



# WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2019  
2:30 pm, MA 211K

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Present: Aaron Ashley, Doris Geide-Stevenson, Ed Hahn, Tim Herzog for Marek Matyjasik, Casey Neville, David Aguilar-Alvarez for Clay Rasmussen, Hugo Valle, Mary Beth Willard, Sarah Steimel for Catherine Zublin, Madonne Miner, Patti Glover

Excused: Brad Mortensen,

1. CRAO [Faculty Forum](#) – Amy Stegen, Chair

A review of the faculty forum regarding adjunct representation and additional senators for Faculty Senate was given. In summary adjunct instructors want an adjunct to represent them, not a full-time faculty member. They believe that their issues are not understood by faculty at large. CRAO would like to see four senate seats added, two for adjunct, one according to apportionment, and one for non-academic units. This would involve a constitution change. The question arose, is it difficult as a precedent to move from the college model of representation?

Another suggestion was for adjuncts to be on standing committees as a way to give input and effect change. This addresses a different issue, but representation for Senate should not be dismissed in light of this. Another recommendation is that each college designate a senator to reach out to adjuncts, or have adjuncts come to college caucuses which take place before Senate meetings as a way to get their voices heard.

Going forward the plan is to designate two adjunct representatives who are invited to senate meetings next year, just sitting, not an official member. Together with Gail Niklason and Colleen Packer, the Executive Committee will need to pull together an outline of how to nominate and vote on adjunct representation before the start of the fall 2019 semester. Adjunct representatives could be chosen by a vote of adjuncts. Considerations with trying out adjunct representation in the next year include 1) Representatives from different colleges 2) Representation would have to be semester by semester otherwise it implies a contract. 3) Compensation 5) Be careful to not promise adjunct representation is being put into policy, this is just a pilot.

2. GEIAC [WSU year Two Report](#) – Molly Sween, Chair

An overview of the last two years of interdisciplinary Gen Ed courses was given. The WSU courses were started in 2015 with a 5 year window of experimentation. GEIAC is looking at what the criteria would be to continue the interdisciplinary courses as a permanent Gen Ed feature. It was recommend that they wait a bit to see more data regarding retention and graduation data before moving toward permanent status. Concerns were aired about pulling faculty resource into these small classes, and reduction of overall Gen Ed exposure when students get two classes for one. GEIAC is looking at having campus wide conversations, and they don't envision this program

growing in size.

3. Study Abroad – John Trimble  
Concerns regarding Study Abroad were voiced. The number of Study Abroad programs have increased dramatically in the last couple of years. Faculty are looking for ideas how to better structure study abroad courses and internal communications. One thought was to put in finances (and perhaps other portions) through Curriculog.
4. Faculty Governance Award – Doris Geide-Stevenson  
A survey will be sent to the committee to rank the FGA nominees.
5. Other Items
  - a. Committee Chairs for 2019-2020
  - b. Student Grades – The STARFISH ad hoc committee had brought up concerns with student grades being quickly disseminated. How this could be addressed in a campus wide manner was addressed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Thursday, February 28, 2019, 2pm, MA211K

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:** Thursday, March 14, 2019, 3pm, Smith Lecture Hall, WB206-207