MEETING MINUTES

Guest Presentation: Academic Analytics
  • Laura Hill, Senior Vice Provost & CAHNRS Professor

I. The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Lighty 403 and via Zoom. Sixty-five (65) members were present with nineteen (19) absent and three (3) nonvoting members present. Call to Order by D. Call, Chair at 4:00 pm

II. Approval of Minutes from the December 9th, 2021 Meeting Unanimous Approval

III. Announcements

A. Information Items.

1. Faculty Senate Officers met with President Schulz and Provost Chilton on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021.
2. Faculty Senate Chair Doug Call will report to the Board of Regents on January 21st, 2022.
3. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_148_Registrar) Minor Change Bulletin No. 7. (Exhibit 148A)
4. Formal nominations for the Faculty Senate Chair-Elect position will open on February 3, 2022.
5. The Steering Committee voted to add Eric Shelden, Associate Professor in CVM, to the Committee on Committees for the remainder of the 2021-2022 academic year.

B. Reports

1. Remarks by Faculty Senate Chair Doug Call
   a. NWCCU Faculty Senate activities
   b. December 6 and January 7th Qualtrics survey and report summary will be finalized tomorrow. The purpose of this survey was to understand the scope of retention concerns posed by the WSU President and Provost.
   c. Academic units relying on 1-year career track appointments are being reviewed
   d. Reviewed RCM Budget model

IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda.

No Additions or Changes
V. Agenda Items

A. Action Items

1. Item # 2021.12.9.21_137_GSC) Recommended approval to revise the PhD in Nutrition and Exercise Physiology (Exhibit 137A 137B 137C). -G. Wayman / E. Nicol
   a. Motion carried: 58 approve; 0 reject
2. (Item # 2021.12.9.21_138_GSC) Recommended approval to revise the Committee on Committees composition language (Exhibit 138A). -C. Horne
   a. Motion carried: 57 approve; 0 reject
3. (Item # 2021.12.9.21_139_FAC) Recommended approval to revise sections III.C.5.b of the Faculty Manual (Exhibit 139). -J. McDonald
   a. Motion carried: 55 approve; 0 reject
   a. Motion carried: 58 approve; 0 reject

B. Discussion Items:

1. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_143_GSC) Revision of the PhD in Computer Science (Exhibit 143A 143B). -G. Wayman / E. Nicol
   a. No discussion
2. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_144_GSC) Revision of the PhD in Criminal Justice and Criminology (Exhibit 144A 144B). -G. Wayman / E. Nicol
   a. No discussion
   -G. Wayman / E. Nicol
   a. Concern: considerations for where the location of the degree program will be offered.
   b. Response: Follow up will be provided
4. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_147_FAC) Proposal to add to Section I.B.1.a of the Faculty Manual to page 11 immediately before (1) Faculty Categories (Exhibit 147A). -J. McDonald
   a. Request to remove the language “successful” from the proposal.
   b. Punctuation follow-up request
   c. Confirmation that the Chair / Dean / Academic Director / VCAA if applicable are all in agreement on the decision for promotion and tenure.
5. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_149_AAC) Proposal to Establish New Rule 26 (Exhibit 149A). -E. Silva-Lopez
   a. No discussion
6. (Item # 2022.1.20.22_150_AAC) Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin No. 5 requirements and courses (Exhibits 150A 150B). E. Silva-Lopez
a. Concern for the elimination of former courses in a previous meeting and the addition of new history courses during this meeting.

VI. Constituent Concerns.

1. **Concern**: Students have stopped wearing masks over their nose and mouth in the library, rec center, and hallways. -J. Mageo  
   **Response**: A note will be provided to Hailey from the provost office staff to encourage better adherence to mask wearing on campus.

2. **Concern**: Regarding student workers within the plant pathology program specifically and the increased costs for hiring staff and considerations for extension. -K. Tanaka  
   **Response**: Follow up will be provided by Faculty Senate to University Leadership to encourage legislative support / L&I support to resolve this concern.

3. **Concern**: In-person instruction concerns during this time as it relates to the Omicron COVID variant; Carbon dioxide concentration has been tested in specific classrooms with results of concentration levels over 1400 PPB. Other concerns about the athletic budget and the hiring of a new athletic staff and how to reduce the athletic budget deficit and the impact this may have on the rest of university operations. -V. Walden  
   **Response**: 1500 cases per 100,000 cases registered according to the [WSU Covid Dashboard](#). And follow up with University Administration on budget concerns have been noted.

4. **Concern**: Testing for COVID and access to testing kits for faculty, staff, and students. -D. Gursoy  
   **Response**: Considerations for PCR vs. antigen testing should be considered and follow up will be provided.

5. **Concern**: How has the stimulus money been applied? On March 3rd faculty senate will present to the faculty senate this information is something to be considered for the upcoming financial update.  
   **Response**: Doug will follow up.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Hudelson, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary