

WCU FACULTY SENATE MEETING		Date: September 23, 2016	
		Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
		Location: FHG Library Room 613	
Facilitator:	Jim Brenner, President	Type of meeting:	Scheduled Meeting
Note Taker:	Bessie Lawton, Recording Secretary	Misc.	
Attendees:	<b>Members Present: <i>designated by an X</i></b>		
	Abdel-Salam, Sami	<i>x</i>	Lawton, Bessie Lee <i>x</i>
	Abdesaken, Gerald	<i>x</i>	Loustau, Erica <i>absent</i>
	Belak, Phyllis	<i>x</i>	Metz, Stacie <i>x</i>
	Benedict, Kristopher	<i>x</i>	Mandel, Deborah (proxy for vacated spot – Akuoko, Mathias) <i>x</i>
	Bolton, David (proxy Matthew Kuger-Ross for fall sabbatical)	<i>absent</i>	Miller, Thomas <i>absent</i>
	Bowen, Brian	<i>x</i>	Onderdonk, Julian <i>x</i>
	Brenner, Jim	<i>x</i>	Pierlott, Matthew <i>x</i>
	Brown, Eleanor	<i>Proxy Ekeoma Uzogara</i>	Saboe, Matt <i>x</i>
	Cherry, Dan	<i>x</i>	Santori, Diane <i>x</i>
	DeHope, Eli	<i>x</i>	Sanz-Sanchez, Israel (Proxy Beatrice Adera for fall sabbatical) <i>x</i>
	Forbes, Daniel	<i>x</i>	Schugar, Heather <i>x</i>
	Guerriero, Tara	<i>x</i>	Scythes, Jim <i>x</i>
	Haggard, Cynthia	<i>absent</i>	Selvaggi, Tina <i>x</i>
	Hill, Erin	<i>x</i>	Sestrick, Timothy <i>x</i>
	Kenney, Jane	<i>Proxy Dave Backer</i>	Sullivan, Rosemary <i>x</i>
	Kolasinski, Kurt	<i>x</i>	Williams, York <i>x</i>
	Kopacz, Ola	<i>x</i>	Wiest, Julie <i>x</i>
	Krulikowski, Anne	<i>x</i>	
	Adjunct Faculty Rep: Mitchell Goldfarb	<i>Proxy: Thomas Seifried</i>	Student Gov't Rep: TBA <i>--Logan Warner</i>
	Adjunct Faculty Rep: William Sawyer	<i>x</i>	ROTC representative: TBA <i>--</i>
	<i>Guests in Attendance:</i> Jay Azorlosa, Julie Tennille, Ryan Weatherford		

## AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome to Senators, Proxies, and Guests (J. Brenner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and Introductions – Special guests Logan Warner – Student rep – SGA and Jay Azorlosa</li> <li>– APSCUF Exec Committee rep</li> </ul>	
Tom Clark, Facilities Associate Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Shared what building projects are going on</li> <li>* WCU bought several properties in the last couple of years</li> <li>* Ruby Jones Façade renovation – will restore it to its old façade</li> <li>* Zagster bike rental locations – Swope and Allegheny in North campus and South campus - \$30/year</li> <li>* Completed projects: Natatorium upgrades, Hollinger Field House, Lawrence Center food pantry (benefits homeless students on campus), Farrell Stadium Track and artificial turf replacement, Contemplative studies classroom, Secure reporting room for victims of sexual assault, Anderson Hall Carillon is now digital, Sykes Student Union – entryway from K lot, Sykes open space on the second floor for collaboration, Schmucker Science Student Art Gallery, RAT cellar is the steel drum practice area and graphic arts studio, Sturzebecker HSC nutrition lab expansion, Philips Memorial building signage</li> <li>* Under construction – BPMC – aim is for an Oct. 15 turnover to facilities department (faculty will move in during winter break, classes in spring 17), sidewalks and plazas to access BPMC, Plaza on the north side of Anderson, geothermal system, Commons (plans with the borough), College Arms laundry addition, Anderson Hall renovation, South campus apartments, Lawrence Center counseling suite, Athletic locker room upgrades, Ehinger Office Annex windows, 25 University Ave basement, Wayne Hall faculty offices.</li> <li>* He asked faculty to share concerns and questions</li> </ul> <p>Q: asbestos problem in Wayne? Asbestos will be removed while the building is occupied and will be sealed. This is standard procedure.</p> <p>Q: Undergrad social work – there is no space so new faculty have nowhere to go. Enrollment increased and the physical space to contain this lags. We are about at the end of the squeeze point, with 13 new classrooms and 90 new faculty offices by spring 2017. Joe Santivasci is working on this with Tom weekly.</p> <p>Q: Plans for Old Library? Under Weisenstein, there was a proposal to renovate it as a welcome center when Anthropology and Sociology moved. That has changed because they are not moving yet, so plans are on hold.</p> <p>- PASSHE system gets \$65 M per year for capital improvements. WCU has about 11% of this - \$7 M is banked yearly. It is not given to us yearly because it's banked. The next chunk of money is going to Sturzebecker to create an athletic facility. Then Lawrence Center, then the Library (Green and Presser).</p> <p>Q: In terms of parking lots, is it possible to put a second level to the M parking lot beside Swope? Borough won't allow it because if you build a building it has to have parking in the same township, and M lot isn't.</p> <p>- Joy Fritschle, head of sustainability committee, suggested the idea for the rental bikes.</p> <p>Q: How do faculty advance an idea? Through the dean, then to the Provost</p> <p>Q: Is the Zagster bike program self-funding? University advances money to Zagster for the contract, then the money floods in from usage. He sees a lot of bikes being used.</p> <p>Q: Quaval – cuts a path between Main and Recitation, which has created congestion between classes? Cheyney University also has this and people don't walk on the grass. Most universities have areas like this to give students green space.</p>	
Dr. Craig Stevens, NCAA Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* He is the mandated faculty liaison between athletics and academics.</li> <li>* His job is to look out for athlete well-being and academic integrity.</li> <li>* WCU is Division II</li> </ul>	

Athletic Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* shared some highlights about athlete performance</li> <li>* discussed Excused absence policy for university sanctioned events</li> <li>* Priority registration – conflict avoidance registration</li> <li>* He asked if there could be a point person per department for the athletes</li> <li>* Contact Craig if faculty is having problems with coaches or athletes</li> <li>- Craig wants to work with advisers per department to handle issues such as major classes that are held during practice time. There are also student athletes who have student teaching and cannot get here in time for practice.</li> <li>- Advising Task Force is also trying to consider student-athletes' issues.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Can you clarify the Buckley amendment – Can a mentor who is a grad student email to ask faculty for another student's grades? All students signed off on Buckley amendment. Mentors should let faculty know that they have the student athlete's permission to access grades.</p>	
Faculty Senate Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Approval of faculty senate meeting minutes 4/22/16</li> <li>* Steven Marvin provided an update on the Model guidelines for the use of copyright protected materials update – after Senate review, it was sent to APSCUF, who only had minor comments added to make sure they were not disciplinary in nature. It has not passed yet, but will be presented at an APSCUF meeting, then will go to the Provost</li> <li>* Research committee statement update – we sent this out to the campus community – Israel agreed to be the Senate liaison on the Research Advisory Council. Faculty welfare group can use the research statement to advocate for an AWA for the IRB Chair person.</li> <li>* There was uncertainty about whether the Research Advisory Council is still existing.</li> <li>* Administrative Search updates: Dr. Kim Chestnut was hired as Asst. Dean of Students in mid-July (Oversees counseling, women's center), Interim VP Student Affairs – Dr. Zeb Davenport started on August 15 to replace Matt Bricketto</li> <li>* Student support services initiative – mentioned by Chris Fiorentino – Matt Pierlott and Jim B. met with him on Tuesday. He acknowledged a 20% increase in students, and a lot of student services offices have not grown. He charged Zeb Davenport to look at areas that need support.</li> <li>* Campus Climate update – spoke with Chris F. about the sexual assault emails. He took responsibility for the first email and corrected it with the second email.</li> <li>* Campus Climate survey results out – open forums on 9/26, Monday 1-2:30, 4-5:30 where results will be presented.</li> <li>* Diversity and inclusion update – Fiorentino is spending a lot of time talking to people and getting feedback.</li> </ul>	
Liaison reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presidential Cabinet liaison – Ellie Brown served for the last 2 years – new liaison is Jim Brenner – We will no longer propose agenda items but be more of an observer.</li> <li>2. LGBTQA advocacy committee - Dan Forbes – Committee wants to prioritize gender-neutral bathrooms here and in Philly. He requested Senate support for this issue. This could be a possible position statement to be forwarded to Fiorentino, Ken Witmer, and PASSHE. There are students who identify as trans, and they need restrooms to use. Title IX now includes gender harassment, specifically behaviors that are non-acceptable, such as outing a student, refusing to use their preferred pronoun, etc. Eli and Dan can draft a position statement.</li> <li>3. CCIT – Ellie Brown– no report</li> <li>4. Faculty mentoring - Julie Wiest – Committee was reorganized and by-laws were changed</li> <li>5. Sustainability advisory – Kurt Kolasinski – no report</li> <li>6. Space allocation - York Williams – no report</li> <li>7. University Forum – York Williams – no report</li> <li>8. Multicultural faculty Commission- Bessie – no report</li> <li>9. APSCUF - Cynthia Haggard – no report</li> <li>10. Council for Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Excellence - Eli – no report</li> <li>11. ADA – Matt – no report</li> <li>12. Budget review committee- Heather – The committee met once but there is nothing much to report</li> <li>13. Presidential search update – Eli – The committee completed forums on what to look for in a</li> </ol>	

	President, ads have been placed and applications are being collected. The field will be narrowed to 17-20 applicants and a series of interviews by the Search Committee in November will then create a handful of candidates. The committee hopes to have on campus interviews in late November, submitting 2 finalists to the Chancellor for consideration by the end of 2016.	
	Announcements: Move beyond civility: How to facilitate difficult dialogues in the classroom, T, 9/27, 2-4 pm, Sykes 115. Faculty Senate co-sponsor Campus climate survey results open forum sessions – M 9/26, 1-2:30 and 4-5:30 pm, Sykes Theater President and Provost Faculty open forum, T 11/22, 3:30-5, Philips Autograph library	
Committees	Committee meeting: Faculty welfare and ethics - Chair: Jim Scythes Student welfare - Chair: Communications - Chair: Kurt Kolasinski Research- Chair: Ad hoc Facilities and sustainability - Chair: Tom Miller	
Senate Exec Committee	President: Jim Brenner Vice President: Heather Schugar Recording Secretary: Bessie Lawton Corresponding Secretary: Kurt Kolasinski At-Large Members: Matthew Pierlott and Dan Forbes Immediate Past President: Eli DeHope	
	5 pm adjournment	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>		
<b>Day and Time:</b>	October 20, 3-5 pm	
<b>Topics/ Presenters:</b>	Lynn Klingensmith	