

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

**Regular Meeting, 4 February 2020, 4:00 pm** la ( . Franmen, D. Hunter, I. La

**Stinnett, F. Tasdan, E. Taylor, M. \ d ee d \* via telec**

**Ex-officio:** Billy Clow, Interim Provost; Heather McIlvair

**SENATORS ABSENT:** S. Cordes, S. Czechowski, D. Oursler

**GUESTS:** Andy Baker, Steve Bennett, Mark Bernards, Tom Blackford, Ginny Boynton, Amy Carr, Spencer Foust, Steve Gray, Shelby Henning, Buzz Hoon, Angela Lynn, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Kristi Mindrup (via teleconference), Mark Mossman, JJanuary 14 ExCo minutes on page 1, Interim Provost Clow is quoted as saying that the School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) pulled its courses out of the Interdisciplinary Studies major when it created a Fire Science major. The LEJA courses were actually pulled out of the Bachelor of General Studies, not Interdisciplinary Studies.

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II. Announcements

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A. Approvals from the President and Provost

1. Approvals from the President

a. Elimination of Pre-Conditional Nursing

2. Approvals from the Provost

a. Requests for New Courses

- i. ARTS 450, Travel Workshop, 1-3 s.h., repeatable to 6 s.h.
- ii. EDS 100, Introduction to Educational Studies, 3 s.h.
- iii. EDS 201, Educational Psychology – Human Growth and Development, 3 s.h.
- iv. EDS 204, Diversity Issues in Educational Studies, 3 s.h.
- v. EDS 310, Learning, Cognition, and Motivation in Educational Settings, 3 s.h.
- vi. EDS 311, Assessment and Evaluation in Educational Settings, 3 s.h.
- vii. EDS 490, Educational Studies Internship, 9-12 s.h.
- viii. PHYS 300, Concepts of Modern Physics, 3 s.h.

b. Request for New Minor

- i. Educational Studies
- c. Request for Change of Minor
  - i. Physics
- d. Request for New Major
  - i. Educational Studies
- e. Request for Change of Major
  - i. Psychology

B. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Clow reported that the deans' searches are moving along pretty well with good responses despite some bad publicity for WIU in the last few years. He told senators that one of the dean searches is in the process of phone interviews and another will be bringing candidates to campus soon. Interim Provost Clow told senators that a new search for an Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management is moving forward. He stated that this position reports directly to the President, so Interim President Abraham can talk about that more when he meets with Faculty Senate.

Interim Provost Clow announced that he has asked Faculty Q

Information Management Systems (AIMS). An additional code for a budget department for Quad Cities faculty, primarily in the College of Business and Technology, resulted in ten individuals being left off of the reapportionment list. Those faculty were added back in and the Fall 2019 document was recalculated, which will result in 24 senators next year, including the return of the senator for the Business and Technology which was to have been eliminated with the previous count. Notices for Faculty Senate elections will be sent out as soon as the Presidential Search Committee elections are completed.

3. Chairperson Pynes welcomed new Senator Julia Albarracin, Political Science, who will replace Senator Dimitrov while he is on sabbatical this semester.
4. Nominations for the Presidential Search Committee were submitted and ballots mailed out this week for contested seats. In order for votes to be counted, ballots must be cast by noon on February 10. Chairperson Pynes reported that one faculty member informed him that her ballot went to her spam folder. Two reminder emails will be sent out to faculty who have not yet voted in the contested elections; Chairperson Pynes recommended that if faculty do not receive these reminders they should check their spam folders.

Uncontested elections resulted in Jim LaPrad, School of Education, being elected to represent the College of Education and Human Services, while Je

Senator Perabo observed that on page 2 of the policy it states that “If the student engages in a pattern of academic dishonesty across multiple courses, appropriate administrative sanctions may be imposed.” Senator Perabo asked if this means that if a student does something that is super egregious, such as turn in exactly the

they are in compliance. He told senators there is a policy that allows universities to work with substances for the purposes of research, and pointed out that WIU is not in the marketing or recreational drug business of any kind. Interim Provost Clow stated that WIU has not been issued a special exemption; the university is allowed under this policy to study and work with hemp on a research basis.

Senator Perabo asked if there needs to be a letter of support from Biological Sciences but was informed that this letter is attached to the request for new minor.

**NEW COURSE APPROVED**

The Senate Council for Intercollegiate Athletics, with the help of Athletics Director Danielle Suprenant, provides an annual report on student-athlete absences for the current academic year. Chairperson Pynes reminded senators that in the past Faculty Senate had asked for student-athlete GPAs to also be reported for the different sports, and these have been included for the Fall 2019 semester this year within the chart on the first page of the report as well as in the narrative for each sport that exceeded CIA guidelines. Senator Filipink asked if, going forward, it would be possible to show the spring semester GPAs for the previous year as well. Chairperson Pynes agreed that ExCo will begin to ask for the prior spring GPAs for next year's report.

**NO OBJECTIONS TO THE REPORT**

D. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)  
(Jeremy Robinett, Chair)

1. Faculty Nominations

**SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

Council on Admission, Graduation, and Academic Standards (CAGAS)

Laila McCloud, CSP	replacing	Emily Shupe	Spring 2020 only	E&HS
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Council on Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID)

Glenn Daugherty, LEJA	replacing	Earlynn Lauer	2021	E&HS
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**UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:**

University Technology Advisory Group (UTAG)

Lysa Fox, Theatre/Dance	replacing	Jeff Brown	2021	FA&C
James Land, Music	replacing	Jenny Knavel	Spring 2020 only	FA&C

There were no further nominations, and the slate of candidates was declared elected.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. Election of One Senator to the Committee on Provost and Presidential Performance (CPPP)

Chairperson Pynes introduced the current members of the Committee: Senators Stinnett, Taylor, Tasdan, as well as Senator Czechowski, who could not attend today's meeting. Senator Tasdan serves as chair.

Senator Tasdan stated that only the provost evaluation will be done this year. The Committee held its first meeting last week and decided to use the same survey that was used last year with no changes.

Senator Tasdan related that CPPP tried to compare the Faculty Senate survey with surveys from other institutions. They found that some other institutions do not publicly post their surveys; some use self-evaluations; some conduct evaluations every other year, or even rarely, rather than yearly; some evaluate additional administrators, such as deans; and some let the entire campus respond to the survey rather than just faculty. Chairperson Pynes related that he also tried to do this when he chaired the Committee in the past. Senator Tasdan thinks that Faculty Senate is doing the right thing with its evaluation process; all faculty are allowed to participate to get the correct information about the performance of the president and provost campus wide. He agrees with the importance of comparing the Senate's survey with those of different schools, although he remarked that they are often difficult to find online. He suspects WIU is one of the few schools that posts its evaluation

results online. Chairperson Pynes related that two or three times a year he is contacted by someone at a different institution asking about the Senate's evaluation survey; they think it is amazing and always express their thanks for Faculty Senate posting the survey summary on its website because some institutions are struggling to be able to do that.

Senator Choi volunteered to serve. There were no further nominations, and he was declared elected.

B. For the Good of the Body

**Motion:** To add the Resolution to Add Ex-Officio Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees under New Business (Bellott/Filipink)

Senator Bellott distributed the resolution to senators. Chairperson Pynes related that Senator Bellott had previously submitted the resolution to the Senate Executive Committee who voted not to put it on the Senate agenda, noting that senators can read in the ExCo minutes why that decision was made. According to the Senate Bylaws, "An item may be added to

added that it can be coincident with faculty desires, but he does not believe it was the desire of the Senate.

Senator Filipink observed that Faculty Senate approved this resolution in the past, which made it a



[Note: There were 20 senators

held on a much broader level. Interim Provost Clow thinks this is part of the corporatization of

Interim Provost Clow pointed out that the state has not adopted performance-based funding at this point; it is on a committee agenda for additional discussion. He stressed that WIU's funding is not based on enrollment or student credit hour (SCH) production.

Senator Perabo said she will write up her notes from the hour and 45-minute meeting with Ms. Trepac. She hopes they may highlight some of Senator Zbeeb's concerns and clarify some other things. Chairperson Pynes reminded Senator Zbeeb that the point of creating the Budget Transparency Committee was to allow for some flexibility so that the Budget Director would not always need to be brought to Senate meetings. He added that if

understands that this is how the University must do it; otherwise, the University will go back to the horrific ways of the past, which he would not want to do again. He thinks this is happening and that there's a lot going on. Interim Provost Clow also pointed out that the University is going through some of these processes for the first time, so Admissions will need to see what works and what does not, but he does not think that things should be jettisoned after trying them once, because there is a tendency to do that. Chairperson Pynes added that now the University has specific people in place where "the buck stops with them" because those are their roles.

Senator Hunter asked if the University can develop a set of best practices. He noted that there are a lot of good things happening, but a lot of times WIU tends to have the attitude that departments have to figure things out on their own and should not be given a clue. He noted that some departments are doing great recruiting while others are really