



# WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate

Thursday April 6, 2023

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA MINUTES**

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Present: Jason Francis, Belinda McElheny, Cade Mansfield (UCC), Aaron Ashley, Barb Wachocki, Amy Buckway, Andrea Baltazar, Eric Gibbons, Jennifer Anderson, Michele Culumber, Brad Mortensen, Ryan Ridge, Marjukka Ollilainen, Aubrey Jenkins Lord

Guests: Shaun Adamson, Azenett Garza, Kathleen Cadman, Cynthia Beynon, Casey Bullock, Beth Rhoades

1. Approval of March 2, 2023 [meeting minutes](#)

Motion to Approve: Ryan Ridge

Second: Marjukka Ollilainen

Outcome: Unanimous

2. Curriculum -Cade Mansfield (see bottom of page)

Curriculog **Justifications for Curriculum February 14, 2023** or Curriculog [Agenda EC April 6, 2023](#)

3. SAC agenda items - Aubrey Jenkins Lord

An update on the elections due to the reorganization of the university. Staff Advisory Council will be bridging the officers into the fall semester. Then will hold the election for members in the fall and the election for vice chair will be held as it normally would be.

4. Faculty Governance Award- Valerie Herzog

5. [Micro Credentialing and badges](#)- Casey Bullock, Beth Rhoades

Trying to work on a filling a gap

One of the examples is that there may be a module that is valuable to an employer. Three or four badges may be equivalent to a three credit bearing course. Will help with students that have experiential credit.

Badges will become certificates of experience that are non-transcribed and will not need to go through University Curriculum. This falls under microcredential.

The information will be available on the Portfolium and it will keep track of the badges. It is being used at SLCC and UVU has some coming.

Allowing the student to fill the gap and be able to give more credit.

Continuing Education will be in charge of the courses but they are built through the departments.

There is demand and the students are coming and going. The students are working 30 + hours a week and students are not completing degrees in the same way as they used. It is recognizing that students may have experience that could be accounted for. This is a way to recognize life experience.

What is valuable for industry and the conversation will happen between the department and CE.

They complement each other but they are very different. Recognizing competency is a way to recognize that the student has life experience. The Utah Board of Education uses microcredentials and they can stack and then bundle.

Discussion on the holistic view of education is how professors feel, but students think in bits and pieces.

Certificate of experience is a way to show that you have a certain set of skills.

These are less than 16 credits.

Motion to Approve the language for CPPM to bring to senate: Amy Buckway

Second: Barb Wachocki

Outcome: 6 yes, 1 nay, and one abstention

6. Importance of timely and meaningful communication- Concerning weather, safety, students, closure.

Discussion about having an area on the website where you can check to see what the recommendation will be. Question on when faculty can make the call for themselves. The response was that individuals should make the best choice for themselves. Suggestion to administration for a parking lot cam and a clear location for faculty and students to check closure status.

7. [ASSA - PPM 6-22 - Student Code](#)- Mark Denniston (Moving forward from last year)
  - a. The background is from last year's charges. It had two parts and both components passed the faculty senate last year.

b. The component is about how to amend the student code, Stephanie Hollist has been meeting with Mark Denniston. It used to be required that public hearing is now going to be optional. The ASSA will continue to hash out compromise and try to get that done and the SAC president to ASSA as an ex-officio. Can take to the president directly if ASSA can not be hashed out.

c.

Motion to approve to bring back to senate: Amy Buckway

Second: Ryan Ridge

Outcome: Unanimous

8. APAFT- Cynthia Beynon

a. [APAFT - 8-11: IV.C \(page 10\) and IV.D \(page 12\) - Evaluation of Faculty Members](#)

The Library section has been updated and voted on by the college.

Motion to Approve: Aaron Ashley

Second: Marjukka Ollilainen

Outcome: Unanimous

b. [APAFT - 9-7; 9-8 - Faculty Responsibilities to the Institution; Faculty Responsibilities to the Community](#)

9.7 Looking at responsibilities to the institution, it adds virtual activities and cites other sections of the PPM and the Utah code of conduct.

Motion to Approve: Ryan Ridge

Second: Eric Gibbons

Outcome: Unanimous

9.8 Looking at responsibilities to the community it has cross references and has a right to the community but must avoid any representation to the University.

Clarify that you are not representing the University.

Motion to Approve: Amy Buckway

Second: Barb Wachocki

Outcome: Unanimous

9. CRAO- Azenett Garza, Kathleen Cadman

- a. [CRAO/ASSA - PPM 1-13 B-V Section 3.3 and Section 4.2 - Membership of Standing Committee \(3.3\)](#)  
Discussion on the ex-officio amounts and if it will change the power structure.
- b. [CRAO/Assessment - PPM 1-13 Article B-V 4.12 - Standing Committees](#)
- c. [CRAO/ EDI - PPM 1-13 Article B-V 4.12 - Standing Committees](#)

10. No or low cost course markings- Wendy Holliday (3:15 pm)

One of the big projects the library has been working on is increasing access to Open Education Resources (OER) for learning. The library has been working on the strategic plan to mark courses as a low cost or no cost textbook course and then having it marked in the catalog. There was a question on who sets the limits and what is considered low cost or no cost. The response was that it is up to the institution and then setting the limits on what qualifies. Discussion about adding it to the catalog. The EC committee believes that adding it to the catalog will be confusing for students. Could it be included on the schedule instead so that it can be done by class. Discussion on what to research and how to bring it back. Also spoke about syllabus review by the library looking for OER that looks for resources that can be comparable.

**Information item**

- 11. Administrative Update for Faculty Senate – Betsy Mennell
- 12. Election results Faculty Senate Chair- Jason Francis
- 13. Election results Faculty Senate Vice Chair- Amy Buckway

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**Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities**

**Department of Performing Arts**

Music Major Performance and Pedagogy (BM), Instrumental Performance Emphasis-Carey Campbell

**Department of Communication**

Public Relations & Strategic Communication Emphasis-Michael Ault

Motion to Approve: Aaron Ashley

Second: Marjukka Ollilainen

Outcome: Unanimous

**Department of Foreign Languages**

Department of Foreign Languages Name Change - 2023-24- Electra Fielding

The department would like to change the name because the current name does not currently reflect the department's efforts to reflect the world views and also there has been a national trend moving away from the word foreign to world languages and most schools refer to the language as world languages.

Motion to Approve: Ryan Ridge

Second: Amy Buckway

Outcome: Unanimous