

Faculty Senate Meeting
August 27, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Cheryl Breig-Allen, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, Tori Meyer, Terri Reilly, Joseph Sencibaugh, Martha Smith, Joe Stimpfl, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Appointments

A. Faculty Senate –

Fall 1, Arts & Sciences seat, Joe Stimpfl replacing Hemla Singaravelu

A motion was made and seconded to have Joe Stimpfl replace Hemla Singaravelu for Fall 2015 on the Faculty Senate.

B. Curriculum Committee –

Need a Fall 2015 College of Arts and Sciences replacement for Robin Higgins who will be on leave

C. Faculty Representatives on Finance Committee -

Motion made and seconded to have Joe Stimpfl and Gary Renz be the faculty liaisons for AY 2015-2016.

II. Institutional Review Board Federal Certification-

Mary Preuss and Eric Goedereis presented their rationale to register Webster University's IRB with the federal government. This action will enable Webster University to receive grants for human subject's research.

Their research of how the IRB is governed at other institutions revealed that the IRB normally falls under the guidance of the Provost rather than being a Senate appointed committee. The current Webster model does not follow this practice. The membership of the committee would be revised in order to meet federal guidelines. The language in the University Handbook must also be clarified regarding the specific IRB research criteria.

The current makeup of the IRB committee would not change this academic year. Any changes in membership would take effect beginning AY 2016-2017. Nancy Hellerud and Lisa Muex-Sisson, in Academic Affairs, have been working with Mary and Eric on this issue. The change to federal certification would improve the quality of research and the research methodologies.

The Senate approves Mary and Eric moving forward to pursue federal certification.

III. Provost Schuster –

Provost Schuster attended the Senate meeting to discuss the following:

- A. Enrollment – The Provost stated that we are close to meeting the budget. Metro and military enrollments are down, but on-line enrollment is above budget. The undergraduate discount rate is lower.
- B. Contingent Faculty – the Provost and President Stroble have met with contingent faculty and are working to implement some changes suggested by these conversations.
- C. Vienna Director – the University is conducting a search for a new director of the Vienna campus. The University is continuing to pursue Austrian accreditation.
- D. IT Issues – a suggestion was made to invite Ken Freeman, CIO of Webster IT to a future Senate meeting to discuss the IT problems that faculty are experiencing.

IV. Spring Institute 2016 Date -

After a discussion, 1 April 2016 was chosen as the date for the Spring 2016 Institute.

V. Faculty Priorities Initiatives -

Gwyneth and John Aleshunas, as well as other senators, will be meeting with departments to discuss the priorities initiatives. This will also be announced and explained at the September Faculty Assembly meeting.

IV. Faculty Assembly September 8th Meeting Agenda -

Due to a shortage of time, this matter will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.