

Wright State Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
MINUTES
October 05, 2015

I. Call to Order

Dr. Loranger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September Executive Committee and Faculty Senate meetings were approved.

III. Guests

- A. 2016 Presidential Debate (Dr. Robert Sweeney, Executive Vice President for Planning)
<http://www.wright.edu/event/debate>

Dr. Sweeney briefed the committee on the following details regarding the Presidential Debate to be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at the Nutter Center:

- There will be between 700 and 1100 total seats setup for the debate with a majority being split between the political parties and the Commission on Presidential Debates. Wright State will be allotted around 100 – 200 tickets with a chance to gain more if the parties and commission have extra.
- The administration is looking for ways to incorporate faculty involvement and to engage students from Wright State and the K-12 students of Raider Country.
- No Wright State tuition or SSI money will be used to finance the debate. The University plans to use a mix of state and private funds and hopes to leverage enough in order to incorporate improvements to the Nutter Center and Col Glenn corridor.

B. Woods Committee Update (Dr. Tom Rooney)

Dr. Rooney informed the Senate that due to violations of the endangered species act, specifically involving Indiana Bat habitat areas, the university is not permitted to cut or remove trees from April to October even in cases where the tree represents a clear and present danger. In order to loosen these constraints, the university and Woods Committee will work with the U.S. Department of Fish & Wildlife to develop a 25-year Habitat Conservation Plan. The Woods Committee is working on a 5-year plan to better integrate the campus natural areas with the campus itself. Over the next 12-months the committee will create a formal system of trails similar to the Dayton Metroparks, and install pollinator gardens to benefit birds & butterflies.

Senator Garber recommended that the new/updated trails be brought into ADA compliance. Dr. Garber also recommended that the committee think of ways to include other colleges not typically associated with the Woods as an academic space, and gave the example of having Computer Engineering students develop a smartphone-guided audio-visual tour.

IV. Space Allocation Review

The Committee reviewed a proposed plan by the administration to conduct a space allocation survey of WSU facilities:

- The survey will be informed by a prior space allocation study.
- Prior to the survey, the colleges will be asked to report which spaces are secured / off-limits.
- FMS Personnel will conduct the survey when custodial staff access the rooms.
- Faculty will be given ample notice of the date when their spaces will be surveyed so that documents can be secured and arrangements can be made to attend.
- The Executive Committee has requested the following:
 - Clarification regarding ownership criteria, and the difference between designation & category for purposes of the survey; and request the ability to comment on designations
 - The survey lead to an improvement in signage
 - A means be developed for timely updates to space usage and a report back to the Senate indicating that the updates were made
 - The completed survey be made available for Faculty Senate review and comment
 - The final report include a breakdown indicating the amount of space dedicated to administrative, academic, and research functions.

V. Earthquake Preparedness

It was announced that an Earthquake preparedness drill would take place at 10:15am on October 15, 2015.

VI. Master Plan Draft

<http://www.wright.edu/business-and-finance/facilities-management-and-services/planning-and-architecture/2015-master-plan-draft>

The committee was informed of updates to the Master Plan Draft website. Members commented that the growth forecasts are overly optimistic, and that they would like to know the process for items to be removed/added from the Master Plan.

VII. Senate Newsletters

A. Request to add an "Additional College Announcements" section

Senators are requested to submit special event dates and other announcements to their respective intern prior to the Faculty Senate meetings.

VIII. HLC Visit Committee

Dr. Loranger announced that two faculty are needed for the HLC Visit Committee and that she has named Scott Peterson, Communications, as one of the members. The other member is still to be determined.

IX. Academic Policy Recommendations (UAPC)

A. Recommendation to the EC: Shantou University Articulation & MOU

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/BUS_Finance_B_SB_FinancialMgmt_14113_Combined.pdf

The committee reviewed a set of MOU & articulation agreements between Wright State RSCoB and Shantou University in China. In absence of a policy dealing with international articulation, the committee has agreed that the "Senate will not stand in the way of the Shantou Agreement providing it is revised to omit or replace the two courses listed as general electives which are appear to be not academic, but indoctrination, courses".

B. Recommendation to the EC: Academic Integrity

After discussions the committee agreed to act upon a request from UAPC to ask the Provost to instruct the Deans of each college to fully inform students of all due process mechanisms including departmental, college, and university petition and appeal procedures.

X. Ad-Hoc Committee Roster Updates

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/2015-16_AdHocRosters.pdf

XI. Faculty Senate Agenda Items

The following Faculty Senate agenda items were approved:

A. Presentations

1. Master Plan
2. Research Council

B. Old Business

1. Distance Education Taskforce Report
https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Aug/meeting/TDE_Report_Final_1.pdf

C. New Business

1. Policy Modification: Course, Addition, Deletion Procedures
https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/CourseAdditionandDeletionProcedure_F%2715Revision.pdf
2. New Certificate: Global Health
https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/POS_new_certificate_Global_Health.pdf
3. New Certificate: Teaching Earth & Environmental
https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/POS_new_certificate_Teaching_Earth_and_Environmental_Sciences.pdf

D. Committee Reports

1. UAPC – September Minutes
https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/AP_Minutes_2015_09Sept.pdf

2. UCC – September Minutes

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/UCC_Minutes_2015_0910.v2.pdf

E. Council Reports

1. Graduate Council

https://www.wright.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/2015/Oct/meeting/Grad_Council_Short_Report_to_Senate_2015_09_24.pdf

XII. Announcements

Nutter Center 25th Anniversary Celebration
December 2, 2015, 4:00-7:00pm

- XIII. Dr. Loranger adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Next scheduled Faculty Senate Meeting: October 12, 2015
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