



**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**October 8, 2020**

MEMBERS – Alphabetically

Clinton Amos  
 Aaron Ashley  
 Aubrey Jones  
 Jason Barrett-Fox  
 Dustin Birch – Nicole Batty, sub.  
 Rebecka Brasso  
 Christy Call  
 Tracy Callahan  
 Nicola Corbin – Jean Norman, sub.  
 Kenton Cummins  
 Mark Denniston  
 Kelli Denos  
 C. Ryan Dunn – Dan Hubler, sub.  
 Andrea Easter-Pilcher  
 Chris Eisenbarth  
 Ben Ferney – Kayden Houser, sub.  
 David Ferro - Absent  
 Wendy Fox-Kirk  
 Conrad Gabler  
 Andrea Gouldman  
 Kristin Hadley  
 Ed Hahn  
 Sue Harley  
 Tim Herzog  
 Wendy Holliday  
 Brent Horn  
 Dianna Huxhold  
 Aubrey Jones - Absent  
 Adam Johnston  
 JoEllen Jonsson - Absent  
 Ravi Krovi  
 Brad Mortensen  
 Cory Moss  
 Matt Mouritsen  
 Cora Neal  
 Casey Neville

Blair Newbold  
 Tanya Nolan  
 Marjukka Ollilainen  
 Hannah Olsen  
 Brett Perozzi  
 Joshua Petersen  
 Julie Rich  
 Jeffrey Richey/Matt Romaniello F'20  
 Ann Rocha  
 Sheryl Rushton  
 Yas Simonian  
 Amanda Sowerby  
 Brian Stecklein  
 Norm Tarbox - Absent  
 Hugo Valle  
 Barb Wachocki  
 Glen West - Absent  
 Kris Williams  
 Joshua Winegar  
 Stacie Wing-Gaia  
 David Yoder  
 Deana Froerer – adjunct  
 Rick Westmoreland - adjunct

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 Administrative Associate: Patti Glover  
 Parliamentarian: Gary Johnson

1. Approval of [September 10, 2020](#) meeting minutes as circulated

2. Curriculum - John Cavitt, UCC Chair (see bottom of page for entire list)

[Curriculog Justifications](#) for Curriculum or Curriculog Agenda [Faculty Senate Oct 8, 2020](#)

MOTION: To approve curriculum as a package Cora Neal

SECOND: Marjukka Ollilainen

OUTCOME: Unanimous approval

### Information Items

3. Administrative Update - President Brad Mortenson

UBHE (was USHE) Updates,

- a. There has been a comprehensive update of general student fee policy. Now there is more transparency and better safeguards to maintain affordability for students. Also the language related to diversity and inclusion shows leadership from the system office.
- b. A working group regarding faculty work load is being formed as a result of a white paper brought forth by UVU's senate chair.
- c. The new UBHE configuration was partly made to stimulate greater articulation and transfer between tech colleges and universities. WSU is exemplary in the work we do on this front.

Because of WSU's exemplary sustainability program Brad was invited to the Climate and Clean Air Compact, a who's who of business, political and religious educational leaders in the state. The hardworking partnership between SPARC and Facilities Management has been affective and now we are seeing the state and other entities trying to keep pace with the example that WSU has set.

WSU Supply Chain management students won their national case competition recently. This is something that the entire University can be proud of.

This year WSU had record high retention rates for first year students returning for their second year. This is both the highest percent and highest number of returning students Weber has seen.

December commencement planning is underway. Though there is not certainty that the event will be held, if it is, the Dee Event Center will be the location. The event would have to spread over two days in order to allow the social distancing guidelines to be met.

Guidelines related to travel and campus events will be reevaluated as the current ones expire November 1.

WSU now has two CLIA waivers, one to do symptomatic COVID testing on campus, and one for surveillance testing that the athletic programs need to do. These are both antigen tests. If these come back positive the person can be sent to get a PCR test at an Ogden facility that offers them. Testing will begin as soon as the kits arrive.

4. [GEIAC Annual Assessment Report Summary](#)– Rieneke Holman, Interim Chair

Rieneke gave the highlights of the charges met and the accomplishments of the GEIAC committee in 2019-2020. She gave an overview of how area learning outcomes are reviewed, and pointed out that the GEIAC feedback is then given to the course instructor(s) so that they can make improvements to their course(s). Future directions for GEIAC were presented, including the focus on re-evaluating the DV attribute, (they hope to make diversity more integrated into all Gen Ed courses), and creating a proposal for the permanent WSU program.

5. [Personnel Relations Policy](#) – Jessica Oyler, Human Resources

This policy is applicable to all faculty and staff. It includes information from the law that goes into

effect at the beginning of 2021 regarding abusive conduct. It is much more comprehensive than PPM 3-32 Discrimination and Harassment policy.

6. Sexual Relations [PPM 3-32](#) - Tim Herzog, Chair

This policy needs to have very legal language in it. There are a number of ways that this information is available in a more user-friendly format. The Safe at Weber website has some information which is being updated to reflect the PPM changes. A [chart](#) which can help people navigate the process, is on the legal counsel website. The Ombuds, Women's Center, and AA/EEO office can also help people navigate this policy. It was suggested to add a couple examples on the website of what this looks like in a real-life situation.

7. Credit/No Credit [PPM 4-19](#) - Tim Herzog, Chair

This policy sunsets at the end of 20-21. It was determined that WSU is still operating in the governor's Emergency Operations plan, and thereby the CR/NC available during Continuity of Operations will be offered for fall. This will be conveyed on the registrar's website. A meeting with the significant stakeholders has been scheduled to see if this policy should be extinguished or reinstated at the end of the academic year. The results of that meeting will be brought to Senate.

8. CARES Act Funding – Tim Herzog, Chair

Funding is available through CARES to help with accessibility of course materials for fall of this year, including adding captioning to videos for classes. Contact Angie McClain for additional information. Deadline is November 20, 2020.

### Action Items

9. APAFT - [Policy on Tenure College of Social & Behavioral Sciences](#) - Julie Rich, Interim Dean  
Changes that removed comparative language within the document were made. No one has to have departmental or other comparisons included, even if they are part way through the tenure process.

MOTION: To approve tenure changes by Marjukka Ollilainen

SECOND: Brent Horn

OUTCOME: Unanimous Approval

10. Approve Salary Negotiating Committee [PPM 1-13 Article B-V, Section 3, 4.10](#) – Tim Herzog (FS Chair, required), Leah Murray (SBBFP Chair, required), Kendal Beazer (SBBFP nominee)

MOTION: To approve negotiating committee by Aaron Ashley

SECOND: Casey Neville

OUTCOME: One abstention all others approve, motion carries

11. [SBBFP Amended Charges](#) - Tim Herzog

A charge was removed from SBBFP as APAFT is already has a charge that addresses this concern.

MOTION: To approve amended charges by Marjukka Ollilainen

SECOND: Sheryl Rushton

OUTCOME: Unanimous Approval

12. Resolution on [Meetings During COVID-19](#) - Tim Herzog, Senate Chair

MOTION: To approve COVID meeting policy by Mark Denniston

SECOND: Barb Wachocki

DISCUSSION: There was concern that this resolution runs against the request to have more classes on campus in the spring. The reasoning was given that reducing the number of non-class meetings reduces the potential number of COVID contacts, and will lead to less COVID cases.

There is a desire to be consistent in all messaging.  
OUTCOME: One abstention, majority approve, motion carries

13. Program Discontinuance - [Radiologic Sciences, Advanced \(BS\) - Radiologist Assistant Emphasis](#)  
MOTION: To approve discontinuance by Mark Denniston  
SECOND: Wendy Fox-Kirk  
OUTCOME: Unanimous approval
14. Approve [URTE Committee](#) Chair - Tim Herzog, Senate Chair  
Chris Eisenbarth, John Armstrong (alternate)  
MOTION: To approve chair and alternate chair by Cora Neal  
SECOND: Aaron Ashley  
OUTCOME: Unanimous approval

## **LIST OF CURRICULUM CHANGES**

### **Department of Economics**

Program Changes Quantitative Economics (BS) Brandon Koford

### **Department of Geography, Environment and Sustainability**

Course Deletion GEOG - 5030 - Geography for Teachers Eric Ewert

### **EAST**

#### **Department of Mechanical Engineering**

New Course ME - 4440 - Compressible Fluid Flow Kirk Hagen

Program Changes Mechanical Engineering (BS) Kirk Hagen

Program Changes Mechanical Engineering (BS) (different than above) Kirk Hagen

New Course ME - 4600 - Advanced Thermal-Fluids Kirk Hagen

Course Revision ME - 4450 - Aerospace Propulsion Kirk Hagen

Program Changes Mechanical Engineering (BS) Kirk Hagen

### **Education**

#### **Exercise and Nutrition Sciences**

New Course ESS - 4320 - Current Issues/Special Topics in Exercise Science Saori Hanaki

New Course ESS - 4800 - Directed Undergraduate Exercise Science Research Saori Hanaki

New Course ESS - 4830 - Directed Readings in Exercise Science Saori Hanaki

#### **Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Program**

New Course MED - 6820 - Organization and Leadership in Non-profit Family Services Mark Adams

### **Arts & Humanities**

#### **Master of Professional Communication**

Program Changes- Substantive (2)19-20 Master of Professional Communication (MPC) Sarah Steimel

New Course MPC - 6710 - Communication Survey Design and Analysis Sarah Steimel

Course Revision MPC - 6700 - Qualitative Communication Research & Analysis Sarah Steimel

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:** Thursday, November 5, 2020, 3pm, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 pm