

## Faculty DRAFT Senate Minutes

December 10, 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](http://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)

- 13 Senators on Zoom, 7 Senators in person

#### **3. Corrections to and approval of minutes from previous meeting**

**3.1.** November 26, 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.** Provost's Report

- Senators discussed the possibility of student input on the working group for data collection
- Senators discussed concerns surrounding the policy changes around online courses and the implementation of those policies

**4.4.** IFS Senators' Report (Cheryl Beaver and Tad Shannon)

#### **5. Consideration of Old Business**

No old business

## 6. New Business

**6.1.** The Executive Committee puts forth **Elisa Maroney** for membership on the Executive Committee to serve in the position of **Past President**.

- Senate affirmed decision.

**6.2.** Update discussion about [Bachelors of Applied Science](#)

- Senate President asks for feedback from the Divisions

**6.3.** Updates on roll-out of submission/review process for modifications to current academic catalog (program actions limited to WOU campus review) Activities to take place in Dec – Jan – Feb.

- Sessions into new system will occur during the first few weeks of winter term and will be made available afterwards

**6.4.** Planning for new program proposal submission/review process and its compliance with university strategic planning and university academic program portfolio.

In response to Associate Provost Judith Sylva's October 31 [request](#), the Executive Committee has established an ad hoc committee ("curriculum task force") to address the need for a "new program" proposal process. This ad hoc committee will consist of the Executive Committee; chairs of the curriculum, graduate studies and general education committees; and Associate Provost Sylva and University Registrar Amy Clark.

**6.5.** Continuing discussion with university administration about announced policies regarding online and hybrid courses: suitability for freshmen, program need, student need, criteria for exceptions, quality of such coursework, need for faculty representation on task force assigned to examine online/hybrid programming at WOU, other.

- Senators discussed if online courses will be categorized by synchronous, asynchronous and hybrid. The task force is working to discuss and collect data about different types of courses that are best taught.
- Senators discussed how online courses affect student engagement and success
- Senators discussed concerns regarding the implementation of the new policies

**7. Open Discussion-Call for Future Business**

**5 – 5:15 p.m.**

Better Know a Colleague (informal gathering continued, optional)