

CFR Meeting Minutes
10 October 2025
Zoom & VDEN 129
9:15 – 10:45AM

Members attending: Bonamy, Dimitrov, Drapela, Fortin, Grigar (Chair), He, LoSavio, Olson, Reisz, Schimelpfenig, Spradlin, Van Son

Senators in attendance: Phelps (TT)

Recording Secretary: Paul Bonamy

The meeting began with the *unanimous approval of the summary of the 26 September Faculty Assembly meeting*.

Following approval of the summary, there were brief announcements:

- Presidential listening sessions are coming. [Recorder's note: after the meeting these were officially delayed until 2026.]
- The General Education Reform Committee is planning focus group discussions on UCORE. See <https://ucore.wsu.edu/2025/10/01/share-your-voice-in-shaping-general-education/> for details. Per Interim VCAA Portfors, the meetings are open to all faculty, not just those with UCORE courses.
- There is a town hall scheduled for 2pm on Thursday, October 23 in VDEN 110 and hosted by Interim Chancellor Haynes and Elisha Hardekopf to provide updates on the system-wide redesign process. Additional updates will focus include info on the budget and fall census data.

Discussion then turned to committee reports.

Drapela reports that the WSU Vancouver Advisory Council had its first meeting. There are still no details about when a new Chancellor search may be conducted. Additionally, Interim VCFO Sinnott reported that the campus is nowhere close to a financial exigence.

The lack of faculty on the President's design committee was brought up at the last Senate Steering meeting. It appears that Steering in general is unconcerned but agreed to ask the President if faculty can be included.

The Hot Food on Campus committee is getting organized. A Teams site has been set up to organize information from ASWSUV and the committee, including old menus listing campus food and catering options. Drapela has been instrumental in receiving and organizing this information and has provided access to the rest of CFR.

The ASWSUV attempted multiple approaches and options but did not make any headway with former VCFO Chambers-Taube. There appears to have been a claim that food service would need to break even, but it is unclear whether this is an actual requirement like the one for parking, or if this was coming from Chambers-Taube herself.

The committee is currently working to get reports on the state of kitchens on campus, along with looking at who could franchise in. Eric Scott (Senior Director for Engagement and Well-being) is reportedly seeking quotes to bring the commercial kitchens back into a usable state. The committee is also working with ASWSUV on a dual initiative to help provide students with shopping lists and recipes for meal prep, and to conduct a survey into what interest exists for food on campus.

A question was raised as to the membership of the Hot Food on Campus Committee. Spradlin and LoSavio are official members of the HFoCC. Drapela is not formally a member but found herself in the right place to have a conversation and did so. (Thanks, Laurie!)

The meeting's attention then turned to modification of the CFR bylaws.

The following changes were accepted for bringing to the FA for vote, pending finalized language:

- Adopting the Senate's definition of an "administrative position" from Article II, Section 1 of the FACSSEN constitution:
 - "a faculty member is considered to be serving in an administrative position if they have any of the following: an appointment at the associate dean level or higher, an appointment at the associate vice chancellor level or higher, or a 50% or greater appointment in a dean's, chancellor's, provost's, vice president's, or president's office."
- Adjusting voting requirements to use business days and remove strict day-of-the-week requirements.
- Adding a requirement that only members of a given unit may vote for their representatives.
- Adding a requirement that elections facilitated for FACSSEN be conducted according to FACSSEN rules.
- Removing the College of Medicine from the list of represented units and clearly structuring the list to indicate 'these are represented units according to the rules as of X' rather than 'these units get reps because they are on the list'.
- The Chair receiving alternative (but equivalent) compensation.
- Adding a procedure for non-members to ask to attend CFR meetings.

Inclusion of adjunct faculty in the Faculty Assembly, while uncontroversial, presents logistical challenges that still need to be worked out. It also highlights some questions about existing policy which is unclear:

- Voting

- As currently specified, amendment of the FA/CFR bylaws “is subject to a two-thirds vote of the FA”. Past experience indicates that it is difficult to get 2/3 of the full-time faculty to vote, leading to concerns that 2/3 of an expanded body would be even harder to get. Potential solutions are to amend the process so that CFR can make certain routine updates without needing a FA vote, restructuring the requirements of an FA vote (e.g. 2/3 of respondents, not 2/3 of the body), or trying to separate the bylaws into two documents based on what should need faculty involvement to change.
- It is difficult to maintain current lists of full-time faculty, so there is concern as to how adding adjuncts as voting members would further complicate keeping the list of voting members up to date.
- Apportionment
 - If we assume that adjuncts are represented as part of their home unit, how would they factor into representative counts in the CFR?
 - At what point do adjuncts get factored into apportionment? On the current two-year schedule? Every semester? How would that affect / be affected by unit staffing changes?
 - More generally, the current apportionment rules are based on faculty FTE, but it is not clear how this is actually defined. Clearly, faculty FTE must be different from student FTE since a single class can provide multiple student FTE. The workload policy suggests that a 3-credit class would be 20% FTE, but this is not necessarily consistent across units. The libraries also use their own workload breakdown.
 - [Recorders note, after the fact: we should also figure out how apportionment works with people who have appointments across colleges. The immediate example that springs to mind an adjunct currently working in Math and CS, but I think in theory a full-timer could also be dual-appointed?]

Finally, the meeting concluded with open discussion of a few topics.

Academic Affairs has been tasked with the logistics of units to offer 90-credit BA degrees. There were questions about how such a degree could work. One possible approach could be to eliminate electives while retaining UCORE and major credit requirements. The rationale presented from administration is that this could help in competing with community colleges by reducing the cost of a degree. It appears that a switch to 90-credit would have to be all or nothing. Programs would not be allowed to have both a 90- and 120-credit version of a major.

Concerns were raised in a recent Science meeting about how The rpk GROUP is using data about faculty research. They are only evaluating research as it impacts teaching, for example, by being able to see that a grant was used to buy out a course.

A student notified a CFR member that ICE had a vehicle on campus on 9 October. The student accidentally parked next to the ICE vehicle and took pictures that were clearly

taken on-campus. CFR was not able to obtain a copy of the photos. Members report that some of the quick reference cards about dealing with ICE, which were posted in classrooms, seem to have disappeared. Grigar will reach out to AVCAA Rakha.