

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Walla Walla Community College

Date: February 11th, 2025

Location: Water Center (Building R) – Classroom 2062

Zoom: <https://wwcc-edu.zoom.us/j/89954879678>

| Meeting ID: 889 5487 9678

| Password: Warriors!

Attendees: Raul Flores, Pam Klem, Jim Bower, Lori Loseth, Kris Margart, Pete van Dyke, Devon Gustafson, Jim Peitersen, Hector Lujan, Marley Olson, Elizabeth Guerra, Trina McCoon, Shauna Hammond, Chris Mehl, Tracy Sereda

Agenda

3:30-3:35 | Welcome, Call to Order

- MOTION – Meeting minutes vote – Passed.

3:35-3:45 | Area Report-Outs (All Senators)

- Lori – Reminded everyone about the budget meeting on the 12th.
- Trina – Nursing will be having accreditation in a couple weeks.
- Marley – one name was put forward for ANSD in Dean negotiations.
- Chris M. – Avenues have been created for placement of MATH13. Also looking at AMATH105 – 106. Has been a problem with placing into as no prerequisites. Currently students have to take the Challenge Test as there are no current guidelines for placement.

3:45-3:55 | Student Art On-Campus Discussion

- Warren Rood, Art Instructor, had student art placed on campus last year. In doing so, he worked with Graydon and Chad H.
- Rebecca Thorpe, the new Director of Marketing and Communications, put in to have the art removed as it was unauthorized.
- Warren said the students are upset. Rebecca apologized. The art is still not back up.
- A committee is being formed. Jim is on the committee.
- Warren has brought this to the Senate.
- There needs to be a way to communicate these type of things with new people when they come in. There are two issues. Art put up and taken down will be displayed somewhere, but not in classrooms. Beyond the communication issue, the President wants to take a pause on this which is why there is a committee now.
- Need to decide where the art can go and how to do it. Do we purchase the art from the students? Students currently not compensated. Put a timeframe on it to be taken

down? Do we keep it indefinitely? Keeping indefinitely could be an issue if students are not compensated.

- Guidelines will be established to follow for all art, not just student art.

3:55-4:25 | Campus Climate Survey

- The Culture Survey that was rolled out at the end of January by Dr. Allen Sutton.
- Marley heard from faculty that the questions in the survey were problematic. Allen, Marley and Kris M. are supposed to meet to discuss on Thursday. Marley made a document of issues with the survey and showed it to the group and updated during discussion.
- It was not a good survey, had nothing to do with students and education, lazily done. How does cultural values address the real concerns? The survey did not provide a voice for people to share experiences.
- Feeling that this reflects badly on Faculty Senate. Did we let people down?
 - We were the ones who pushed for the survey
- Mike and Jim have only two more opportunities this school year to speak with Board of Trustees. Jim feels it is a mistake if we don't say something to the board. In fact, it is so unacceptable that we should reject it and state that we don't want to use it to make any policy.
- Thought that Marley and others should not meet with Allen in order to not give credence or the kicking of the can down the road.
- IEC vs. PACE and validation.
- We need to have Mike talk to the board about it.
- Should we have someone else do the survey?
- MOTION – To have Mike bring the issue to the board after an email discussion. – Passed: 10 in favor, 2 against, 3 abstained.
- Discussion tabled until next meeting.

4:25-4:35 | DEI/ICE/Senate Proclamation

- Should the Senate take a stance and put out a statement that says we stand in support of a safe environment?
- For the type of statement, a taskforce should probably be created. It should be separate from the statement that the president made.
- MOTION – That the Senate Executive Team solicits aid in drafting statements to bring to the meeting March 2. – Passed.
 - Elizabeth is willing to help

4:35-4:40 | AI Update (Hector Lujan)

- AI Taskforce – People are interested, but the College Council is not approving. We need to ask for a policy.
- Taskforce is meeting tomorrow in room 245, 12:00 – 12:45pm.
- There is a survey that has been develop to get input on faculty opinions on AI. It will be shared with the group.

4:40-4:45 | Text Messaging (Karlee)

- Karlee is not feeling heard on the texting taskforce. It seems Lisa Chamberlain is already deciding. Karlee would like to have someone take her place or join her.
- MOTION – To have President, in next board report, stop the texting committee meetings until faculty are represented. Maybe have the person leading taken off. – Passed.
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4:45-4:55 | AHE/CBA/Budget, Capital (Jim)

- AHE Contract negotiated. Three info sessions scheduled next week (T, W, Th). If ratified, give to the board to ratify.
- Jim felt good about how things went with the state budget discussion. They said we should not eat 26-million-dollar error. We came out looking pretty good. Our budget not as efficient as could have been going back to Derek.

4:55-5:00 | Constitution: Call to Adopt

- Constitution – Chair, Chair Elect vs. President and Vice President. If don't approve, can amend and approve later.
 - Should send an email with potential corrections.
- Change all to President and Vice President for uniformity.
- MOTION – To accept bylaws with minor corrections. – Passed.

5:00-5:05 | Good of the Order-Adjourn

- Need to discuss meeting more than once a month so that there is enough time to fully discuss items.
- MOTION to adjourn – Passed.

Minutes recorded by Tracy Sereda