

Faculty Senate Minutes

April 25, 2023

LOCATION – Willamette Room, Werner University Center

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 in-person, 13 Senators on Zoom)

3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting

3.1. April 11, 2023 [Minutes](#)

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

4. Institutional Reports

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

- Note: For item three in the president's report, please contact Xiaopeng Gong, current PURE Director, if interested in the PURE Director position.

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

- *The Senators discussed potential budget cuts and messaging from other regional universities in Oregon.*

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

4.4. IFS Report **No Report (Cheryl Beaver and Emily Plec)**

5. Consideration of Old Business

- **5.1. Activities of the Senate: Elections Nominating Committee (Elisa Maroney, chair)**

Vote for executive officers.

Officers selected (uncontested) were:

Past President: Katherine Schmidt
President: Steve Scheck
Vice President: Stewart Baker
Secretary: Patricia Gimenez-Eguibar

Vote for At-Large Senators (2, 2-yr positions)

Miyuki Arimoto
Scott Beaver
Laura Ellingson-Sayen
Michael Freeman
Kat Espino-Perez
Jaclyn Caires-Hurley

The selected at-large senators were:

Miyuki Arimoto and Kat Espino-Perez

5.2. 2022/2023-37 P15289 [ASL Studies: Beginner](#) (Kara Gournaris)

Note: The intermediate certificate was previously approved and will correspond with this beginner certificate

Motion to Approve. Motion Seconded

Motion Passed Unanimously.

6. Consideration of New Business

No new business.

7. Informational Presentations, Committee Reports, Announcements

7.1. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) (Judy Silva, Katherine Schmidt, Ryan Hickerson)

- [Info video](#)

- There is a faculty summit for the program on June 21st, from 10-4 on Zoom. Attendees receive compensation.
- Senators and presenters discussed feedback from the students involved with the pilot, the rewarding nature of the project, the broad range of disciplines involved, the potential of the program for recruitment, and other topics.
- There were many positive comments about the program and how it can help traditionally underrepresented students and nontraditional students in particular.
- A small number of faculty were skeptical about the program and about the idea of accepting non-university experience as credit for a university course, and that it is important to be realistic about its long-term potential.
- The program is reflective of WOU's and the HECC's commitment to students from various walks of life.
- Any faculty member who thinks it would be helpful to their students is welcome to get involved with the summit. The prep work is watching the above video, reviewing an executive summary of a national report, and an exercise involving the review of an existing course learning goals. This may be a couple of hours of work total.

8. Discussions-Call for Future Business

8.1. Closing discussion items from the floor

- A request from the floor was made to consider as a discussion item how to encourage faculty, students, and others to return more fully to campus in person.

4:56 – 5:15 p.m.

Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering continued, optional)