

Wright State Faculty Senate
MINUTES
September 14, 2015
(Revised)

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 | ✓ Hertzler, Marie | ✓ Schultz, Michelle |
| ✓ Carrafiello, Susan | ✓ Kawosa, Burhan | Tarpey, Thaddeus |
| 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 | ✓ Winkler, Jonathan |
| Farrell, Ann | ✓ Mirkin, L. David | ✓ Riley, Cynthia |
| ✓ Flanagan, Erin | ✓ Pollock, Sean | ✓ Nethers, Bryan |

II. Approval of Minutes

The April 27, 2015 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved as written.

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Jul/meeting/Senate_Minutes_2015_04April.pdf

III. Report of the University President or Provost

President David R. Hopkins

The Grand Opening for the Student Success Center is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015.

The Rise.Shine. Campaign is currently at \$122M raised for the future of Wright State University and to support the people of Wright State through student scholarships, endowed positions for faculty chairs, and professorships. President Hopkins completed his sixth regional launch last week in New York City and will soon travel to Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and Cincinnati.

The State Budget updates are as follows:

- The State Support for Instruction (SSI) increased to 4.5 percent the first year followed by 4.0 percent increase in year two.

- President Hopkins will attend a retreat of presidents from all four-year institutions in Ohio. They will discuss capital allocation for deferred maintenance of existing buildings at Ohio universities.

Provost Thomas Sudkamp

Fall Semester enrollment update:

- Undergraduate enrollment has increased .7%
- Graduate enrollment has increased 4.8%
- Direct from high school admits increased 3.2%
- Total new undergraduate students increased 4.1%
- International Graduate students increased 16.8%

Dr. Steve Berberich, Associate Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs will chair the 360 degree review of services to international students across campus. Policies, procedures, and support structures to assist these students will be reviewed in all areas across campus. An external group will be assembled to conduct a comprehensive review upon the completion of the internal 360 review. With the upcoming retirement of Dr. Stephen Foster, a search for leadership for the University Center for International Education will begin in November, 2015.

The Classroom Modernization prototype classrooms are now fully operational in 150 Russ and 135 Oelman; please take a moment to look at these classrooms and provide feedback. The university plans to update 112 Oelman and 101 Fawcett during the winter break and through spring semester.

The 5% Budget Bill Challenge is for each institution to identify a way in which students will have the opportunity to achieve a five percent savings in the cost of attendance. Wright State proposed to offer the following means to provide discounts for students and will submit their report to the Board of Trustees for review and then to the Chancellor's Office in October, 2015.

- Offer a summer discount program to students who complete 24-credit hours during fall and spring semester
- Ensure all programs have 120-credit hour maximum
- Require course textbooks to be listed at the beginning of registration which will allow students to find a more economical means of purchasing books
- Offer College Credit Plus courses will allow high school students within a 50-mile radius to earn six credit hours while in high school

In addition to the student savings of the Budget Bill Challenge, the Board of Trustees will review courses and programs with low enrollments and report to the Chancellor's Office by January 1, 2016. The development of an implementation strategy to incorporate work experience into

curriculum must be developed, reviewed by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the Chancellor in December 31, 2015.

Q&A:

Senator Barry Milligan applauded the state's support with the increase of budget but expressed concern with their decision to take away control of academic programs from the higher education institutions. Senator Milligan hopes President Hopkins will address the faculty's concern regarding the state's demands and requirements with the IUC and other relevant audiences.

IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met over the summer to determine how to advise the administration with their plans to reorganize the upper level administration. The Executive Committee is pleased with the administration's decision to appoint Thomas Sudkamp to Provost and Mark Polatajko to Chief Operations Officer.

Mr. Eric Rowley, presented Commencement Committee's report and recommendation to consider hosting two graduation ceremonies for fall and spring. The request comes as a result of the length of the graduation ceremony and graduates/families leaving during the middle of the ceremony. The Committee will send a Qualtrics survey out to faculty and students to determine the best measures to take in this approach. Please submit any suggestions or comments to Eric Rowley. Mr. Rowley also encouraged faculty and students to submit Honorary Degree nominations.

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/Faculty_Senate-Rowley-9_14-15.pdf

The Senate will ask the University Buildings and Grounds Committee to follow up on parking spaces that were lost during the construction of the new buildings and the Parking Resolution passed in April 15, 2013. The Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee will review unforeseen consequences due to the passing of previous policies for Graduate School Dismissal Policy and Undergraduate English Language Proficiency Policy and scores for newly admitted international students and international transfer students.

The Library of the Future Taskforce is being formed and will be charged to review the Wright State Dunbar Library services and collections with respect to faculty teaching and scholarship needs and to the student learning and research needs. https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/Libraries_Task_Force_draft-final.pdf

The GE Core Assessment Taskforce will conduct a thorough assessment of the current Wright State Core, with attention to student progress through general education and course availability. https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/GE_Core_Assessment_Committee.pdf

The Executive Committee plans address a concern that was presented to them regarding continuing education short programs offered through Wright State without faculty oversight. The EC will compose a resolution to address the concern of these courses and to ensure they offer quality education under the Wright State Brand.

The Athletics Council will revise their constitution bylaws to provide a second senator on their council. Senator David Mirkin will serve as the second representative to the council.

Introduction of student interns Arica Rohn, Senior Editor and Jonathan Dillon. Their assigned colleges are noted below:

Arica Rohn: COLA, LC, CEHS, SOPP

Jonathan Dillon: COSM, RSCOB, CONH, BSOM, CECS

V. Old Business: None to report

VI. New Business

A. Distance Education Taskforce Report (Sean Pollock)

Senator Sean Pollock reviewed the recommendations made by the Distance Education Taskforce Committee's Report and thanked them for their work. The report and Powerpoint presentation can be accessed at the links below.

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

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/TDE_Faculty_Senate_Presentation.pdf

Q&A:

Q: Faculty President Carol Loranger asked how the success rate for courses was defined: grades received at the end of the course or completion of the course.

A: The success rate was defined by students who completed the course and who received a grade of A, B, or C.

Faculty President Carol Loranger suggested faculty review the Distance Education Report.

Motion to move the Distance Education Taskforce Report to an item of Old Business.
Motion unanimously approved.

B. Wright State Assessment (Carl Brun and Renee Aitken)

Dr. Renee Aitken gave a brief overview of the WSU Assessment and the benefits of assessing courses and programs. Dr. Aitken encouraged faculty to participate in the online assessment workshops offered this fall.

Dr. Carl Brun thanked those who responded to his request for information and briefed the faculty on the content analysis of syllabi used in the core courses.

The faculty are invited to attend the Core Celebration on October 2, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Apollo Room.

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/Faculty_Senate_Assessment_8-28-15.pdf

VII. Written Committee Reports and Attendance

A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/UCC_Minutes_2015_0427April.pdf

B. Undergraduate Petitions Committee

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/UGPetitions_2014-15.pdf

C. University Buildings and Grounds (Jim Menart)

Dr. Jim Menart gave a brief presentation on the status of the classroom upgrades. Dean Sobolik suggested UBGC contact Dean Caron to coordinate the updates to the Creative Arts Center.

Dr. Menart addressed questions and concerns regarding the loss of parking spaces around the NEC. Dr. Menart noted these spaces were relocated to Lots 1A and 14 and no faculty/staff spaces were lost due to the construction of the new building though the number of parking spots in Lot 17 are still less than what was called for in an April 15, 2013 Senate resolution. Dr. Menart noted that students did lose parking spaces due to the construction. A comment was made that some students were not aware of the shuttle services available for parking at the Nutter Center Lot 20. A suggestion was made to survey the students on parking availability.

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/BG_Minutes_2015_17Apr.pdf

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/BG_RemodelPresentation_2015_09.pdf

VIII. Council Reports

A. Athletics Council

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/AC_FinalReport_2014-15.pdf

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/ac_budget_review_2015.pdf

B. Graduate Council

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/Grad_Council_Short_Report_to_Senate_2015_04_23.pdf

Q&A:

A question was raised regarding the Graduate Council's change in the M grade policy and the new advising policy 6.10 language. Senator Milligan, Graduate Council Policy

Chair (AY 2014-15) addressed the concerns to explain M grades are counted as uncompleted courses and therefore resulted in a loss of funding and is not to be given to graduate students working on thesis, dissertations or research projects. The advising policy 6.10, the word “should” was chosen as a means to guide advisors, not dictate their methods for advising graduate students.

C. Research Council

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Sep/meeting/Research_Council_Summer_2015_Senate_Report.pdf

Q&A:

The following concerns about the Research Council’s Summer Report were raised: 1) reorganization of Research and Sponsored Program’s announcement in the Dayton Daily News was not included in their summer semester report to the Senate, 2) an account for expenditures for faculty, 3) WSRI activity, 4) total research funding.

Vice President Fyffe addressed the concerns and confirmed his plans to attend the Faculty Senate Meeting in October.

A motion was made to reject the report and charge the Vice President for Research to resubmit a complete report addressing questions drafted by the Executive Committee. Motion made and seconded to reject the report and request a revised report. Motion unanimously approved.

I. Announcements

II. Adjourned 4:15

Respectfully Submitted:
Cynthia Riley

Next scheduled Faculty Senate Meeting: October 12, 2015
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