Minutes  
Woodring Faculty Affairs Council  
October 13, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:45 pm  
Miller Hall 158

Committee:  Leanne Robinson (chair), John Korsmo (chair elect), Matt Miller, Trula Nicholas, Keith Hyatt, Vero Velez, Tracey Pyscher, Horacio Walker

Regrets:  Kristen French

Support:  Cheryl Mathison

Approve June 26, 2017, Minutes:
Motion by Trula Nicholas. Second by Vero Velez.
Carried.
Abstain: Horacio Walker, Matt Miller

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion regarding inviting RSP to a future FAC meeting:
   a. Dan Hanley is a good resource. He does many grant evaluations
   b. Sara Chiabai would be a good guest to inform FAC about what resources are available from her perspective
   c. There is real potential with school to university partnerships. What resources are available?

2. WCE Strategic Plan Update:
   a. At the Leadership Retreat in August, a decision was made to restructure the committee working on the strategic plan. It will consist of the Dean, two faculty, and one staff representative.
   b. Deadline for the completed 3-4 page plan outlining what the college wants to see in the next 5 years is June 2018.
   c. Trula and LeAnne were chosen to represent faculty on the committee.
   d. It was recommended that departments work on departmental strategic plans, which will add detail not addressed in the more general WCE Strategic Plan.
   e. Discussion of Strategic Plan:
      i. Agreement that strategic plan will look different to different constituents
      ii. Even when working with common goals, they can get isolated within groups.
      iii. The university Strategic Plan will come out in December 2017, and future funding requests need to be aligned with the university plan in order to be considered.

3. WCE Representation on Committees:
   a. There are several opportunities available to serve on university wide committees.
   b. FAC would like faculty across the college to have the opportunity serve, as a step towards university and college wide leadership roles, while supporting our mission.

4. Shared Governance Discussion:
   a. LeAnne passed out copies of the article on Shared Governance from last year for review and discuss at the next FAC meeting.
   b. Currently WWU as a whole is trying to model shared governance
   c. There are no good external models of what shared governance looks like
   d. Right now there is harmony between the administration, union, and Faculty Senate

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<td>Invite RSP to a future WFAC meeting to discuss grant writing and funding possibilities: LeAnne will invite Tracey Finch to meeting.</td>
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<td>LeAnne: Email to those who are serving on committees regarding reappointment</td>
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<td>LeAnne: Email faculty to help recruit new people to serve on university and college committees.</td>
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<td>Make a plan for university committee representatives to report back to WCE through FAC.</td>
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<td>The Dean’s office will send an email to prior Strategic Planning Committee members explaining the new structure and thanking them for their service.</td>
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e. What is the place for student voice in this process?

5. Department Updates:
   a. HCS
      i. The department is fully staffed, with the addition of three T-T faculty in NURS
      ii. The department has planned to several department faculty meetings this year
      iii. Hosting a Meet & Greet for community partners to meet Dean Walker in November
      iv. John will be teaching the South Africa class this summer, it is open to all
   b. Elementary Education
      i. The plan is to have department meetings once a month and program meetings twice a month
      ii. Several faculty are planning on retiring in the near future. Department is looking at the effects of a reduction in tenured faculty in the next few year.
      iii. Discussions on clinical supervision continues
      iv. Looking at a restructuring clinical practice for students
   c. Secondary Education
      i. Revisiting department’s guiding principles, the commitment to them, and how they guide curriculum
      ii. Department is in the early stages of designing a new major
   d. Special Education
      i. CEC accreditation just finalized
      ii. Departmental discussion regarding SPED students in the field not being supervised by someone with a SPED background
      iii. The Exceptionality and Disability major provides a pathway for students who want to work with people with disabilities, but not in a classroom
      iv. Discussion of an alternate route for para pros; however, the department does not have sufficient resources to support such a program.

6. Faculty Senate Extended Ed Committee
   a. Keith Hyatt asked for discussion items to take to this committee.