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From the Provost’s Report

Dr. Sudkamp announced that the \$300 textbook mandate will not appear in the state budget bill as proposed by the legislature. The next textbook proposal may require that universities to reduce the costs of textbooks and course materials by 10% per year for the next five years.

There was no President’s Report delivered at this meeting.

Read the full Provost’s Report here:
https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Apr/meeting/FS_ProvostReport_2017_04Apr.pdf

Executive Committee Report

The Joint EC (2016-17 and 2017-18) met with incoming President Cheryl Schrader. As a result of the meeting, Dr. Schrader asked the Faculty Senate for the top three Priority Recommendations for immediate action. The EC communicated with senators who were asked to seek faculty input, then sifted through the input for consensus and immediacy and sent her, on April 12, a detailed set of three recommendations under the headings: 1. Comprehensive enrollment management reform; 2. Administrative unit reform: (specifically regarding units that are not functioning optimally to support academics/research), and 3. Rehabilitation of institutional image.

Additional recommendations were made to the effect that budget remediation be significant enough this year so that another year’s cuts will not be necessitated. Junior faculty support for travel/scholarship needs to continue unbroken.

Dr. Schrader replied on April 13 indicating she will look into these points carefully.

Miscellaneous: The EC also met with interim President McCray to share faculty’s concerns on the impact of remediation on the academic and research missions.

They also reviewed, jointly with FBPC, the Trustees’ draft of the Financial Governance Policy, and then solicited Faculty Senate responses and provided these to Trustees.

The EC solicited Faculty Senate feedback on utility/reception of the Faculty Senate Newsletters. While generally positive, response was not strong enough to support continuance. Newsletters will discontinue at the end of this academic year. President-elect Doom has indicated that The Faculty Line will be the source of information for large news and the faculty senate website for other news.

As for the Spring Commencement Ceremony, breakfast will not be offered. The EC has requested that the Berry Room be available for faculty to meet and robe prior to ceremony as well as a continue to be a place to leave belongings.

Old Business

Constitutional Sufficiency Resolution: The Constitutional Sufficiency Resolution offered by Senator Milligan in last month’s New Business, concerning alterations to policies and procedures in the Faculty Constitution, has been adopted by a unanimous vote of the Senate. The full text of the resolution can be found here: <https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Apr/meeting/Motion-ConstitutionalSufficiency.pdf>

Quadrennial Review: The Quadrennial Review committee provided the Senate with a list of proposed changes to the

Faculty Constitution in March. Included in these changes is the reconfiguration of the Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee into the Wright State Core Oversight Committee, and the consolidation of Graduate Curriculum Committees A and B into one committee. In addition, the Executive Committee has received several proposed constitution changes since the March meeting; included in these was a proposal from Senator Rizki for the removal of the Research Council, Athletics Council, and Graduate Council sections from Article IV of the Constitution, as well as amendments to the qualifications for Faculty Presidency and Vice Presidency submitted by Faculty Vice President Doom. This change will allow tenured lecturers and senior lecturers to run for Faculty President or Vice President, provided the candidate has served at least one term as Faculty Senator and has been on the faculty for at least seven years. Work on the Faculty Constitution in accordance with these proposals will continue over the summer.

The summary of the proposed changes can be found here: <https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/QuadReviewProposals.031017.pdf>

The tracked-changes version of the Faculty Constitution can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/Constitution_QR2017.pdf

UAPC Grading System Revisions: The revisions to Policy #4010 of the Faculty Constitution regarding the grading system, proposed in the March senate meeting, have been unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate. These changes include the addition of the NR letter grade indicating No Record of the student participating in the class, and the X grade indicating that the student did not complete an enrolled course but did not withdraw. Also included were the NU and XU grades, which are equivalent to the NR and X grades respectively for P/U courses. Minor changes to the Dean’s List, Fresh Start, and Course Repeats & Replacements policy sections were also approved to accommodate for these new letter grades. The full text of the recommended changes can be found here: <https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/GradingSystem-CLEANFINAL.pdf>

UAPC Transfer Policy: A substitution has been proposed to the language used in the UAPC Transfer Credit Policy from the March Senate meeting. The substitution was adopted by the Faculty Senate. The tracked-changes version of the proposal can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Apr/meeting/WSU_Transfer_Credit_Policy_SUBSTITUTION.pdf

UAPC Multiple Degree Policy: Changes to Policy #3630 of the Faculty Constitution, Multiple Undergraduate Degrees, were presented to the Faculty Senate. The proposal will add a section to the policy (3630.35) regarding the completion of baccalaureate degree programs following that of an associate’s degree program. The proposed revised policy text can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/Multiple_Undergraduate_Degrees_FINAL_clean.pdf

UAPC Five-Year Review: The UAPC has completed and submitted its five-year review of University Policy, and sub-

mitted changes for Senate review. Among the items proposed for change was Policy #3640, Graduating With Latin Honors, in which an outdated item concerning the Latin Honors requirements for students enrolled prior to Fall 2006 was deleted. Also included in these amendments was Policy #3320, Academic Classification based On Hours Completed; the method for determining the semester credit hour equivalent of quarter-term credit hours was amended.

Given concerns over the impact these changes would have on the academic standing of native students in favor of that of transfer students, a motion was made and seconded to resubmit the proposal to the UAPC for further review. A full summary of the items reviewed can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/UAPC_Spring2017_ReviewSummary.pdf

A tracked-changes version of the amended policy items can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Mar/meeting/UAPC_5yr_Policy_Updates.pdf

New Business

Academic Policy Items: Several minor proposed language edits to policy items were introduced to the Faculty Senate in the April meeting. The items changed were the CoSM Direct Admit Policy, Undergraduate Admission Policy, Attendance and Drop Policy, and Commencement Participation Policy. Motions passed on all items individually to suspend the rules and treat all items as Old Business, whereupon all policies were unanimously approved.

Curricular Items: The following curricular items were reviewed: on Lake Campus, deactivation of the Technical Study with Food Science concentration program; creation of a Psychology BA program; and a name change of the Communication AA program to “Communication Studies.”

In RSCoB, the creation of a Management Information Systems with Business Analytics concentration program; creation of a Finance with Business Analytics concentration program; and creation of a Marketing with Business Analytics program.

In CECS, creation of an Information Technology and Cybersecurity BS program.

In CEHS, name change of the Middle Childhood Intervention Specialist BSED program to Intervention Specialist BSED.

Following a motion to suspend the rules and treat all items as Old Business as a group, all curricular items were unanimously approved.

AY 2017-2018 Senate Meeting

Following the adjournment of the April Senate meeting, the incoming Senators of the 2017-2018 academic year met briefly for an overview of the coming year. The Senate ratified the 2017-18 Senate Committee assignments and approved the Faculty Constitution Quadrennial Review.

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