

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Regular Meeting, 26 March 2024 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom and in Union Capitol Rooms

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT IN PERSON: J. Albarracin, D. Atherton, B. Bellott, D. Brown, G. Cabedo-Timmons, C. Chadwell, H. Elbe, D. Gravitt, D. Hunter, A. Lewis, K. Perone, B. Petracovici, Y. Tang, S. Turkelli, L. Wipperling

SENATORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: S. Bailey, L. Ebert Wallace, E. Hamner, J. Land, M. Shamsuddoha, K. Wiseley

SENATORS ABSENT: D. Barr, S. Ko, J. Sarra

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II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Interim Provost Mossman observed the university has a very active calendar with many events planned while moving forward toward the end of the semester. He recognized two of those events: the Hallwas lecture and the Ferguson lecture. The Ferguson lecture, sponsored by the College of Business and Technology, will feature Amanda Gore. Interim Provost Mossman said there are many great music events scheduled and several speakers planned to visit the campus, so there is something to go to almost every night.

B. Student Government Association (SGA) Report

(Jeffrey Keid discussed enrollment and things the BOT talked about at their meeting on Friday, March 22. some of the

C. Other Announcements

1. Progress of Center for the Performing Arts

(Billy Clow, Dean, College of Fine Arts and Communication; Mick Cumbie, Development Director, College of Fine Arts and Communication; Ted Renner, Interim Director, Facilities Management)

Dean Clow showed a PowerPoint to senators on the ongoing construction of the Center for the Performing Arts. The slideshow began with a single-shot timelapse video showing the





Senator Wipperling asked if there have already been discussions about the maintenance and janitorial needs of the new building. Dean Clow responded that discussions have begun, but it



Senator Tang observed that this may be one of the first joint majors created at WIU and assumes

a public relations specialist, but one faculty member logistically cannot offer an entire major. He said Communication decided there were a number of courses they could offer toward a PR major in terms of risk and crisis communication, persuasion, and organizational communication that would help to complement the skill sets and knowledge that Dr. Eun Go, the PR specialist in Broadcasting and Journalism, would be able to offer. He stated that by combining the departments to jointly offer this major, there are now the faculty resources so that students can get the full range of experience.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

C. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)  
(Katherine Perone, Chair)

1. Faculty Nominations

#### AD HOC COMMITTEES

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Steering Committee

Julia Albarracin, Political Science

Faculty Senate

Rashmi Sharma, Education

Senate Council for Instructional Technology

There were no further nominations, and the nominees were declared elected.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. For the Good of the Body

Chair Albarracin expressed her thanks and appreciation to those senators making the effort to attend in person. She said it is good not to have to wonder until the last minute whether there will be a quorum.

Senator Hunter announced that the Ferguson Lecture speaker being brought in by the College of Business and Technology, Amanda Gore, will give her presentation, “Discover the Power of Joy,” at 2:00 on April 2 in the Union Grand Ballroom.

Chair Albarracin announced that Professor Abram X. Kendi will come to campus on April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room. She stated that there will be limited seating, so she recommends registering early, particularly if professors plan to bring their classes. She thanked the College of Fine Arts and Communication, which was kind enough to help set up a ticket system for Professor Kendi’s visit.

Motion: To adjourn (Wipperling)

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary