

Faculty Senate Newsletter

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Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights

The October 10, 2016 meeting covered a variety of topics including UAPC Terminology, The Quadrennial Review, and LEAP Enrollment

Policy. To learn more about the issues discussed, please read below.



From the President's Report

For the President's Report, Dr. Hopkins turned the floor over to Dr. Berberich who gave a presentation on University Headcount in response to a question raised by Senator Sabo (CEHS) at the September Senate meeting. The slides from Dr. Berberich's presentation are available online at https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Oct/meeting/FS_Berberich_Headcount.pdf, and a summary of the presentation will appear in the online additional attachments section of the October Senate meeting once available. <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/senate-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/meeting/51791>

From the Provost's Report

Dr. Sudkamp opened his report by welcoming Douglas Leaman, the new Dean of the College of Science & Math. Dean Leaman comes to Wright State as the former chair of the University of Toledo Department of Biological Sciences.

<https://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2016/07/06/douglas-w-leaman-named-dean-of-the-college-of-science-and-mathematics/>

Student Success Center

A few weeks ago, the University held the dedication of the John & Shirley Berry Auditorium in the Student Success Center to recognize their gift of \$1.5million for student success initiatives at Wright State.

<https://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2016/09/29/john-and-shirley-berry-commit-1-5-million-to-student-success-initiatives-at-wright-state-university/>

The Student Success Center recently received the Outstanding Design for Common Areas Award from the American School & University Magazine, and received the Merit Award from the American Institute of Architecture Dayton Chapter for its design.

Sinclair Community College

The University recently renewed its double degree joint enrollment agreement with Sinclair Community College. Sinclair is Wright State's largest transfer partner, with over 700 transfer students per year and forty-eight departmental articulation agreements.

Accreditation Processes

While the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process is over, there are still other accreditation processes to come. In November, the Kinesiology Program will undergo its disciplinary accreditation. In the Spring, the School of Medicine's LCME accreditation will take place.

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Director of Compliance Search update

Dr. Sudkamp informed the Senate that the Board of Trustees mandated search for a Director of Compliance will conclude soon.

Executive Committee Report

EC Report to Faculty Senate

New Senators

Faculty President Loranger welcomed professors Steve Pedler and Mike Raymer as the new Faculty Senate representatives for Lake Campus and CECS, respectively. Senator Pedler will be replacing Dr. Mark Cubberley as Senator and Executive Committee member; Senator Raymer will replace Dr. Travis Doom, who was elected Faculty Vice President in September.

Quadrennial Review Committee

Assembly of the Quadrennial Review Committee is nearing completion for review and revision of the Faculty Constitution in 2017. The Committee aims to submit revisions to the Faculty Constitution for review by the end of the academic year. Among the various alterations proposed by the Committee is an interim procedure for handling Votes of Confidence / No Confidence; a draft interim procedure was moved to Old Business for the November Senate meeting to allow for due consideration.

Commencement Survey

Commencement Committee Chair Dr. Eric Rowley presented the results of a recent survey concerning the views of Wright State faculty, staff, and students on various aspects of the commencement ceremony. The survey revealed that, while the majority of those surveyed believe the ceremony to be an important part of graduation, certain improvements such as cutbacks to the length of the ceremony should be made. A full report on the survey results will be provided to the Faculty Senate and the President's Office by December.

Presidential Search Committee

Dr. Loranger announced that the Presidential Search Committee has reached its listening phase. The Community and Inclusion Working Group has reached out to Wright State faculty, staff, and students with an online survey concerning the skills and qualifications they should like to see demonstrated by a new University President. In addition to the surveys, three different public fora have been held on the matter from October 10th to the 12th: two on the Dayton campus and one on the Lake campus.

Old Business

UAPC Distance Education Terminology

Vice President Doom presented the UAPC Distance Education terminology, which includes the categories Fully Online/No Set Meet Time, Fully Online/Set Meet Times, and Mostly Online. These categories are designed so that there are specific parameters that can be used by the registrar to inform students what to expect of the courses. Senator Krane (CoSM) recommended that for Mostly Online classes, the cutoff percentage be raised from 25% face-to-face to 30% face-to-face, with agreement from Senator Gray (CoNH). However, Vice President Doom stated that 25% is by State definition and is accreditation based. Provost Sudkamp suggested adding another category that goes up to 50% to account for the other courses that do not fall into any other category. Senator Kawosa (RSCoB) requested that the UAPC come to the next meeting to explain details on the courses and to do an inventory. With a second from Senator Raymer (CECS) and a unanimous vote in favor, the senate unanimously voted to move the UAPC terminology to Old Business for the November meeting.

New Business

LEAP Enrollment Policy

Until recently, students with F-2 Visas were not permitted to take language courses. Though the law has changed, the LEAP program does not yet admit these students. LEAP has proposed a policy for these students to begin to study the English language. Although LEAP courses are non-credit-bearing and not part of any academic degree program, LEAP/English asks the policy to be approved by the senate. With no discussion and a unanimous vote in favor, the senate moved to vote on the policy at in November.

Curricular Items

Curricular items treated as new business included the addition of a the new BSB program in Marketing Entrepreneurship (RSCoB), the name change of Mass Communications to Media Studies (CoLA), and the deactivation of the Nursing Beacon program (CoNH).

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