

Council of Faculty Representatives

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 5, 2024

Present: Praveen Sekhar (chair), Dene Grigar (vice chair), Paul Bonamy, Laurie Drapela, Yijun He, Kristin Lesseig, Kelsey Pascoe, Samantha Reisz, Aaron Whelchel.

Absent: Sam Lohmann

Guest: Mel Netzhammer, Chancellor, WSU Vancouver

Recorder: Praveen Sekhar

Discussion items

1. Committee reports
 - a. The Research Advisory Council met on Wednesday, April 3. After a brief update on the purpose of the 1, 3, 5% budget cutting exercise, they had an open discussion about research concerns. The main thing that came from that was really the idea about the need to also be creative and innovative during this time - looking for new collaborative opportunities. (Lesseig)
 - b. Salary Step Subcommittee has delivered its report to the faculty senate (Drapela). The report can be accessed via the link below:
<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/3253/2024/04/WSU-Faculty-Senate-on-Salary-Steps-Final-Report-01-April-2024.pdf>
2. Discussion with Mel
 - a. Global Campus and Offerings
 - i. There seemed to be three principal threads of the discussion on Global.
 - ii. One: It's impact on draining enrollment from seated classes – this was the subject of much consternation regarding summer teaching. Students do not need to select a primary campus in the summer and can take courses on any campus. Prior administrators also removed barriers making it easier for campus students to take summer classes through Global and now there significantly fewer students enrolling in WSU Vancouver summer courses.
 - iii. Two: It is also unclear what the fiscal agreement is between WSU Global and the respective brick-and-mortar campuses. While WSU faculty own the intellectual property developed and delivered through Global, the financial agreement between the campus, WSU System and Global is unclear.
 - iv. Three: To make things even more complicated, WSU Vancouver faculty are on a different budget that WSU Pullman faculty. The reimbursement rate for classes offered by WSU Vancouver faculty varies by college, but it is not

nearly as good a revenue agreement as WSUV faculty teaching on our campus (WSU Vancouver retain 89% of that tuition revenue; it does not for Global). Thus, WSUV faculty teaching for Global can a money loss for our campus.

- v. There seems to be an opportunity to provide campuses with more opportunities to provide online instruction and to address financial arrangements in the new budget model (currently paused).
- b. Review of Administrators and Programs
 - (i) There will be a systemwide review of administrators and programs. In the program review process, there will be consideration of enrollment, research productivity, market demand, etc. The process is expected to start in August 2024 and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the next academic year.
- c. Campus Space for Faculty Bonding/Activities
 - (i) It is anticipated that space will be available on campus due to the opening of the new life sciences building and some of the units moving into the new building. CFR has requested the Chancellor to provide space for faculty meet/greet/bonding and pursue interactive activities.
- 3. Miscellaneous
 - a. The faculty assembly meeting is on April 19th in VDEN 129 from 9:15 to 11 am. All faculty are invited. Refreshments will be served.
 - b. The incoming chair Dr.Dene Grigar is envisioning to increase the visibility of CFR and has many initiatives planned to support faculty.

Action items for Vice-chair:

1. Prepare ballots for CFR elections.