

Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Alumni House 2:00-3:30 PM

I. Attendance:

John Aleshunas, Robin Assner-Alvey, Larry Baden, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, Mike Hulsizer, Scott Jensen, Debbie Psihountas, Gary Renz, Terri F. Reilly, Eric Rhiney, Basiyr Rodney, Joe Sencibaugh, Stephanie Schroeder, Hemla Singaravelu, Jill Stulce.

II. Minutes:

- A. Senate unanimously approved the October 6, 2016 Senate minutes with edits by A. Geraghty-Rathert upon motion made by J. Aleshunas, seconded by A. Geraghty-Rathert.
- B. Senate approval of November 3, 2016 Senate meeting was tabled.

III. President's Report and Updates from Senators:

- A. G. Renz reported that on November 10th, he met with Provost J. Schuster and Chief Financial Officer A. Karaman on details of the permanent Finance steering or advisory committee. They will work on charter for committee, including how many members and how faculty will be represented on the committee.
- B. G. Renz reported that the Senate's part-time administrative assistant position has been approved and posted online. As of the Senate meeting, 7 applications have been submitted and interviews will be scheduled after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- C. G. Renz reported that M. Hulsizer, D.J. Kaiser, and G. Renz will be Senate representatives on the ad hoc committee that meets with Information Technology unit on information technology issues. M. Hulsizer and D.J. Kaiser were on the committee last year and G. Renz will replace M. Smith this year on the committee. The ad hoc committee will meet on December 1st to discuss ongoing issues faculty members are experiencing. Currently, printing at home with university issued laptops is still an issue for many faculty members.
- D. G. Renz reported that Joe Roberts says he is not replacing Ben Brink on the Curriculum Committee. S. Jensen sent emails about who could replace Mary Cox on the Curriculum Committee to the Associate Dean of the School of Communication and department chairs. To date, he has not received any responses. This discussion will continue in the next meeting as replacements needs to be found as soon as possible.
- E. G. Renz reported that at the Faculty Assembly meeting on November 29th, Rick Gerger from Public Safety will do a presentation on Webster's crisis responses plans. Rick Rockwell from Global Marketing and Communications and Bill Lynch will give presentations as well. The Senate also decided to distribute sheets of paper where faculty attending the Assembly meeting can list the most important issues they think the Senate should address this year.
- F. Provost J. Schuster and CFO A. Karaman cannot attend the November 29th Faculty Assembly. The Senate agreed to hold a special faculty meeting on December 12, 2016 at 3:00 PM at which A. Karaman would present information on the fall enrollments and the Webster budget.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Previously, the Senate agreed that Senators should review the Faculty Priorities Initiative document created by the Senate last year and identify the most important matters to deal with first. At this meeting, G. Renz asked the Senators to review the Faculty Priorities Initiative

document prepared last year and identify the top 1 or 2 most important issues. The choices are to be emailed to G. Renz before the next Senate meeting.

- B. Full-time lecturer Paul Frazier's request to be a member of the Faculty Assembly was unanimously approved upon motion by J. Aleshunas, seconded by T. Reilly. University Handbook language approved last year states that contingent faculty members can be in the assembly up to 10% of the statused / status-track membership. "The Senate may admit a total number of contingent faculty members (adjunct, lecturer, and instructor) equivalent to ten percent of the statused/status track faculty membership." Webster University Policy Handbook, Tenth Edition, Spring 2008, Updated 25 May 2016, p. 37. Therefore, the Faculty Assembly can have 21 contingent faculty members (10% x 210 status / status-track faculty members). The Senate agreed that it needs to determine which contingent faculty members are currently in the Faculty Assembly, but all agreed there are presently fewer than 10% based on existing information. G. Renz will identify which contingent faculty members are currently members of the Faculty Assembly.
- C. The Senate agreed that G. Renz will draft updates to the University Handbook to remove inconsistent language regarding contingent faculty members in the Faculty Assembly and properly locating the language regarding contingent faculty membership in the Faculty Assembly.

V. New Business:

- A. Two Global Citizenship Program committee representatives need to be appointed to replace Baichun Feng (WSBT representative) and Scott Jensen (At-large representative) for Spring 2017. J. Aleshunas, G. Renz, and D. Psihountas will recommend a replacement for Feng and the entire Senate will decide on the at-large replacement for S. Jensen.
- B. R. Assner-Alvey and other Senators noted that faculty raised concerns about the Global Citizenship Program's (GCP) impact, particularly its impact on transfer students who find GCP requirements to be confusing and may need to take extra classes that other universities would not require (sometimes upwards of 5 extra classes are required by the GCP). As a result, some transfer students have chosen other local universities over Webster University. In addition, faculty are complaining that credits from other universities do not transfer to GCP in a logical manner, causing frustration for students and faculty. The Senators thought the current GCP was approved in 2011 and that it was to be reviewed at least every 5 years. The Senate will look for formal rules on the frequency of GCP review. However, the Senate decided to start a review of the GCP this year. A motion to review the GCP was made by G. Renz and seconded by T. Reilly. The Senate unanimously agreed. T. Reilly and R. Assner-Alvey agreed to co-chair the ad hoc task force.
- C. The Senate went into executive (closed) session at approximately 3:00 PM. The Senate ended the closed session at approximately 3:45 PM.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.