I. Minutes from March 11, 2021 were approved.

II. No additions or changes to the agenda.

III. Internal Items

A. Remarks by the Executive Committee—

**D. Turnbull/Chair:**
A number of questions were submitted to Vice President Stacy Pearson who indicated she would provide answers. These will be posted on the Faculty Senate blog. Also, welcome to Anna Schilter who is taking over the Principal Assistant position from Gayle Anderson.

**G. Crouch/Immediate Past Chair:**
Many thanks to our hard-working committee chairs this year, with special shout-outs to Steve Hines of FAC and Debbie Handy of AAC who are stepping down as chairs of these two vital committees.

B. Faculty Senate Dates for 2021-2022:

2021 Senate meetings are scheduled for September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 9.

2022 Senate meetings are scheduled for January 20, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 24, April 7.

C. Action item for April 8 Senate meeting: Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to allow the Steering Committee to carry out all necessary functions of the Faculty Senate during the period of May 16 through August 15, 2021.

D. Information Items that were approved via email by Steering committee between Steering meetings. These items appeared on the 03.25.21 Faculty Senate Agenda: Rename / Paul G. Allen School for Global Health and Rename / Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, Department of Translational Medicine and Physiology
E. Legislative, Committee, and Campus Reports

**Legislative Representative / Steve Bollens:**

Good news from Olympia on the budget side. Summary by Chris Mulick. On Capital Side, WSU and higher ed got pretty much everything requested. Operational side: Funding for full 4-year expansion of med school, healthy soils initiative. Legislature added DEI; furloughs were dropped.

Second point: At this time 2 years ago, when the current budget was negotiated, higher ed lobbied for a raise. A 3% raise was passed. The president decided to not match so raise became 1.5%. That raise was rescinded as a result of COVID. Good news is that the current budget bill has those funds restored in the next biennium (starting July 1), folded into foundational funding. Based on that funding, the president can do what he wants. In the months ahead, he will look at overall situation.

RM. Is the 3% restored or it is the 1.5%? Answer: The President has the final say.

Third point: This current budget won’t be passed until late April. People are thinking ahead to next year’s budget. That process starts with higher ed institutions requesting in summer, with Governor in fall and legislature in spring. The faculty has no voice in that process. There remains no faculty representation on the committee that puts together WSU’s request. The feds threw $4B to the state of which only $2B was allocated in the current session. That leaves $2B to allocate in the next year’s session.

GC. The faculty representation on this committee has been a years-long proposition. There may be no committee. We don’t know if there’s a committee. Answer: It’s probably the president who consults with Stacy and others. UW does have a formal process, with faculty input.

RM. Comment on budget, Tri-Cities related. Generally, when the state funds a building, they help with maintenance. In the Tri-Cities, this doesn’t include maintenance but in the budget this year, there’s some money for maintenance. Jeb Owen: In Pullman, we don’t get funds for maintenance. Steve B: It could be more of a matter of time than geography. Brad Gaolach (chat): I think Everett buildings are similar to Tri-cities - no Op & Mtn funds. Robin Mays (chat): my understanding is we get very little for any of our buildings--as the state didn't build them.

JG. Is there a document that shows supplemental requests per separate campuses? SB. No idea. Greg: I know that chairs and directors are asked for their priorities.

**Committee Reports**

**AAC / D. Handy:** Business as usual. Bulletin #8 is coming out. Rules coming forward. 6F clarification regarding how credits are used with Associate in Science transfers. Rules 17/18 concerning military. Proposal from UCORE to add a course to UCORE program in equity and justice. Questions raised concerning additional credits along with implementation. Sent back to UCORE to get additional info and re-introduce in the fall.

**Budget / J. Cummings:** Will select a new chair for next year.
**FAC / S. Hines:** Issue concerning Faculty Manual: Moving portfolios under the provost. John Barber: Moving the portfolios to the provost raises questions concerning faculty advocacy in the process of crafting guidelines. SH: We also want additional portfolios for other aspects of faculty missions. We need consistency but not as rigid as chiseling things in the Faculty Manual.

Also propose Executive Secretary of Faculty Senate be permanently ex-officio member of FAC.

**GSC / G. Wayman:** We have seven items coming in. New masters programs, certificates. Item 4,5 highlights; these were critical time-sensitive. Item 8; typo in course required Psych 515 has been corrected. Everyone is good with it. Item #4 of discussion items, another time-sensitive. Masters in applied economics. Will need a motion from the floor to move. Will request Tammy Barry to move all discussion items to action items from the floor.

**PHSC / J. Mattoon:** Bulletin #3 made it through discussion last senate so up for action this meeting.

**R&A / T. Barry & J. Owens:** Two items approved and are on the senate agenda. We are working on new faculty seed grants. Their committee is seeking a co-chair as J. Owens is terming off the committee, there is one person interested. It was noted that if the other committee member chooses not to serve as co-chair, that J. Owen is willing to serve again but would need a special appointment from Steering committee.

**Campus Reports**

**Everett / X. Bi:** Polled constituents who were supportive of Faculty Manual change, specifically the Teaching Portfolio. This year’s Career Week is being held now.

**Spokane / G. Duncan:** Met with Chancellor DeWalt, good progress with Faculty Organization. May have a welcome seat at the table with Chancellor’s Office. Working with existing campus representatives to formalize documents concerning Faculty Organization.

**Tri-Cities / P. Skilton & R. Mays:** Good discussion about teaching portfolios, some supportive, some not. State of the campus address by the chancellor next Wednesday.

**Vancouver / A. Dimitrov & J. Barber:** Constituents (career track, mainly) are worried, generally. Waiting for the other shoe to drop. Concerned about whether they will have jobs in the fall. Steve’s news about federal money and better-than-expected news about the state budget help to mitigate the fear. Worries about increased teaching loads as well. DT. Talked to faculty in his unit with same
concerns. The executive committee discussed with Provost with answer that there would be a reduction in hires before any job losses.

IV. Proposed Senate Agenda for April 8, 2021. **Approved.** Noted: Discussion items that become action items are considered after current action items.

V. Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary.