

CFR Minutes
5 April 2019
9:30 – 11:30 am in VUB 303

Present: Michael Berger, Michael Curry, Michael Dunn, Dene Grigar, Susan Finley, Nicole Campbell, Ed Hagen, George Newman, Steve Solovitz, Bala Krishnamoorthy, Pam Stover, Sarah Waters

I. Reading and approval of Minutes

- A. 1 March 2019 meeting (see *CFR-minutes_3-1-19_draft*). Passed with minor revisions
- B. 22 March 2019 meeting. Passed with minor revisions

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

- A. Campus Council (Michael Berger)

There was a meeting about the budget, but there was nothing new to report.

- B. Faculty Senate and Steering (Susan Finley)

- Steve Bollens reported that the budget-related bills are good for WSU. Other good news includes that a WSU faculty member will be appointed as a voting member on the WSU Board of Trustees.
- A final draft of the changes to faculty titles and tracks as well as changes to the Faculty Manual reflecting these changes have been presented. CFR discussed its impact on faculty and why this new system was generated in the first place. We were told that there is still time to stop this effort by sending comments and feedback to the Faculty Senate.
- EP29: Executive Policy 29 (see <https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/index/manuals/executive-policy-manual-contents/ep29-policies-responsibilities-authorities-operation-multi-campus-academic-programs/>). CFR was apprised of changes to “Policies, Responsibilities, and Authorities for the Operation of Multi-Campus Academic Programs.”

- C. Research Advisory Council (Ed Hagen)

- No updates were reported.

- D. Strategic Plan Reporting and Coordinating Council (Sara Waters)

- CFR was reminded that the Campus Conversation scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 focuses on this topic.

- E. CFR Elections (Nicole Campbell)

Timeline:

- Nominations are due by Wednesday, April 24
- The voting period will take place from April 29-May 5

Positions open include Business, CAS Humanities, CAS at large, Education, Nursing, ENCS, and Senator

III. Announcements

- A. CSEJ will visit CFR from 10:00 – 10:30 am on Friday, April 19 to discuss hiring practices to promote diversity and equity
- B. Mel Netzhhammer and Renny Christopher will visit CFR on Friday, May 3 to discuss role of Deans on the Vancouver campus
- C. There is a Town Hall focusing on the topic of research infrastructure and support scheduled on Thursday, April 25, from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in VUB 311 (See <https://facsen.wsu.edu/research-infrastructure-town-hall/>)
- D. The search for the Academic Vice President of Academic Affairs resulted in a failed search. Dr. Renny Christopher will select an interim AVPAA until a search can be started again with broadened criteria.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Doctoral education charge wrap-up and final report

Michael Berger reported that CFR needs to create a roadmap for this year-long project and that the final report produced will be aimed at our administration, the Dean of the Graduate school, and the Provost.

- Finley suggested that CFR should point out the barriers and suggest some general solutions. She also suggested we re-circulate the ExCel spreadsheet that we produced for further feedback
- Curry suggested we rank order the list
- Berger said we should organize the spreadsheet and qualify steep and narrow barrier
- Krishnamoorthy suggested Pullman may be able to help with identifying funding programs
- Hagen suggested a statement of recognition of WSUV's role in R1 education
- Solovitz said CFR should tighten up the categories on the spreadsheet

It was also suggested that we start with qualitative examples of success and then move to the barriers. These examples need to be scaled up so that we can continue to grow doctoral education.

Hagen has been collecting the data from Elias Cohen about AMS (video-based education/remote delivery). He is almost ready to analyze it and get the information to us. The question is how to use and interpret that data for our report. We want to have recommendations.

Berger will take the lead in drafting and circulating the document. Finley suggested that we have it ready for the fall. This gives us time to write the report and get suggestions from faculty on our campus.

V. New Business

A. Structure for Faculty Senate Vancouver campus Senator rotation in Senate Steering and CFR

While there are rules for how elections are handled, CFR manages how we handle our representatives locally. Currently WSUV has three Faculty Senate Senators. One of these representatives—who also sits on the Steering Committee and CFR—receives a \$1250 stipend for this additional work. We all agreed that it is important to keep the three roles together. The other two representatives only sit on the Faculty Senate. Berger reminded CFR that there are two Tenure-Track at large—currently Susan and Renee Magnan—and one non Tenure Track at Large—John Barber.

Finley made the motion that CFR keep the Faculty Senate position that also sits on the Steering Committee and CFR as is and that whoever runs for that position has those responsibilities. The motion passed.

VI. Constituents concerns

- A. Concern was raised that there may be a potential loss of academic freedom in Washington State from changes in NWCCU policies (see *NWCCU standards as of March 2019* and *NWCCU Standards-for-Accreditation-2020-v6*).

VII. Adjourn

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~~
- 19 April (Max Ault 10:30 – 11:30)
- 3 May (Mel Netzhammer & Renny Christopher) 10:30 – 11:30)