

CFR Minutes

CFR Meeting, October 18, 2019

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

Present: Mike 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

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- * Minutes from October 4, 2019, were approved as amended.

Update on Memo to President

- * Campbell reported on a memo sent to President Schultz by CFR regarding the provost search. The memo requested that the search committee communicate the system aspects to candidates, as well as provide an opportunity to visit another WSU campus.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

- * Campus Council: Campbell reported on discussions of e-Sports clubs on campus, presented by Domanic Thomas, which would be designed to improve campus engagement. Chancellor Netzhammer also discussed the provost transition.
- * Academic Program Plan Committee: Campbell discussed the first meeting of this new committee, which focused on designing criteria to evaluate new programs and certificates for the campus. This will update the previous plan developed in 2016 in concert with outside consultants.
- * Faculty Senate and Steering: Dimitrov reported on discussions with the athletic department, which involved budget and image issues. Additional faculty comments are being requested regarding the notice of intent for the School of Information.
- * Research Advisory Council: There have been no meetings yet, but there is one scheduled.

Announcements

- * CFR will meet with President Schultz and Interim Provost Slinker on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in VDEN 236.
- * The Visioning Conference will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in VDEN 236 and via Zoom. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to register.

Resolution of Business

- * Faculty nomination for the WSU Vancouver Bias Response Team: Caitlin Bletscher has volunteered to participate.

- * Faculty nomination for the Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence Committee: Potential nominees have been contacted, but no formal nomination has been made.
- * Faculty nomination for the Student Tech Fee Committee: David Hill has agreed to continue in this role for another term.

New Business

- * Agenda items for Vice Chancellor visit on November 1st, 2019: Potential topics include:

- Status of faculty searches
- Status of Human Biology program
- Budget plans following the end of the freeze
- Diversity in hiring

Old Business

- * CSEJ Diversity in hiring: Discussion centered on the response to a visit and memo from CSEJ during spring of 2019, which requested support for increased diversity in the faculty body. As originally suggested, CFR will ask each of the campus diversity groups to speak at an upcoming CFR meeting. CFR will also request a copy of the training documentation from the Vice Chancellor.
- * Processes for curricular review: Campbell proposes to make preliminary updates to the various documents that describe the review process, which have inconsistencies. These changes will be brought to CFR for review.
- * Doctoral education charge wrap-up and report: Berger and Hagen will write up a summary statement describing the results of the review of barriers to doctoral education at WSU Vancouver.

Constituent Concerns

- * It was reported that IT issues cannot easily be resolved for evening classes, as there is limited support after 5 p.m.

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Stephen Solovitz on October 22, 2019.