

## Winthrop University Faculty Conference

2 December, 2011

2:00 pm Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center

### MINUTES

A quorum was not reached, but at 97 members present, we had >20% in attendance. A motion to do business was unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting began at 2:07pm.

#### Agenda

- I. Approval of minutes for October 7, 2011 Faculty Conference.
  - Minutes approved as submitted by unanimous voice vote.
- II. Report from the Chair Cliff Calloway
  - Minutes from the 7 October Faculty Conference are posted on website.
  - Faculty Conference's Statement on Academic Freedom was accepted by Administration.
  - No questions from the floor.
- III. Report from the President, Anthony DiGiorgio
  - Announced the Pottery Sale held by the Fine Arts department.
  - Offered a reminder for the Faculty/Staff Holiday reception.
  - Regarding December Commencements: we will graduate 127 graduate students and 350 undergraduate students.
  - Thoughts on "Emerging Context"—
    - The President spoke on local and state wide fiscal issues. He has posted specific information on the "Money Matters" tab at the Presidents' website.
    - The President also noted the following areas of interest: producing graduates, access and affordability, economic development and job placement and accountability and transparency
  - No questions or concerns were raised by the faculty to the President.
- IV. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Debra Boyd
  - Discussion about the forms of reporting faculty required to do.
    - Course Attendance reporting is required for federal student loans (Dr. Boyd mentioned at the previous meeting). Reporting will happen earlier next semester. Faculty will receive an email prompt.
    - There was confusion expressed regarding course attendance reporting and "Last Day Attended" issues. Both must be recorded. Dr. Boyd expressed thanks for reporting mid-semester grades.
  - Dr. Boyd spoke on the diversity of the faculty. She mentioned the September issue of Chronicle of Higher Education devoted to diversity. WU was listed as having 13% of the faculty who identify themselves as belonging to a group which may be considered a racial minority. Clemson, MUSC, HBUCs have higher diversity rates. Dr. Boyd noted that we are mindful of efforts to increase diversity within the faculty.

- Thoughts of reliance on part time faculty—Dr. Boyd noted that WU is “average” compared to peer-institutions in the state in courses taught by part time faculty. The state wide range is 43%-14% part time faculty. Winthrop is 30%. (Coastal 33%, CoC 30%) WU is 282 full-time FTE, 120.9 part-time FTE.
- No questions or concerns were raised by the faculty to the Vice President.
- Commencements. Please attend! Dr. Boyd encouraged faculty to reflect on the profound effect faculty have on student’s lives and learning.
- Dr. Boyd concluded with well wishes for productive exam weeks and happy holidays.

V. Reports

- Academic Council—Dr. Will Kiblinger
  - A written report was included with the agenda and posted online.
  - One item was presented requiring action by Faculty Conference.

Action	Degree	Major	Conc.	College	Department	Action
Drop Program	BS	NUTR	NUSC	ASC	Human Nutrition	Approved unanimously by voice vote

- Records & Registration—regarding cultural events credits for transfer students.
  - Question from the floor: Retroactive to current transfer students? Answer: Yes
  - Question from the floor: Requirement for current students, depending on credits? Answer: Always 18.
  - Cultural event credit for transfer students approved by voice vote.
- General Ed courses approved
  - CUC approved course changes, will be posted on the Academic Affairs website.
- Library—Dr. Melissa Carsten
  - Library’s textbook reserve was found to be a success and will continue.
  - Major changes: Archives have moved to old Book Worm building on Cherry Rd, opening has been delayed. Will likely open next semester.
  - Changes in May: construction, study rooms, technology, 24 hour access via WU student id. Construction will be May-August, will remain open to students.
  - Two new programs are in the works: ebrary and demand driven acquisitions. Students can check out laptops and ipads.
  - Question from the floor: With changes, will any books be decommissioned and how could those books be sought? Answer: No word yet on decommissioning books.
- University Priorities—Dr. Bill Rogers
  - Dr. Rogers is travelling. Dr. Calloway, having sat in on the meeting, would answer questions.
  - Additional materials and report of activities of the Faculty Committee on University Priorities (FCUP) submitted with the minutes and posted online.
  - Brief update on salary study—an update will follow in January. Economic development between WU and the town of Rock Hill was briefly noted.
  - No questions or concerns were raised by the faculty to the Dr. Calloway.

VI. Unfinished Business

- None

VII. New Business

- None

VIII. Announcements

- From the Registrar, Gina Jones
  - Reminded faculty of deadline to submit grades: Graduate grades, 12/14 3pm Undergraduates 12/15 9am, all grades 12/16 at 5pm.
  - While entering grades: mortar board & tassel icon next to a student's name indicates the student is graduating this semester.
  - New feature in wingspan—for grades F, U or IF, will need last date of attendance.
  - Question from the floor: Grading report, S or U instead of SU. Answer: It's a Banner thing. Not programmed in Banner.
  - Question from the floor: do students have access to grades as soon as they are posted? Answer: Yes and No. It is not instantaneous. Grades are rolled throughout exam week to ensure grades are updated and entered prior to graduation.

VIII. Other Announcements

- Dr. Marsha Bollinger as a representative of a group who needs a designated indoor place for quiet reflection and meditation.
  - Asked for show of hands of people who would use it or might use it.
  - Asked for advice from the floor for what that space look like or include. Answers: Flexible space, window covering, floor covering.

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

Faculty Conference Membership (326) 35% = 114 20% = 65

Respectfully submitted,

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