Western Oregon University  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 10th, 2013

I) Call to Order: 3:37 pm

II) Call of roll (by circulation of sign-in sheet)  
In Attendance: Stephanie Hoover, Keven Malkewitz, Jennifer Yang, Scot Morse, Michael Freeman, Michael Phillips, Michael Baltzley, Erin Baumgartner (for Breeann Flesch), Rahim Kazerouni, Kristin Latham, Terry Gingerich, David Doellinger, Scott Tighe, Mark Van Steeter, Doris Cancel-Tirado, Bob Hautala, Edwin Cancel, Mickey Pardew, Adele Schepige (for Rachel Harrington), Tracy Smiles, Dana Ulveland, Stewart Baker

III) Correction to and approval of minutes:  
  a) Corrections made to draft minutes on website  
  b) Approved

IV) Institutional Reports:  
  a) Thaddeus Shannon, Faculty Senate President  
     i) Paper curriculum change forms are making way through the process and should be posted by end of the week on the faculty senate website. Curriculum committee will meet next week. Items to make it into the catalog should be submitted by now, but minor changes may make it if submitted by February.

  b) Mark Weiss, University President.  
     i.) State Board of Higher Education Meeting- the ten-year fiscal plan was well-received.  
     ii.) This week Friday, will present the TRU school perspective to the legislature emphasizing that each school desires autonomy and affiliate campus model is least desired by all.  
     iii.) Growth projections in our fiscal plan of 2% early and 1.5% and 1% later seem reasonable with 40-40-20 goals.  
     iv.) Ultimate decision making rests with the Governor’s office and no controversial legislation (including University governance) is anticipated for February.

  c) Stephen Scheck, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
     i.) Thank you for flexibility during inclement weather  
     ii.) Reiteration that growth projections made by President Weiss seem very reasonable, but with ongoing budget challenges it is important to look at best practices for efficiency and creative programming using data.  
     iii.) Provost council is preparing for handling oversight to HECC, which intends to keep OUS policies and practices, proposal materials moving through pipeline while OUS still exists is recommended.  
     iv.) HECC-related commentary re: State needs include funding premiums, credit for prior learning, and development of degree completion programs.  
     v.) Reminder that Preview Days are scheduled for Jan 25 and Feb 22.  
     vi.) OUS workshop for recruiting and retaining minority faculty January 31. Contact VPAA office if interested.
vii.) Certificate program review process- ARC will be bringing as an item of new business next meeting.

d) Travis Meuwissen, ASWOU President
   i.) OSA to do lobby day on February 11th. Please try to work with ASWOU students to let them speak on behalf of the lobby day in your classes.
   ii.) We will be speaking to legislators about tuition prices
   iii.) We have one open position in IFC, let him know if you know of any student that would be good with IFC.

V) Old Business
   No old Business

V) New Business

   a) New program: AB Degree in Economics (John Leadly).
      i.) Opportunity for students with AAS degree, would include calculus as a required option and Math 111 as requirement with more proscribed upper division coursework.
      ii.) From 56 credits in major to 60 credits in AB, but major is planned for revision in future.
      iii.) Since this will come for vote prior to Division meetings in LAS, confer with your Divisions via email.

VII) Announcements:
   a) MLK event week (www.wou.edu/MLK), includes student essay competition, annual dinner on Wednesday from 6-8 pm, and poverty simulation event. Volunteers are need to staff simulation and faculty can nominate outstanding students to attend the dinner.

VIII) Adjourned 4:35 pm