



Faculty Senate Newsletter

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From The President's Report

Community Service

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that, for the eighth consecutive year, Wright State has been honored by the President's Commission on Higher Education and Community Service for the university's support of volunteering, student community service, service learning, and civic engagement. Wright State was recognized in the areas of General Community Service, Education, and Economic Opportunity. Wright State was the only university in Ohio named With Honor & Distinction for Education. A total of 13,676 Wright State students were involved in community service or academic service-learning during the 2014-2015 school year, resulting in 1,495,561 service hours.

Dr. Hopkins extended his thanks to Craig This, Sommer Todd, and Jamie Norris for their continued work with Raidersgiving. Raidersgiving started in 2012 with the motto that "no Raider eats alone" and has grown from feeding 12 people in 2012 to over 600 people in 2016.

Budget Update

Dr. Hopkins informed the Senate that the university had projected no change in SSI payments from the State of Ohio, however the administration was recently informed that the university will receive an additional \$3.1million in SSI funding. Since 2012, Ohio public universities are no longer funded by headcount and enrollment; all SSI funding is now determined by course & degree completion.

HB48 – Concealed Weapons on Campus

Dr. Hopkins announced that Ohio House Bill 48 was passed by the State Legislature and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill, if signed, would continue to prohibit bringing concealed weapons onto university campuses, however it would allow the Board of Trustees to approve an exception to the law. Dr. Hopkins stressed that the administration does not want the Board to make an exception to allow concealed weapons on campus and urged the Faculty Senate to pass the resolution supplied by the Senate Executive Committee.

Read The Full President's Report Here:

https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/FS_PresidentReport_2016_12Dec.pdf

Provost Sudkamp was away from campus on business, and did not deliver a report.

Executive Committee Report

Summer Add/Drop Refund Dates

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed new Summer Add/Drop Refund schedule. As the new schedule makes summer consistent with the regular fall and spring terms, the committee found nothing to object to. The full text of the proposal can be found here:

https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/Summer%202016%20Withdrawal%20Date%20modification%20proposal%2028target%20201740%29_0.pdf

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House Bill 48

In light of the approval of House Bill 48 by the Ohio Senate, concerning concealed carry policies on college campuses and other facilities, the Executive Committee presented a written resolution recommending that the Trustees make no change to the university's current firearm policy. After much debate, a roll call vote was held with 31 of 32 senators present voting in favor of the resolution. The result of this vote, together with the resolution, will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their public meeting on Friday, December 16th; the full text can be found at <https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/WSUHB48Resolution.pdf>.

Votes of Confidence Procedures

As requested by the Senate in at November's meeting, the Executive Committee obtained a comprehensive list of fully- and partially-affiliated faculty in each department and college. With this new information in mind, revisions were made to the required number of signatures to petition for votes of confidence and units smaller than colleges were omitted from the procedure. The procedure was further revised to include an additional means by which a Senator can call for a general meeting of the faculty for the purpose of holding a vote of Confidence/No Confidence. A draft of the revised procedure can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/ConfidenceVoteProcedures_ECedit_12-5-16.pdf

Affiliated Entities Review Committees

Members of the Faculty have been selected by the Executive Committee to participate in the first round of administrative reviews of affiliated entities. Dr. Brian Rigling (CECS) was assigned to the committee reviewing the Wright State Applied Research Corporation; Dr. James Menart (CECS) to the Double Bowler review committee; Dr. Dan Krane (CoSM) to the committee reviewing the WSU Foundation; and Dr. Stephanie Davis (CEHS) to the Alumni Association review committee.

Research Council

In light of a motion made at November's meeting that the Executive Committee charge the Research Council to submit monthly activity and expenditure reports to the Faculty Senate, Senator Garber was tasked with drafting a charge which will be delivered to the Council chair and Faculty members by the end of the semester.

Old Business

Vote of Confidences Procedures

The Senate opened the floor for discussion on the Votes of Confidence procedures. Senator McClellan requested that the language be changed from "college/school" to "college/comparable body" in section 2A of the document in order to avoid confusion, given that CoLA has two department-level units called "Schools" and the university has two college-level units also called "Schools." The Senate unanimously moved to accept this friendly amendment and to

pass the procedure. A revised copy of the resolution can be found at: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/ConfidenceVoteProcedures_ECedit_12-5-16.pdf

Curricular Deactivations

The Senate unanimously approved the deactivation of the Life Science Education BS (CoSM), the Biology Education BA (CoSM), and the Public and Social Service Transport Certificate (CoLA) with no discussion.

Faculty Line

The nomination period for Faculty Senate President and Vice President will begin January 9th and close February 20th. The nomination period for Faculty Senators will begin February 6th and close February 20th. A complete election schedule is available on the Faculty Senate website: <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/faculty-membership-senate-elections>

New Business

Approval of Fall Graduation List 2016

The Senate unanimously approved the list of graduates with no discussion.

Credit Hour Policy

Following a brief presentation by UAPC co-chair Dr. Geoffrey Owen in regards to the specifics of the policy, the Senate opened the floor to discussion. HLC requires a clear definition of the term "credit hour," specifying contact hours and time spent outside the classroom by students hours for all delivery modes. Senator Gray asked for clarification in regards to nursing students completing field work, and Dr. Owen confirmed that there will be accommodations for those students. After a motion by Senator Rooney, the Senate unanimously voted to move the policy to Old Business. https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2016/Dec/meeting/UAPC_Credit_Hour_Policy.pdf

Curricular Items

The Senate unanimously consented to treat the following curricular items as Old Business, in order to move them forward to the next Trustees Committee Day. Each item was voted on individually, and the Senate unanimously voted to approve of all new programs with no discussion. The programs included MKT Entrepreneurship Minor (RSCOB), ECE Early Childhood Education Generalist/Endorsement (CEHS), and Neuroscience BS (COSM).

The Faculty Senate Wishes Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

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