

CFR Minutes
15 February 2019
9:30 – 11:30 am in VUB 303

Present: Mike Berger, Nicole Campbell, Michael Dunn, Susan Finley, Dene Grigar, Ed Hagen, George Newman, Stephen Solovitz, Sara Waters

Absent: Michael Curry, Bala Krishnamoorthy, Pam Stover

I. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes dated 18 January 2019, tabled from 1 February, passed with minor revisions
- B. Minutes dated 1 February 2019, passed with minor revisions

II. Brief Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

A. Campus Council (MB)

The Campus Council discussed the measles epidemic. CFR learned that WSUV will implement a process developed by Clark County Public Health for handling the crisis on our campus. CFR discussed what constitutes proof of immunity.

The committee also talked about the anomalies in the scheduling template. Campus leadership is trying to address this.

B. Faculty Senate and Steering (SF)

In regard to the question about the status of health insurance benefits for faculty, CFR learned that a task force will be organized to study the issue.

It was announced that nominations for Senate Chair are open.

CFR learned that WSU Pullman was looking into bridge financing to build to a \$10 million baseball clubhouse (See http://dnews.com/sports/wsuv-presents-plans-for-new-baseball-clubhouse/article_fd035f92-2036-5b8e-a117-ed8ef6e62526.html). This plan to borrow a reported \$3.5 million runs counter to the promise that the Athletics Department will work to eliminate its debt. Faculty may want to voice concerns to the Chancellor about this issue and the way new debt may affect the WSUV campus and the System.

C. Research Advisory Council (EH)

It was reported that there is a new Instagram account, “WSUV_Research.” We also learned that plans for Research Showcase and Faculty Flash Talks are ongoing. One of the goals for the Research Advisory Council is to increase research and support for graduate students. The committee also plans to solicit input from faculty about how we want to see research improved on our campus.

D. Strategic Plan Reporting and Coordinating Council (SW)

The new name for the Strategic Plan Reporting and Coordinating Council is the “Strategic Plan Update Committee.” The committee is meeting weekly to evaluate progress relating to the five strategic goals. It plans to generate a revised document that will go to the Chancellor and other campus committees. It will also be posted online for faculty. The committee will report back, get feedback, and produce final report. The members of the committee include:

- Renny Christopher (Chair)
- Brenda Alling
- Max Ault
- June Canty
- Jane Cote
- Elias Cohen
- Obie Ford
- Sharon Kruse
- Jennifer Miltenberger
- Christine Portfors
- Laurel Rea
- Lynn Valenter
- Sara Waters
- Nancy Youlden

III. Announcements

A. Changes to CFR guest speaker were announced.

- i. Chancellor Mel Netzhammer’s visit has been scheduled for 1 March (10:30 – 11:30 am).
- ii. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships Max Ault’s visit is scheduled for 19 April from 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- iii. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Renny Christopher’s visit has been changed to 3 May (10:30 – 11:30 am).

CFR learned that ASWSUV did not respond to its invitation. It was suggested that CFR schedule the Campus Director of Equity and Diversity Obie Ford for a visit. Berger said he will look to see if he can organize the schedule so that CFR can meet with Dr. Christopher earlier in the semester in order to discuss graduate education. It was recommended that CFR also talk to the Chancellor about this issue during his visit.

B. AVCAA Search Update

The committee met and reviewed applications. 30 candidates were identified; six are scheduled for phone interviews. Out of these three or so will be invited to on-campus interviews after Spring Break. The finalist will begin their position so that they can work with June Canty before she retires.

A brief discussion about syllabus requirements raised at the Academic Affairs Committee ensued.

IV. Resolution of Business

- A. CFR suggested Brenda Grell (CMDCC) or Kimber Saville (Psychology) for the Commencement Committee
- B. CFR members asked who was selected as faculty representative for the Provost Search Committee

V. New Business

A. Berger requested a faculty nomination for Vancouver representative on Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee. Alair MacLean (Sociology), Harrison Higgs (Fine Arts), Paul Thiers (Political Science), and John Bishop (Biological Sciences) were suggested.

B. CFR discussed the agenda items for Chancellor Netzhammer's visit on 1 March. They include:

- How "system-ness" is progressing and his perspective on it
- The Provost Search
- Masters programs and graduate education
- The budget, particularly the loan for the baseball clubhouse. In respect to the budget freeze WSUV has been experiencing for the last year due to the \$48 million debt incurred, CFR wants to clarify the terminology: What is the correct term for what we are doing?
- The new financial software
- Residential housing
- The new strategic plan
- The medical school and its impact on us

C. It was recommended that CFR include Constituents' Concerns to the agenda

D. A discussion arose about the spam CAS faculty received from their Dean

VI. Old Business

A. CFR will continue its discussion about doctoral education, moving to next steps. We will produce a report for the Chancellor once our work is completed. We reiterated that we found no formal barriers but recognized that there are numerous informal ones. Units may be asked to review by-laws since some of them are outdated. We need the Provost's Office to advocate that courses should be delivered in order to better accommodate students. CFR also pointed out that courses taught via AMS should be taught system-wide

VII. Adjourned 11:25

Respectfully submitted,
Dene Grigar, CFR Recorder

2018-19 Meeting Schedule:

Fall 2018 (Fridays, 9:30 -11:30)

- ~~7 September~~
- ~~21 September (10:00 – 12:00 w/ Faculty Senate Chair 11-12)~~
- ~~5 October (Renny 10:30 – 11:30)~~
- ~~19 October~~
- ~~2 November (Mel 10:30 – 11:30)~~
- ~~16 November (Renny 10:30 – 11:30)~~
- ~~7 December (FA meeting)~~

Spring 2019 (Fridays, 9:30 -11:30)

- ~~18 January~~
- ~~1 February (Renny 10:30 – 11:30)~~
- 15 February
- 1 March (Mel Netzhammer 10:30 - 11:30)
- 22 March (FA meeting)
- 5 April (Max Ault 10:30 – 11:30)
- 19 April
- 3 May (Renny Christopher) 10:30 – 11:30)