

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, September 6, 2019

Meeting Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Present: Michael Berger, Caitlin Bletscher, Nicole Campbell, Alex Dimitrov, Dene Grigar, Ed Hagen, Bala Krishnamoorthy, Kristin Lesseig, Sam Lohmann, George Newman, Alberto Sa Vinhas, Stephen Solovitz, Pam Stover

Welcome and introductions

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- * Campus Council: Campbell reported on the recent retreat, which included discussion of budget, enrollment, and the academic program. The budget has improved, but there are still challenges in the system due to reduction in central reserves. The first official council meeting will be next week.
- * Academic Program Plan Committee: Campbell introduced this new committee, which will update the academic program to target enrollment. Thabiti Lewis chairs a small group, of which Campbell is a member. The committee is expected to grow in size later.
- * Faculty Senate and Steering: The first meeting will be next week.
- * Research Advisory Council: There have been no meetings yet.

Announcements

- * CFR will meet with President Schultz on Wednesday, November 13th, from 9 to 10 a.m. in VDEN 236.
- * CFR will meet with Greg Crouch (Faculty Senate Chair) and Craig Parks (Vice Provost) on Friday, November 15th.
- * Faculty nominations are requested for WSU Vancouver representation on the Academic Integrity Hearing Board. Three to five members are sought, and several faculty are being considered.
- * Faculty nomination is requested for the Student Success Council. Gunjan Gakhar has been contacted for this role.

Old Business

- * Doctoral education charge: Berger reported on the status of the final wrap-up and report. Barriers and challenges have been tabulated already, and a draft is intended prior to the meeting with the Provost in November. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

- * CFR Bylaws update: Existing bylaws were last officially updated in 2013. Previous updates were made in 2016 but not finalized or approved by the faculty. Campbell is compiling material to complete the update, which will consider the Senate bylaws as a template. Assistance from CFR will be requested for this process later.

New Business

- * Appointment of a Recorder: Solovitz will serve as recorder.
- * Sales Certificate: Sa Vinhas discussed this proposal from Business, intended to provide flexibility for students. CFR approved sending this to the next stage of the process.
- * Process(es) for NTT conversions to career tracks: CAS has begun discussion of the implementation of the new career track roles of Scholarly, Clinical, and Teaching, which was approved by the Senate last spring. Other departments are recommended to discuss the changes and potential effects.
- * Suggestion about professional leave for career track faculty: Berger proposed consideration of professional leave for career track faculty, which is not currently offered. Some local programs have a form (U. Oregon, PSU, UC system), while others do not (UW, WWU). This may be an issue for the Senate, so it may be raised with Greg Crouch in future discussions.
- * Agenda items for Renny Christopher visit: Proposed topics include F&A fees, current hiring and budget, career track roles and implementation, and syllabus materials.

Constituent Concerns

- * Dimitrov stated that instructors are unhappy with compensation.

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Stephen Solovitz on September 10, 2019.