

Faculty Senate minutes

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 14, 2024

MEMBERS - Alphabetically

Abdulmalek Al-Gahmi

Clinton Amos Jennifer Anderson

Tarig Arif

Isabel Asensio Andrea Baltazar Kendal Beazer Randy Boyle

Rebecka Brasso Brandon Burnett

Justin Burr Ryan Cain

Heather Chapman James Cohen Brian Cottle

Michele Culumber Rebekah Cumpsty Shirley Dawson Bryan Dowdell

Andrea Easter-Pilcher- Laine Berghout

David Ferro

Mary Foss- Randy Hurd Mia Foster (student) Jason Francis

Deana Froerer-excused Doris Geide-Stevenson

Eric Gibbons

Youn Soo Goldstein

James Hedges- Beth Rhoades

Sarah Herrmann Wendy Holliday Ravi Krovi

Leah LaGrone

Andrea Lalumia- Amy Buckway

Alexander Lancaster

Cully Long

Cass Morgan
Brad Mortensen
Casey Neville

Marjukka Ollilainen Christine O'Neil Jessica Oyler-absent

Brad Peterson

Annyssa Reyes (student)-absent

Julie Rich-Brent Horn Elizabeth Sandquist

Yas Simonian

Emily Sorensen (student) Brandon Stevenson Janicke Stramer-Smith Norm Tarbox-absent

Deborah Uman Kurt Ward Jordan West

Mary Beth Willard-Richard Greene

Stephen Wolochowicz

Administrative Associate: Belinda

McElheny

Parliamentarian: Gary Johnson

Guests: Carrie Jeffrey, Michelle Jeffs, Cora

Neal, Stephanie Hollist, Cori Horne

Lindquist Hall 101, 3 pm Thursday Nov 14, 2024

Terms highlighted in green have been edited since published

Roll call

1. Approval of Oct 10, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve: Casey Neville

Second: Christie O'Neil Outcome: Unanimous

Informational items:

2. Administrative Update –Jessica Oyler

During last month's faculty senate disability services came up as a concern. Disability services space is being expanded to accommodate more students, by using the old Health Center space. Efforts are being made to improve testing accommodations for students with disabilities, ensuring better communication and space management. Major remodeling is scheduled from May through December next year, including an upgrade to the check-in area.

The university's mental health services were recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the top 16 institutions nationally for the level of service provided.

ASSA had a charge last year looking at student health services over the summer. A pilot program for summer health services was introduced, allowing students registered for fall to access services during the summer. Continuation of this program is planned based on its affordability and utilization.

Human resources conducted a survey to gauge interest in an insurance opt-out program, similar to those at other institutions. Some of the feedback has been that only partners are offered this option, married or on parents plan, but was not available to singles due to the tax code.

Updates on student success center, if unsure of where to send students who need help. The center has tried to centralize answers. Encouragement for faculty and staff to refer students to the Student Success Center for support and resources.

The president stated that he sent an email out today about the budget. Legislative leadership is looking at a budget cut to higher education and the anticipation is around 6.2 million. Trying to find more information. The university is looking at where the cuts could happen and thinking about ways to meet this.

Discussions have been happening with VPs and not wanting it to be all administrators. Would like to get a group of people to work together to work towards how this could be implemented. Please let them know if you are interested in being a part of the process.

Student senator asked if they will take into account how this will affect the students.

Every search that is in process currently will move forward. Any that were not in the system already will be on hold for now.

Is there an exact idea of how the cuts will be allocated and how the reallocations will be redistributed? There is no idea how that will happen.

How does 6.2 million 10 % of the state tax funds budget from the instructional wage budget? It does not mean that the cuts are from instruction; there are different areas that can be a part of it as well. If programs are cut there are teach out options for the program.

There was discussion on how the money will be reallocated or if it will be.

What freedoms do we have to speak out as a Weber State employee? As a private individual you can protest but do not use your weber email. Follow the guidance from the PPM where it concerns how you represent the University.

In conjunction with HB 261 it was not supposed to affect curriculum, classroom, ect but when you look at these things side by side. It seems that they may be doing exactly that with this budget cut.

Discussion on if this will be an ongoing thing that is happening in the state with higher education. Also discussed the review process change that will be taking place in the state.

3. SAC agenda items - Belinda McElheny

SAC seats are full with the exception of IT non-exempt and we have voted and moved the meetings to be the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Action Items:

4. Curriculum -Carrie Jeffrey (see bottom of page)

UCC agenda/minutes or the Curriculog Agenda FS Nov 14, 2024

The UCC has changed the curriculum process to try and help with the flow. Shared the UCC agenda and the process.

There were 20 proposals and 17 moved forward this month.

Motion to approve: Casey Neville

Second: Bryan Cottell Outcome: Passed

5. CRAO Apportionment - Michelle Jeffs

Shared the Apportionment numbers for faculty. There was an increase in the number of faculty.

Motion to approve to approve: Amy Buckway

Second: Kendall Beazer Outcome: Unanimous

6. <u>FSFSC (FFC committee) charges</u>- Jason Francis

There was discussion about the proposed charges.

Motion to approve charges: Sarah Herrmann

Second: Marjukka Ollilainen

Outcome: Unanimous

7. Faculty Senate motion to amend the bylaws -Jason Francis

<u>Proposed amendment to change the current placeholder of Faculty Senate Fairness, Success and Community to Faculty Fairness and Success and adjust description accordingly.</u>

The committee would like to change the name of the committee and the description of the committee and add an ex-officio to the bylaws.

Motion to approve to move to a vote next month as outlined: Ryan Cain

Second: Jennifer Anderson

Outcome: Passed

8. Committee Changes - Jason Francis

Motion to approve: Amy Buckway

Second: Mia Foster Outcome: Passed

9. PPM 9-2 Clarification - Stephanie Hollist & Ravi Krovi (pending revision with links, gathering input from APAFT)

This was passed last month and this came back from the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT shared that the work that the faculty senate has done is appreciated. But there were concerns about PPM 9-2. The changes discussed and were made in the PPM to try to address the concerns of the board. Met with APAFT yesterday to review what was done since the last time.

Question: Sabbaticals, it seems like it has watered down the rights of faculty. What should someone who is looking at sabbatical leave expect? The provost does not have any expectations of sabbaticals being impacted, but will look at it closer.

In 3.2 it references 1-12 and other ppms. Stephanie stated that it is from the recently approved ppm. Would like to see this defined or to strike it.

Recommend to make a change to remove other ppms.

The intent is to reference the ppms and where they are located in the PPM.

University Legal stated that someone can not file a lawsuit it just means that there is governmental immunity the university will represent you and also if it is the position. Asked to clarify if that means civil or criminal.

Motion to change to other ppm sections in 3.2: Marjukka Olliainen

Second: Dave Ferro

Outcome: 25 yes, 3 opposed, Passed

Motion to approve the changes in PPM 9-2 with the change to 3.2: Casey Neville

Second: 1.08

Outcome: 37 yes, one opposed, Passed

Informational:

10. GEAIC General Education institutional areas update- Cora Neal

Ravi chose to speak about the choices from 27 or 30. Asked us to consider choosing not to have IA at this time. Also clarified that we can add an IA at a later date. The catalog will need to have this in place for the 26-27 year.

Shared a presentation on where GEAIC is now. In December we will vote on 27 or 30. This will allow us to look at what it will really look like. Shared pros and cons of an IA and how to move forward. Discussion on vote and what it would mean. The vote is 27 or 30. If it is 30 then we will present

Student senator shared her perspective that the lesser option would be better as a student. If she had a choice she would say 27. What if you don't know your passion and that is where you could find your passion.

Discussion on if the gen ed and if it is a good fit for the university. Also discussed the IA and the options that have been submitted to the committee. If we make the choice to implement 30 now. There will be time to implement the changes. If the choice is 27 will there be an ability to revisit this and add the course later. Unsure if it would be possible.

11. Crossroads Economics Center - 2024-2025-Jason Francis

Change in organization (where it is housed) shared with the faculty senate as informational.

Curriculum:

Arts & Humanities

ENGL - 3551 - Queer Literature

College of Social & Behavioral Science			
HIST - 1100 - European History to 1500	New course	Matthew Romaniello	
HIST - 1110 - European History from 1500	New course		
HIST - 1300 - Latin American History to the 1820s	New course		
HIST - 1310 - Latin American History since the 1820s	New course		
HIST - 3560 - Oral History: Connecting the Past to the Present	New course		
HIST - 3570 - Digital History	New course		
HIST - 4610 - History of Africa	Course Deletion		
History (BA)	Program Sub Change		
History Teaching (BA)	Program Sub Change		
History Teaching Minor	Program Sub Change		
Public History Minor	Program Sub	Change	

College of Science

MATH - 3040 - Applied Statistical Computing	New course	Julian Chan
MATH - 3310 - Statistical Data Mining and Text Analytics	New course	
MATH - 4075 - Time Series Data Analysis	New course	

New course Rebekah Cumpsty

MATH - 4650 - Probabilistic Deep Learning PHYS - 3120 - General Relativity

New course New course

Sebastian Fischett

As May arise:

Feedback came back on Roberts rules on the votes. Au

Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Motion at approve: Emily Sorensen Second: Mia foster

Outcome:Passed