

Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, January 13, 2014  
Minutes

**Note**

Due to a weather closure, the Executive Committee was not able to meet at its scheduled time on January 6, 2014. The January Senate Agenda was unanimously agreed upon via email. The Executive Committee then met immediately prior to the Senate Meeting to hear presentations from two special guests originally scheduled for the January 6 meeting.

**Guests**

Jeff Ulliman, University Controller, discussed the WSU-ODOT Cooperative Services Agreement that involves the Salt Barn proposal. The Executive Committee feels that there is enough information to guide specific recommendations from the Senate Building & Grounds Committee.

Simone Polk, Assistant Vice President for Student Services, discussed the WSU Food Pantry and issues related to the basic needs of Wright State students:

- Wright State is the only university in the region with a food pantry for its students
- Many other universities have visited Wright State in order to learn more about the pantry and potentially open a pantry on their campuses
- Last year the food pantry received 455 client visits
- In 2013 the pantry received around \$15,000 in cash or food donations.
- 91% of the clients are full-time Wright State undergraduate students
- Faculty can assist the pantry by donating food or cash via the Wright State giving site, and/or volunteering time to help staff the pantry

**Other Business**

The Executive Committee reviewed a response from Vice President Kimberly Barrett regarding diversity issues on campus. She has identified two primary concerns: 1) A minority student success gap, and 2) a gender gap within the faculty ranks. The Executive Committee plans to ask other members of the administration to respond to questions about these issues and will then present the issues to the full Senate at the February or March meetings.