West Chester University of PA Faculty Senate 2006/2007 November 10 2006, Full Assembly Minutes

Members Present:

Tina Alessandria Robert Bedford Kathryn Chilcote Eli DeHope Cynthia Haggard Orhan Kara (proxy Huimin Li) Tanya Morgan Judith Ray (proxy Tanya Morgan) LaTonya Thames Taylor Peter Zimmer Thomas Andrews Debra Bill Walt Cressler Margaret Ervin Jane Hutton Stephen Marvin Karen Nolan Timothy Ray Brent Thompson Paul Smith (proxy is Debra Bill)

Jay Azorlosa Eleanor Brown Karen Dannessa Jonathan Friedman Lauri Lyn Hyers Jennifer Means Julian Onderdonk Bhim Sandhu Sally Winterton

Members Absent: Nadine Bean, Wei Wei Cai, Yoko Hashimoto-Sinclair, Randy McVey, Yury Polsky, Dian Williams

Minutes:

- Dr.Linda Lamwers, Provost, presented and field questions from the senate
 - Board of Governors Budget was presented by Dr. Lamwers. She noted that WCU gets their funding from *Appropriations* and *Line Items*
 - Appropriations Money recommended by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. Fiscal projects general increased need of \$40.4 million. Possible increase in tuition of 1% in for next academic year.
 - *Line Items* one time funding which comes from performance funding and other line item requests. Many categories of funding are broadly defined until funding is assured.
 - Overall budget does not include salary increases since this July all contracts for unions on campus will come due.
 - Shared management system. Dr Lamwers presented on the recent effort to try to create guidelines for academics administration is going to be streamlined so that all PASSHE schools are functioning the same. CAPC here at WCU has been involved. Also being discussed are transfer guidelines.
 - Enrollment WCU has met targets regarding new students. We have not met the numbers for graduate students. The University is trying to become more responsive particularly to graduate level students. Also more undergraduate students are graduating at a faster rate, perhaps due to the 120 credit change. WCU is also stopping the free room and board summer plan due to cost. This will have an impact on some students who need to take summer classes. This change has not yet been announced.
 - o Personnel New Issues and Structures
 - EPT (Evaluation Promotion and Tenure) committee is offering workshops
 - Linda Lamwers and Cliff Johnson are looking at Tenure and Promotion issues that would have to be passed by statewide group. Some roadblocks with how January anniversary dates are handled – particularly how this works with tracking in the new SAP system.
 - Linda Lamwers and Cliff Johnson are also looking into the Teacher/Scholar models. They are working on a joint statements and ways to provide and promote best practices.

- Approval of minutes from October 12th meeting with the revision that Babs Winicur's name has a "c" not a "k."
- Cynthia Haggard, President of Faculty Senate, shared discussion from recent meeting with Dr. Adler
 - The reported increase in campus crime that the article in the Inquirer recently mentioned was discussed. Dr. Adler is glad that more reporting is occurring. Discussion focused on safety issues.
- The position of Graduate Dean is not going to be replaced. Rather governance of graduate programs will lie with the Deans of the various colleges. Graduate coordinators are not happy with this. Past Graduate Deans have not had faculty, budgets, etc so this position has limited power and reach.
- Senators broke into committees. Reports will be obtained next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Eli DeHope, Recording Secretary.