

## Faculty Senate Minutes

January 10, 2023

### LOCATION

Columbia Room

OR

<https://zoom.us/j/8766137254?pwd=ZS83UlpaVkIRMVM5K0VncENRb1M0Zz09>

**Present: (8 senators on Zoom) (13 other senators in-person)**

*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 sign into the Zoom Chat with your name & Division)

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

##### 3.1. December 13, 2022 [Meeting](#)

- Motion approved (19 yes votes). No corrections made

#### 4. Institutional Reports

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

- [Full report available here](#)

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

- [Full report available here](#)

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

- [Full report available here](#)
  - **Question:** You describe us as being in a difficult fiscal situation. How do you foresee the next school year?
    - **Response from Rob Winningham:** A lot is determined by the legislative session. Will the TRU universities get additional funding or

change the model for student success on how we are funding? We also have opportunities to bring in additional revenue.

- **Comment from President Peters:** It's hard to know what the state is going to do. There's possibilities, but the uncertainty is too great to presume the funding situation. Arguing for bridge funding is planned, but there are arguments being made for relief funds for universities coming out of the recent years.

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

- No report

### 5. Consideration of Old Business

#### 5.1. 2022/2023-23 P15395 Healthcare Administration Graduate Certificate (David Foster)

- [Link to portal](#)
  - Motion to Approve. Motion Seconded.
    - 16 Yes votes, 3 No votes
  - **Motion Passes**

#### 5.2. 2022/2023-24 General Education approval of two transfer AA degrees for meeting GE requirements (GE Director Shaun Huston)

- [link to approval by GE committee](#)
  - Motion to Approve. Motion Seconded.
    - 19 Yes votes, 0 No votes
  - **Motion Passes**

#### 5.3. 2022/2023-25 Revisions to Senate Bylaws -- continued from spring information sessions (Executive Committee)

- [Current Bylaws](#)
- [Proposed Changes](#)
- [Clean copy](#)
  - Motion to bring forward for discussion. Motion Seconded.

- **Comment:** I'm not clear on the FDE calculations. There appears to be a range, I'm not sure how that was changed or if it's the same.

- **Response:** The intent was not to change those calculations.
- **Response:** I recall that the main issue was the language the FTE had. Now it's adding the FTE of all faculty members instead of considering them as "half".

- **Proposed Amendment #1** - In Article two, Section two, it states that only eligible faculty as defined by the division bylaws may vote in a Senator election. This eligibility is actually defined in our charter. Therefore, we would like it amended to state that eligible faculty as defined in the faculty senate charter may vote in a Senator election.

- Motion to Amend. Motion Seconded.

- Voice vote

- **Motion Passes**

- **Proposed Amendment #2** - Article three, section one, item four, the term of holding office is described. We would like to amend those to state that a term for Secretary/Vice President is one year, the President's term is two years (1st year as President, 2nd year as Past President), and At-Large Senator's term shall be two years. Additionally, in article three, section two, which covers election procedure, we would like to add an item stating that elections for At-Large Senators shall be staggered with two At-Large Senators being elected to the Executive Committee every year.

- Motion to Amend. Motion Seconded.

- Voice vote

- **Motion Passes**

- Motion to accept bylaws with proposed amendments. Motion Seconded.

- **Comment:** It did not used to be the case that business needed to be voted on to be brought forward. I'd like to have clarification on that procedure. My second clarification is with the clickers, since it has always been a vocal vote. I'd like to do away with bringing

business forward if it's on the agenda, and do away with the voting clickers.

- **Response:** Those practices are in the faculty senate rules of order that were voted last year. We can pull those up to reexamine them.
- **Question:** If the president wants to see a second term, are they allowed to do this? How does this work under the bylaws?
  - **Response:** I don't believe the bylaws comment on it specifically. It is only stated that if the president would like to continue serving, they have to be elected again.

Vote on accepting proposed bylaw changes with amendments

- 16 Yes Votes

■ **Motion Passes**

## 6. Consideration of New Business

### 6.1. 2022/2023-26 [University Names Policy](#) (Amy Clark, Registrar's Office)

- Motion to Discuss. Motion Seconded
  - **Question:** What is the past practice, and why is this policy needed?
    - **Response:** We had a preferred name field, where it needed to be manually changed, it's a very clunky system. What we are looking for is to allow those names to be automatically changed in the systems
  - **Question:** Do you encounter students who are experimenting with names? And how would this policy withstand if a student wishes to change their name multiple times?
    - **Response:** We are managing that through the preferred name, and this policy will help to make that easier.

- **Question:** If someone wants to change their name, once they submit that request, will that immediately show up in my class list and degree tracks?

- **Response:** Correct.

- **Question:** Will this also affect the email address?

- **Response:** People are able to change their email address, so this will be an issue we will work with UCS to implement.

## 6.2. 2022/2023-27 [Gender, and Sexual Orientation Data Collection Policy](#) (Georgia Armitage, Institutional Research)

- Motion to Discuss. Motion Seconded
  - **Question:** I know that Safe Zone asked how you would collect this information, and how the options would be selected?
  - **Response:** We are required to ask it a specific way by state law. It is formatted as a dropdown menu with a space to add an option if an option isn't listed.

## 7. Informational Presentations and Committee Reports

### 7.1 Update: [Learning Management System Policy](#) (Michael Reis, Academic Innovation)

## 8. Discussions

- [Opportunity](#) to serve on University Council
- [Opportunity](#) to serve on FYS Steering Committee (limited term w/stipend)
- College Restructure Taskforce [Final Report](#) December 14, 2022

**End: 4:46 pm**

**4:46 – 5:15 p.m.**

*Better Know a Colleague* (informal gathering continued, optional)