

Draft Minutes Faculty Senate May 23, 2023

LOCATION – Willamette Room, Werner University Center

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3:15 - 3:30 p.m. - *Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering, optional)*

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - *Business Meeting*

1. Call to order

2. Call of the roll (Senators to sign attendance sheet or enter your name & Division into the Zoom Chat)

(11 Senators in-person, 8 Senators on Zoom)

3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting

3.1. May 5, 2023 [Minutes](#)

- Motion to Approve. Motion Seconded.
 - ***Motion Passes.***

4. Institutional Reports

4.1. Faculty Senate President's [Report](#) (Steve Scheck)

4.2. University President's [Report](#) (Jesse Peters)

4.3. Office of Academic Affairs' [Report](#) (Rob Winningham)

- **Senators discussed the differences between admitted students and students who showed up, historically. It seems likely that students nationwide are applying to multiple institutions, so the actual percent increase of students may be smaller than indicated on the report.**

4.4. IFS [Report](#) (Cheryl Beaver and Emily Plec)

- **Senators discussed the potential for a BS in Nursing to be offered at community colleges. The bill seems likely to pass, but there are many opportunities for universities to get involved working with community colleges on adjusting the program. There are still lots of uncertainties around how the details will work.**

5. Consideration of Old Business

- **6.1.** 2022/2023-38 - Credit for Prior Learning [Policy](#) (CPL) (Judy Silva, Sue Monahan)
 - This item was not a voting item.

6. Consideration of New Business

No New Business.

7. Informational Presentations, Committee Reports, Announcements

- **7.1.** Upcoming Veterans' Center Memorial Day dinner (Logan Doerfler)
- **7.2.** Proposal for Spanish-English [bilingual courses](#) and free [Spanish courses](#) for faculty/staff (Katherine Schmidt)
 - **Faculty discussed previous bilingual course offerings and the importance of involving faculty from these classes with the proposed best practices committee, and the importance of ensuring that there is adequate support for faculty developing bilingual classes.**
 - **Faculty also discussed whether the free Spanish courses offered to students would count for credit towards their degree.**
 - **The presenters emphasized the importance of these proposals as WOU moves towards becoming an HSI. Faculty reinforced this, noting how important it was to native bilingual Spanish-speaking students who felt validated by a recent bilingual course.**
- **7.3.** International Education Committee to give an [update](#) on the Office of International Education and Development and the Study Abroad Office (Ya-Fang Cheng)
 - **Faculty commented on the possibility of emphasizing study abroad in the same way as speaking Spanish, since it's so transformative to students.**
 - **Faculty commented on the vagaries of politics and other uncontrollable factors in regards to study abroad, and that costs with study abroad (which is expensive for administrative reasons) may not make it a good option for many students, and discussed other options like international exchange programs.**
- **7.4.** Members of the Strategic Planning Committee to give an overview on next steps (Omar Melchor-Ayala, Malissa Larson, Rian Gayle, Denise Thew)
- **7.5.** [Status briefing](#) on Occupational Therapy program (Sean Roush)

8. Discussions-Call for Future Business

8.1 Closing discussion items from the floor

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4:56 – 5:15 p.m.

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