

Wright State Faculty Senate
MINUTES
October 12, 2015

I. Call to Order

Faculty President Carol Loranger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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| ✓ Alvarez-Leefmans, F. | ✓ Garber, Fred | ✓ Reo, Nicholas |
| ✓ Bashaw, Marie | ✓ Gillig, Paulette | ✓ Sabo, Carl |
| ✓ Boyd, Brian | ✓ Hamister, James | ✓ Schieltz, Bev |
| ✓ Cao, Caroline (sub) | ✓ Hertzler, Marie | Schultz, Michelle |
| ✓ Carrafiello, Susan | ✓ Kawosa, Burhan | ✓ Wooley, Dawn (sub) |
| ✓ Cowan, Allison | ✓ Kenyon, Lisa | Zhang, Will |
| Cubberley, Mark | ✓ Kleven, Gale | |
| ✓ Davis, Stephanie | ✓ Krane, Dan | ✓ Loranger, Carol |
| ✓ Doom, Travis | ✓ Loranger, Dennis | Petkie, Doug |
| ✓ Ellis, Corey | ✓ McGinley, Sarah | ✓ Hopkins, David |
| ✓ Eustace, Rosemary | ✓ McLellan, Marjorie | ✓ Sudkamp, Thomas |
| ✓ Farmer, Berkwood | ✓ Milligan, Barry (sub) | ✓ Winkler, Jonathan |
| ✓ Farrell, Ann (sub) | ✓ Mirkin, L. David | ✓ Riley, Cynthia |
| ✓ Flanagan, Erin | ✓ Pollock, Sean | ✓ Nethers, Bryan |

II. Approval of Minutes

<https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/meeting/30300#tab-minutes>

The minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved with one correction:

In the last paragraph of Item VIII Section C, change “Vice President of Research & Sponsored Programs” to “Vice President for Research”.

III. Report of the University President or Provost

Dr. Hopkins

Presidential Debate 2016

<http://www.wright.edu/event/debate>

Wright State has been chosen to host the first Presidential Debate of 2016, which will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the Nutter Center. On November 5th, a small group from

Wright State will attend a conference in Washington D.C., hosted by the Commission on Presidential Debates, to learn from other institutions that have previously hosted debates.

The debate may be a one-day event, but it needs to be much more than that. Hosting the debate will provide Wright State with the opportunity to increase and enhance civic engagement throughout Raider Country. The University is developing and requesting ideas on how to use the debate to showcase Wright State and its students, and how to engage the regional 16-county K-12 programs.

It's estimated that the cost to host a debate is between \$3-5million, it is the hope of the administration that the debate can be leveraged to bring in more than \$10million to the University. Wright State tuition & SSI money will not be used to fund the debate, and the University is currently working with the state of Ohio and private sources to secure funding to host the debate and make other debate-related enhancements such as improvements to the Nutter Center and the nearby corridor.

Personnel Announcement

Dr. Mark Polatajko, Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer, has accepted the Senior Vice President for Business & Finance position at Kent State University, but will remain at Wright State until January 2016. The administration has begun conversations with Senate leadership regarding how to proceed with the recent reorganization of the Provost's Office that split the duties between the Provost/Chief-Academic-Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.

Dr. Sudkamp

Student Success Center Grand Opening

<https://youtu.be/Hoeb2VqtfcI>

The Grand Opening of the new Student Success Center was this past Friday, October 9th. Crews from WDTN were present and captured excellent footage showcasing Senator Fred Garber's large active learning class in action. The room was abuzz with thirty tables of students engaged in multidisciplinary work, sharing ideas, and working with faculty; which is exactly what the new Student Success Center represents – a way for faculty to look at new methods to get students engaged in learning.

Personnel Announcements

Dr. Joeseeph Keferl has been named Dean-elect of the College of Education & Human Services effective October 1st.

Dr. La Pearl Winfrey, who had been serving as interim Dean, has been named Dean of the School of Professional Psychology effective immediately.

The search for the new University General Counsel has begun with Associate Provost Steven Berberich chairing the search committee. Additional details will be available as the search progresses.

Earthquake Preparedness

<http://www.wright.edu/emergency-management>

On October 15th at 10:15am, Wright State will be participating in the Shake Out Earthquake Preparedness Drill. All channels will be utilized to initiate the drill, including the indoor building notification system. Additional details are available on the Emergency Management website.

Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/affordability-efficiency>

The Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education released their report last week and it contains a number of items that will impact Wright State. Most recommendations deal with finance, purchasing, and operations but there are several that deal with academics. Fortunately Wright State has already addressed or is in the process of addressing several of the recommendations as part of the response to the Ohio Legislature's 5% Challenge:

- Textbook affordability - Faculty will be asked to submit their textbook orders by the time of registration, as required by law, in order to allow students to find the best price for their books.
- Time-to-degree component
 - Standardizing number of credit hours for degrees
 - Data-driven advising
 - Increased summer programs
 - Increased competency-based credits

IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Dr. Loranger briefed the Senate on the following items:

A. Mass Email Survey

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved a survey by the Office of Communications to be sent to the senders of mass-emails.

B. Space Allocation Survey

The Executive Committee reviewed and provided feedback regarding a new plan to conduct space allocation survey of Wright State facilities.

- The survey will be informed by a prior space allocation study.
- Prior to the survey, the colleges will be asked to report which spaces are secured / off-limits.
- FMS Personnel will conduct the survey when custodial staff access the rooms.
- Faculty will be given ample notice of the date when their spaces will be surveyed so that documents can be secured and arrangements can be made to attend.
- The Executive Committee has requested the following:
 - The survey lead to an improvement in signage
 - A means be developed for timely updates to space usage and a report back to the Senate indicating that the updates were made
 - The completed survey be made available for Faculty Senate review and comment
 - The final report include a breakdown indicating the amount of space dedicated to administrative, academic, and research functions.

C. Academic Integrity

While the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee reviews the current academic integrity policies, the Senate Executive Committee has requested that the Provost instruct the Deans of every college to fully inform students of all due process mechanisms (departmental, college, and university petitions/appeals) at the beginning of an integrity case and to ensure that it happens at the first integrity infraction.

D. Shantou University MOU & Articulation

The College of Business has asked the Senate to review a transfer articulation arranged with Shantou University in China. The Executive Committee has endorsed the agreement pending a change to two electives currently filled by what appear to be ideological-based courses.

The Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee has been asked to develop a policy governing the approval of international articulation agreements.

E. Service Unit Reviews

Last year, in response to Senate feedback regarding the Mission Driven Allocation budget proposal, the administration agreed to conduct reviews of all academic service and auxiliary units. The review process stopped over summer due to changes within the Provost's Office as well as a need to retool the process, but do not appear to have resumed. The Executive Committee has requested that the Provost's Office ensure that the reviews resume.

F. Internal Review Survey of International Programs

The Executive Committee has named Matt Rizki, Chair of Computer Science & Engineering, and Jeannette Horwitz, Director of LEAP, to participate in the Internal Review Survey of International Programs which is part of the 360-review of International Education.

G. HLC Accreditation Communication Committee

The Executive Committee has named Scott Peterson, COLA, and is working to find a second member to the HLC Accreditation Communication Committee.

H. Research Compliance and Alignment Presentation

(Robert Fyffe, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School)

Prior to the presentation, Dr. Loranger asked for a motion to accept the Research Council report that was rejected at the September Senate meeting. After discussions a motion was made, seconded, and approved to reject the question.

Dr. Fyffe then gave a presentation regarding the following areas:

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/ResearchPresentation_2015_10Oct.pdf

- Research Compliance
- Research & Research Compliance Alignment
- WSU – WSRI – WSARC Research Alignment
- Other Faculty Opportunities
- Construct for the Ohio Centric Center of Excellence & the Federal Research Network
- Recent Collaborative Projects and Contracts

After the presentation, Senators raised concerns regarding Faculty oversight / shared governance, and the lack of transparency of WSRI, RSP, and other academic-related departments and organizations under the Vice President for Research.

Dr. Loranger concluded the discussions by stating that the Executive Committee will review the presented information and consider the concerns from the floor during coming months.

V. Old Business

A. Distance Education Task Force Report

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/TDE_Report_Final_1.pdf

The recommendations were split between the actionable and non-actionable items:

A motion was made and seconded to have the administration review and follow through on the recommendations not actionable by the Senate.

(Recommendations 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to assign the Recommendations 2 & 4* to the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee.

*It was noted that recommendation 4 will be addressed in the Course Modification, Addition, and Deletion Procedures. (New Business Item A)

The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to call upon the University to create a taskforce on online accessibility charged with proposing recommendations to ensure accessibility compliance before the end of the next academic year, and to call upon the Senate Executive Committee to identify faculty members for the taskforce by the next Faculty Senate meeting. (Recommendation 11)

The motion was approved.

VI. New Business

A. Policy Modification: Course, Addition, Deletion Procedures

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/CourseAdditionandDeletionProcedure_F%2715Revision.pdf

A motion was made and seconded to move the item to Old Business at the November Senate meeting. The motion was approved.

B. New Certificate: Global Health

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/POS_new_certificate_Global_Health.pdf

A motion was made and seconded to move the item to Old Business at the November Senate meeting. The motion was approved.

C. New Certificate: Teaching Earth & Environmental

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/POS_new_certificate_Teaching_Earth_and_Environmental_Sciences.pdf

After discussions, Faculty President Loranger agreed to have the Executive Committee contact the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences to clarify the meaning of “qualified teacher” using the Graduate Certificate for Teaching Composition as a model.

A motion was and seconded to move the item to Old Business at the November Senate meeting pending the above clarification. The motion was approved.

VII. Written Committee Reports and Attendance

A. Building & Grounds (Jim Menart)

1. Classroom Remodeling

Dr. Menart informed the Senate that several Creative Arts faculty met with the architects for over two hours to discuss and give their input regarding the remodeling project.

The next building for review will be Math & Micro. Any faculty wishing to meet with the architects should contact Dr. Menart.

2. Dr. Menart informed the Senate that a private donor has approached the university with an offer to donate one-thousand cherry trees. Any faculty with ideas for potential placement and use of the trees should contact Dr. Menart.
3. Updates regarding the Campus Master Plan will be presented to the Senate at its November meeting.
4. Parking Lot 17

Dr. Menart announced that he met with Dr. Polatajko regarding previous commitments made to the Faculty to extend Lot 17 in order to meet the additional demand caused by the NEC building. Dr. Polatajko conveyed to Dr. Menart that he would work to address the issue.

Dr. Doom mentioned from the floor that the Parking Committee and Senate have previously expressed that whenever a new building is built, the additional parking capacity required to satisfy the added demand should be factored into the cost of construction and not just the parking spaces lost due to the new building footprint. Additionally these costs should not be passed on to the student's parking fee.

Dr. Garber raised a suggestion that the university investigate ending faculty-student parking segregation as a means to reduce parking pressures on campus.

B. UAPC – September Minutes

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/AP_Minutes_2015_09Sept.pdf

C. UCC – September Minutes

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/UCC_Minutes_2015_0910.v2.pdf

D. Woods Committee (Thomas Rooney)

Dr. Rooney informed the Senate that due to violations of the endangered species act, specifically involving Indiana Bat habitat areas, the university is not permitted to cut or remove trees from April to October even in cases where the tree represents a clear and present danger. In order to loosen these constraints, the university and Woods Committee will work with the U.S. Department of Fish & Wildlife to develop a 25-year Habitat Conservation Plan. The Woods Committee is working on a 5-year plan to better integrate the campus natural areas with the campus itself. Over the next 12-months the committee will create a formal system of trails similar to the Dayton Metroparks, and install pollinator gardens to benefit birds & butterflies.

VIII. Council Reports

A. Graduate Council

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/Grad_Council_Short_Report_to_Senate_2015_09_24.pdf

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

Next scheduled Faculty Senate Meeting: November 9, 2015
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