Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee is working to iden-
tify suitable faculty members for a joint Taskforce on Accessibility in Distance Educa-
tion. This taskforce will be charged with pro-
posing recommendations that will ensure accessibility compliance.

Deadline extensions for the General Educa-
tion Assessment Committee and the Librar-
ies of the Future Taskforce were approved. The GE Assessment report deadline will be
September 2016; the Libraries Taskforce will submit its report February 2016 and
PHASE II report October 2016.

The EC will follow up on the October 2015
presentation by the Vice President for Re-
search with written questions.

Campus Master Plan

Robert Thompson, Wright State University
architect from Facilities Management and Services, introduced Krisan Osterby, practice
leader from Perkins and Will, who presented
a draft of the campus master plan high-
lighting the major findings and plans for im-
provement of Wright State’s campus. This
effort began in early March with a se-
cquence of work sessions that developed a
process of issues analysis addressing project-
ed needs of the university. Following later in
the spring into early summer was a process
of looking into details to determine which
concepts to carry forward into preliminary
planning. From late summer until now, the
department has been surveying the campus
for review and making final refinements.

The campus master plan focuses on a list of
overarching characteristics, such as having
an inclusive universal design and being wel-
coming to a wide array of students. This list
should guide decision making for the future.

Major components covered in the master
plan include physical changes and reinforce-
ments to both existing structures and future
assets on campus, such as improving aca-
demic and research buildings, enhancing
tunnel systems, heightening transportation
circulation, enriching student communi-
ty buildings (housing and recreation facili-
ties). This plan has been derived from a data
driven analysis created by working closely
with the Provost’s office to determine the
short-term, mid-term, and long-term projec-
tions for student enrollment leading to antici-
pat ed needs for the campus.

The department also focused on potential research
growth and partnerships by working with the
Vice President for Research, Robert Fyffe.

Areas around campus were measured using the matrix system Dartford to determine the
quality of the buildings. The department
found that space could be significantly en-
hanced if several aged buildings on campus
were renovated. In order to keep up with the
rising demands being placed on the State
University, the master plan proposes a roughly
four-stage development process. The goal
of this master plan is to ensure that Wright State University remains a high quality envi-
ronment for higher learning, and that it is
increasingly flexible with active learning,
both indoors and outdoors. The department of Facilities Management and Services is
requesting faculty feedback on this draft by
December 1. Click on “Campus Master Plan”
to review materials, then send comments to
facultystaffoffice@wright.edu.

Old Business
Policy Modification: Course Addition Deletion Procedures

After discussion of the revised Policy Modifi-
cation: Course Addition and Deletion Proce-
dure plan, Faculty Senate agreed to post-
pone voting on this policy until the Sep-
tember 2015 meeting. The revised policy
allows any course that has not previously
been approved for an online offering to be offered one time only as a pilot after prior
notice has been given to the appropriate
college curriculum committee and the Uni-
dergraduate Curriculum Committee. The
revision is intended to permit academic units to pilot online offerings of existing courses
while undergoing the more formal curricular review process required by academic policy.

Some Senators expressed concerns about the
language of the amendment as well as the
intent of the revisions. The Senate has
asked the Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee to review this document to ad-
dress their concerns before bringing it back
to the agenda next month.

New Business
CoLA Direct Admissions Standards

The CoLA Admissions Policy, which was
approved by the Faculty Senate in February
2015, was found to contain several elements
that need to be addressed concerning trans-
fer students and continuing students chang-
ing their majors. CoLA’s proposed revision to
the policy adds a section on transfer stu-
dents and current students. After discussion
of ambiguities in the policy language, Senate
sent it back to CoLA for further clarification.

CoHN RN-BSN Admissions Requirements

The College of Nursing and Health prop-
hosed immediate implementation of a change
to the RN-BSN program that would remove the
admissions requirement of a pharmacology
course. Students are already required to
take a pharmacology class over the course of
their study, making the requirement for ad-
mission redundant. This redundancy has led
to students choosing other universities for
this program rather than Wright State.

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