

Faculty Senate DRAFT Minutes

May 28, 2024

Time

3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Business 3:30 – 5 p.m.

This meeting will be held in the Columbia Room of the Werner University Center

Also observable on Zoom.

Primarily paperless, wou.edu/facultysenate

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)

- **8 Senators on Zoom, 11 Senators in person**

3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting

3.1. May 14, 2024 [Minutes](#)

- Minutes were approved as submitted.

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 (José Coll)

4.4. IFS Report (Cheryl Beaver and Tad Shannon)

- Senator Tad Shannon relayed the discussions from the previous IFS meetings. These discussions included the student protests around Oregon campuses and common course numbering.

5. Consideration of Old Business

5.1. Executive Committee puts forth the following slate of candidates for Faculty Senate Executive Committee at-large positions (two openings):

Dr. Matthew Ciacetta (Natural Sciences & Mathematics)

Dr. Mary Pettenger (Social Science Division)

- 14 Yes Votes to approve the at-large members

6. Consideration of Newx Business

6.1. Executive Committee puts forth the following individual(s) for the position of Faculty Senate Secretary:

Dr. Patricia Giménez-Eguíbar (Humanities Division)

6.2. The curriculum development/maintenance working group's [proposed plan](#) draft for (summer) implementation of a new curricular portal process for oversight of existing courses/programs. This implementation was initially presented as an open discussion at the May 14, 2024 Faculty Senate meeting. (Judith Sylva, Amanda Smith, Amy Clark, Camila Gabaldón, Leanne Merrill, Thaddeus Shannon, Melanie Landon-Hays, Steve Scheck)

- Senators discussed the shared document with the specifics of the terminology and process of course duplication prevention. Senators also discussed the status of other committees under these draft policy changes. Discussions also occurred regarding the cooperation of multiple departments before starting the process of creating new courses and its potential necessity. Senators also discussed wanting to get on the same page regarding how a “curriculum review” is defined.
- **Senators are encouraged to continue conversations in their divisions regarding this topic to provide valuable input in the future.**

7. Informational Presentations, Committee Reports, Announcements

7.1. A graphic provided by Amy Clark re. the new (no-F) undergraduate [grade submission scheme](#)

7.2. **Academic Excellence Showcase – Thursday, May 30, 2024.**
<https://wou.edu/pure/2024-aes-schedule/>

Coffee & Check-in 8:00-9:00

Willamette Room

Plenary 9:00-10:00

Willamette Room

Keynote speaker is **Cheyenne Heidt**, from the Confederated Tribes

8. Discussions-Call for Future Business.

- 8.1.** Executive Committee members Katherine Schmidt and Leanne Merrill have been unsuccessful in building a slate of candidates for the President and Vice President positions in 24-25. Discussion and next steps.

Continuing discussion from April 9 and 23, 2024 Senate meetings – time permitting.

- 8.4.** The Executive Committee would like to open discussion on what is essential for fulfilling degree requirements; specifically, credits vs learning outcomes for major and minor requirements. How firm are minimum credit counts in the major and minor?
- 8.5.** The Executive Committee would like to open discussion on how the Faculty Senate can be a valuable source of shared governance as we support defining and implementing the new university strategic plan.
- 8.6.** Call for future business items
- 8.7.** Closing discussion items from the floor

Commencement June 15: <https://wou.edu/commencement/>

5 – 5:15 p.m.

Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering continued, optional)