WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, *26 March 2019*, 4:00 p.m.
Union Capitol Rooms/WIUQC Complex 2203

A C T I O N M I N U T E S

SENATORS PRESENT: M. Allison, E. Asare, B. Bellott, V. Boynton, S. Cordes, S. Czechowski, G. Delany-Barmann, R. Dimitrov, J. Franken, S. Macchi, M. Maskarinec, H. McIlvaine-Newsad, B. Perabo, J. Plos, C. Pynes, S. Rahman, F. Tasdan, K. Zbeeb (via teleconference)
Ex-officio: Billy Clow, Interim Provost; Ilon Lauer, Parliamentarian

SENATORS ABSENT: A. Hyde, C. Tarrant

GUESTS: Lori Baker-Sperry, Victoria Baramidze, Tom Blackford, Sheryl Boston, Eric Burnell, Amy Carr, Jill Cassady, Lacy Chapel, Rich Filipink, Eric Gurzell, Anita Hardeman, Buzz Hoon, Lorrie Kanauss, Mike Lukkarinen, Angela Lynn, Colton Markey, Sue Martinelli-Fernandez, Rose McConnell, Mark Mossman, Jill Myers, Kat Myers, Lorette Oden, Katharine Pawelko, Boris Petracovici, Cindy Piletic, Bill Polley, Renee Polubinsky, Jeremy Robinett, Eric Sheffield, Emily Shupe, Bill Thompson, Ron Williams

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. March 5, 2019

On page 17, the next to the last paragraph states that "Senator Allison asked if Faculty Senate will ever see an Athletics budget." This should have stated "…if the **Board of Trustees** will ever see an Athletics budget." (Allison)

As an addendum to the minutes, Senator Allison pointed out that on page 2, Associate Provost Morgan states that he "has not listened to the BOT recordings but has heard a lo butaSenator Allison said that sl been in the room when other things were said, so there is some slippage there. He added that it the Faculty Sen

In the second paragraph o closed session recordings the decision about whethe their major donor intende "dependent." (Perabo)

represent that department in the discussions. After several discussions, a number of iterations of the proposal were shared with the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, chaired by Rich Filipink from History. A final proposal was made to the Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council, there were a couple more iterations on which the College weighed in, and Dean Martinelli-Fernandez decided on the final version that would be put forward. She sent this proposal to the Interim Provost on behalf of the College of Arts and Sciences and said that some people contacted the Interim Provost directly about concerns they may have had. She told senators that there have been two meetings over the past couple of months, and a reorganization committee was charged by President Thomas to be overseen by Vice President for Student Services Ron Williams and Interim Associate Provost Mark Mossman. Dean Martinelli-Fernandez pointed out that faculty were represented on this committee by the Senate Executive Committee; the Chair of the Chairs' Council also attended, and there were additional discussions about what might make more sense in terms of the prop alurh1Tj [(p)11(r)0.
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Senator Delany-Barmann observed that it sounds as if Chairperson Pynes has met with deans and talked about reorganization with them. Chairperson Pynes confirmed that the Senate Executive Committee met yesterday with deans, the Interim Provost, Associate Provosts, Vice President for Student Services, and the President. Senator Delany-Barmann asked if he could shed some light on other areas that were discussed. Chairperson Pynes replied that many of the college reorganization plans are very similar to versions that the colleges liked to begin with, but the College of Arts and Sciences plan is dramatically less radical than the "three departments and two schools plan" that was originally proposed. Interim Provost Clow reaffirmed that there are no more schools being considered for the College of Arts and Sciences. Senator Delany-Barmann asked what the College of Education and Human Services will look like. Chairperson Pynes stated that while College of Education and Human Services Interim Dean Daytner was not present at the meeting, that College's plan is very similar to what was presented previously. Interim Provost Clow stated there are some areas that Interim Dean Daytner still wants to talk to and work with before that College's plans are finalized.

Senator Dimitrov asked if the realignment plan is finalized. Chairperson Pynes replied that the

Mr. Markey told senators it is election season for SG

OPTIONS APPROVED

2. Curricular Requests from the Department of Communication

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merger of RPTA and HM was supported by the administration, the RPTA Department did strategic planning for both majors to reduce redundancy and make it easier for students to enter either program. The plan was that the majors would stand alone and also not have redundancies in order to save ACEs. Hospitality material would be the final part of the curriculum changes in the department since this content would have to be covered somehow in order to be competitive with other institutions. Dr. Robinett added that changing RPTA 111, Introduction to Leisure Services, to Introduction to Leisure and Hospitality Services will not negatively impact the RPTA major, nor will it require revisiting if there are any program eliminations.

Senator Cordes observed that RPTA 397 is also being changed to RPTA 497 and asked about the reasons behind that change. Dr. Robinett explained that the department conducted a strategic analysis of all of its t0 Td [

so two courses each from History and Political Science were removed from the major. Similarly, one Geography course was removed because these courses are no longer required under the new state standards. Senator Boynton explained that students were formerly given a choice between ECON 100 and 231, but now 231 is being removed as a choice from the Gen Ed requirements because it really only covers half of the content; students really need to take ECON 231 and 232 to get macro- and microeconomic knowledge, but ECON 100 covers all of this, although at a lower level. She added that students will still get the same number of hours of Economics courses (3 s.h.), but the choice is being taken away. Senator Dimitrov observed that it looks as if 12 hours of Gen Ed are being removed and now becoming electives. Senator Boynton clarified that 9 s.h. are being removed because the Economics requirement remains 3 s.h. She explained that GEOG 110 is being removed because a lot of students pursuing History – Teacher Education come to WIU as transfer students who have taken Biology in community college, so this change was partly an attempt to accommodate them. History professor Rich Filipink added that the change is not so much removing 9 s.h. from Gen Ed as removing choices; the number of hours within General Education has not actually changed. Chairperson Pynes observed that some of the changes have to do with the elimination of programs and laying off of faculty. He observed that when the one person that teaches Public Relations is laid off, there is no longer a Public Relations course for students to take; similarly, Eastern Religions can no longer be taught after the layoff of the only professor who teaches Eastern Religions becomes effective this May.

HISTORY – TEACHER EDUCATION OPTION APPROVED

5. Curricular Requests from the Department of Kinesiology

a. Requests for New Courses

i. KIN 194, Introduction to Sports Health & Wellness, 1 s.h.
ii. KIN 286, Functional Anatomy & Physiolo p457 0 Td [b 9.739 h.

i. B.S. in Geology: Environmental Geology

Senator Boynton stated that she is pleased to see this option, which as far as she can tell is created from existing courses which are being reshaped into a new option. Senator Allison asked if the feasibility study was approved by former Associate Provost Parsons after she retired (because of a reference to retirement in her signature line). Dr. Mayborn replied that the feasibility study was approved by Interim Provost Neumann in May or June, before Dr. Parsons officially retired.

Senator Dimitrov remarked that the proposal is 128-136 hours, of which 16 hours maximum can be counted toward both Gen Ed and another category. He asked which courses fall under this description. Dr. Mayborn replied that this includes the 15-16 hours of courses in the Other category. He added that because geology as a discipline has such breadth, the department included a number of courses from the other sciences. Senator Dimitrov asked if the Environmental Geology option can be completed in four years; Dr. Mayborn replied that it can because some courses can be counted for both Gen Ed and the degree so that students do not have to actually take 136 hours. Chairperson Pynes asked if this could be achieved through directed Gen Ed requirements; Dr. Mayborn replied that this is effectively what has happened. He added that students would not

IV. Old Business

A. Proposed Council for International Education Bylaws Revision

1. Second Reading and Vote

Motion: To approve the changes to the bylaws

MOTION APPROVED 17 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

V. New Business

A. Board of Trustees Consent Agenda for March 29 Meeting

Chairperson Pynes told senators that he has to submit a report by tomorrow (March 27) indicating that Faculty Senate consents, as one of the governing bodies of the University, to the action items on the BOT meeting agenda. He told senators that the action items include:

- Election of Officers of the Board for March 29-June 30, 2019
- Authorization to Use Auxiliary Facilities System Repair and Replacement Reserve for Debt Service
- Honorary Doctorate Recommendations
- FY 2020 Tuition Recommendation
- FY 2020 Room and Board/Housing Rates Recommendation
- FY 2020 Fees Recommendation
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week the names of the new Trustees. Dr. Filipink observed that the University of Illinois's governing board was appointed the day before their board meeting. His understanding is that the Governor plans to contact each of the appointees first before announcing it to the public. Chairperson Pynes told senators that he pointed out to WIU's General Counsel that one interpretation of an agenda is that it includes who the members are that the agenda is distributed to. He noted that 48 hours prior to the meeting is the deadline for BOT agendas to be distributed, but he does not think the Governor sees things this way because in a couple of recent cases board members were announced the day before the meeting. Senator Boynton expressed that it seems bizarre that Board members will receive a 200-page agenda the day before they are expected to vote on it. Chairperson Pynes responded that it was also that way at Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois-Chicago, but he does not know who the Trustees will be or how they will address this issue. Senator Allison asked who does know; Chairperson Pynes responded that Governor Pritzker knows. Senator Allison asked if anyone in Sherman Hall knows who the Trustees will be; Chairperson Pynes responded that he does not think so. Senator Boynton asked how many Trustees terms have ended; Chairperson Pynes responded that the terms of six of the seven Trustees have officially ended. Senator Boynton asked how many Board members WIU currently has; Chairperson Pynes responded that there are two – Trustees Lester and Brown (student trustee).

B. For the Good of the Body – None

Motion: To adjourn (Franken)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Susan Czechowski, Senate Secretary

Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary