Senate to function efficiently we needed good work in the office, and Annette did the best job of anyone. She kept all the Senate committees and councils running smoothly, served on multiple provost and presidential searches, a^{ide}

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prohibitive, but rather a way to help disciplines grow a culture of students learning assessment since different disciplines have easier or more difficult methods of assessment. If you need to put N/A, then you can put N/A.

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Senator Banash is also concerned that faculty members are losing control of curriculum and that there is more external control of these processes, but he does understand the point of assessment for accreditation. Senator Banash worries about the creeping influence into faculty control of curriculum more broadly. Associate Provost Mossman doesn't think this is the place for us to have a debate about good versus bad assessment or if we should have it at all. The point here is to strengthen our evidence that we have assessment on campus.

Senator Filipink agrees with Senator Banash and thinks this is a slippery slope moment where we antk

