

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, October 4, 2019

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

Present: Mike Berger, Caitlin Bletscher, Nicole Campbell, Alex Dimitrov, Ed Hagen, Bala Krishnamoorthy, Kristin Lesseig, Sam Lohmann, George Newman, Michael Rabby (visiting for Dene Grigar), Alberto Sa Vinhas, Stephen Solovitz

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- * Minutes from September 20, 2019, were approved as written.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- * Campus Council: There were no meetings yet. The first meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019.
- * Academic Program Plan Committee: There were no meetings yet. The first meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019.
- * Faculty Senate and Steering: Dimitrov reported that the President spoke in regard to the provost transition, announcing a new search to be co-chaired by an administrator and a faculty member. The Senate Chair, Greg Crouch, requests participation in the system-wide visioning conference on October 28th. Dimitrov discussed the process for curriculum change with Crouch, noting the inconsistencies between campus and Senate processes.
- * Research Advisory Council: There have been no meetings yet.

Announcements

- * Faculty nomination for the WSU Vancouver Bias Response Team: This relatively new team currently has no faculty participants. The team is designed to respond to campus issues related to bias, serve as liaisons when issues arise, and develop best practices for response.
- * Faculty nomination for the Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence Committee: A faculty representative is needed to replace a member who has completed their term.
- * Faculty nomination for the Student Tech Fee Committee: A faculty representative is needed to replace a member who has completed their term. Committee duties are primarily in spring, when requests are made to use these fees.

Resolution of Business

- * CFR acknowledges the efforts of George Newman for serving on the Faculty Senate Catalog Committee.

- * Proposal to extend the Water Resources Sciences & Management Certificate to Vancouver: Berger discussed this proposal to extend an existing certificate in Pullman to the Vancouver campus. Vancouver has sufficient course offerings to support. CFR approved of this proposal proceeding.
- * Proposal to create a Social Media Certificate in Vancouver: Rabby discussed this proposal, which would add a certificate focused on social media to the Vancouver campus. The required and elective courses exist here already. CFR approved of this proposal proceeding.

New Business — Guest

- * Chancellor Mel Netzhammer: Discussion topics included:
 - Budget: WSU as a system has exceeded its target budget improvement. Enrollment at Vancouver is sufficient to maintain current needs.
 - University Strategic Plan: Initial surveys have commenced, which include Vancouver voices. This will be the first plan where each campus will provide their own plan.
 - Downtown space: WSU Vancouver is exploring options to use the new space, including student suggestions.
 - Portland Strategy: Both business partnerships and enrollment are being explored, with branding considered important.
 - Short- and long-term perspective on Provost transition: Provost Montoya has left the role, and a new search will soon commence. One suggestion is that candidates could visit a campus other than Pullman for system-wide perspective.

Old Business

- * CSEJ Diversity in hiring: Discussion postponed to a later meeting.
- * Processes for curricular review: Discussion postponed to a later meeting.
- * Doctoral education charge wrap-up and report: Discussion postponed to a later meeting.

Constituent Concerns

- * No concerns were raised.

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Stephen Solovitz on October 8, 2019.