

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2016, 3:30-5:00
STC Board Room
Faculty Senators & Administration

- Call to order: Beth Weatherby, Deb Hedeem, Ashley Carlson, Tyler Seacrest, Erin Zavitz, Megan Kelly, Megan Chilson, Karl Ulrich, Craig Zaspul, Fred Chilson, Michael Hengler, Delena Norris-Tull
- Fred moves to approve the minutes from 10/31, and Karl seconds. Motion passes with abstentions from HHP and Education.
- Corequisite Academy
 - Deb Hedeem and others attended a workshop regarding developmental education.
 - The workshop proposed a new model where instead of students taking developmental classes as a prerequisite to college-level classes, they start on the college-level classes right away with additional support structure.
 - The workshop proposes in the new model students have a better mindset, sense of belonging, and sense of purpose. Could also have positive financial aid implications.
 - OCHE is asking schools to move in this direction.
 - The English department here already has a very similar model in place where essentially writing 101 is taught over two blocks for developmental students.
- There is a Board of Regents meeting this week. No major agenda items to worry about for UMW, but our fall enrollment report is extremely positive news.
 - One concern was raised about the increase of enrollment due to the P-3 grant. Those students, who are mostly online, form a different demographic and could have a negative impact on (for example) the time to degree and performance-based funding.
 - Charity could look into the institutional research data on this topic.
- Faculty Housing is up and running.
 - The house next to the chancellor's house on Poindexter street can house two visiting faculty per block.
 - The house could be used for visiting researchers as well, even if they are not teaching.
 - Currently first come, first served.
 - Beth would love to meet visiting faculty staying next door – contact her about dinner guests.
- Holiday party is December 14, 4:30 to 6:30 in the Lewis and Clark room.
- Bulldog redesign
 - There has been some displeasure with the current bulldog logo (used mostly by athletics) from students and alumni.
 - ASUMW has proposed creating a new logo, and Kent Ord and Russ Richardson has put together a taskforce with representation from all over campus.

- Addressing the questions of whether this is a good use of resources:
 - It is a strategic use of resources since athletics is very important on this campus (high percentage of students participate in athletics, for example)
 - It would tie in well with the purchase of a new floor for Keltz arena.
- Drop classes procedure
 - At the AAC committee, the issue was raised regarding the procedure for students to drop a class.
 - Currently, students must get the instructors signature. Do we really want to require this?
 - It seems like students have a right to drop a class on or before the official last day to drop a class whether or not the instructor agrees.
 - Also, asking to drop out of a class is a conversation a student may not want to have for valid reasons.
 - However, it may be unfair for the student to drop if the student is part of a group project and would be letting classmates down.
 - Impacting this question, what exactly are the drop dates for block and stringer classes?
 - Also, it would be nice if students could add and drop classes freely before a class starts.
 - We'll ask Charity to come to the next meeting to answer some questions about this.
- Good of the order
- Fred moves to adjourn, Karl seconded.