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Provost Hawkinson updated senators regarding today enrollment counts. Spring 2015 total enrollment is 10,676, down 1.3 percent from last year's total of 10,821. Provost Hawkinson stated that 8,852 of that total are undergraduate students; last year's total included 9,063 undergraduates, a 2.3 percent decrease. Graduate enrollment for spring stands at 1,824, an increase of 3.8 percent from last year's total of 1,758. Spring international enrollment is 503, up 36 percent from last year's 369 international students. At least 60 of the 503 international students are enrolled in





In response to a request at the previous Faculty Senate meeting for SGA to list some impacts of the recent budget cuts on students, Ms. Moreno said that students have expressed concerns about:

- less technology in classrooms;
- fewer on-campus student jobs;
- repairs not being made in a timely manner
- professors spread too thin and less classes being offered;
- cutting extracurricular (for instance, lack of transportation money to attend the Model Illinois Government event)
- reductions in MAP grants affecting enrollment and retention;
- reduced dining center options.

Ms. Moreno stated that recent reductions in dining center options are of particular concern to students because it creates a time crunch with being able to travel to other dining centers and make it to class on time and being able to get to dining centers in other residence halls before they close.

Student concerns will be communicated by Parliamentarian Rock to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Faculty Advisory Council, on which he serves as Western's representative. Senator Roberts asked how the information will be reported from the Advisory Council to legislators. He wondered if short video clips by students might be an effective way to transmit this information. Parliamentarian Rock responded that this would be very public and explained that the Advisory Council will be combining feedback from public universities and community colleges to compile a succinct message for legislators highlighting a few stories that would be universal across the state. He plans to meet with the statewide Council in a week and a half to determine how to compile the responses.

#### D. Other Announcements

##### 1. President Thomas

Chairperson Singh announced that President Thomas was unable to attend the Senate meeting due to illness. His visit has been rescheduled for April 14.

##### 2. IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Statement of Shared Governance (IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Representative Steve Rock)

Parliamentarian Rock shared for informational purposes a resolution prepared by the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council "Reaffirming Support of Shared Governance." The document states that the Council "wholeheartedly reaffirm our commitment to shared governance at all the various public and private institutions of higher learning in the State of Illinois." Parliamentarian Rock explained that shared governance is the model of how universities should be run, but some state institutions have not been following that model. The FAC reaffirmed a brief resolution they passed a few years ago and asked Advisory Council representatives to share the document with faculty senates across the state. Parliamentarian Rock stressed that the resolution in no way reflects upon Western Illinois University. He stated that shared governance works well at WIU, but there are some state institutions where it does not.

##### 3. Election notices went out this week for upcoming vacancies on Faculty Senate. Three Macomb at-large, one WIUQC at-large, one Fine Arts and Communication, one Business and Technology, four Arts and Sciences, and one Education and Human Services senators will be sought for terms beginning in fall 2015. One composition and two Arts and Sciences positions will be for two-year terms in order to adjust the Senate rotation cycle to make it more balanced, as approved by Faculty Senate last spring. Senators serving less than a three-



- b) HIST 116, World History Since 1500, 3 s.h.
- c) HIST 211, Technology and Science in World History, 3 s.h.

Senator Brice asked if it is true that the topic was raised in the CIE meeting about the relevance of History as a discipline as well as its relevance as a department on campus. Dr. Walia replied that she did not recall this specific comment, but one of the members did raise a question about the connection between and global issues. She added that there was discussion on the requests, but there was also a majority vote to approve them. Senator Brice asked if the Council would be entertaining in future the topic of the relevance of any departments on campus. Dr. Walia responded that they would not.

#### GEGI DESIGNATIONS APPROVED

#### D. Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (CIA) (Jim Olsen Chair)

##### 1. Student Athlete Absence Report for 2014-2015

Senator Baylor related that she recently engaged in an email discussion with CIA representatives in regards to students missing clinicals in the School of Nursing. She asked if it is correct that even if a student misses two to three hours of classwork it is only counted as one absence on the part. The NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Tom Cody responded that is correct; CIA does not report missed hours, only missed days.

Senator Siddiqi asked what happens when student absences in athletics exceed the recommended guidelines for missed class. Dr. Cody responded that one eTJ to 3bs3(AT(r)-2(d

Senator Myers pointed out that with the current financial crisis, many students are only able to attend universities because of athletic scholarships; if these scholarships were taken away because the students could not participate in sports, their opportunity to attend WIU would also, in many cases, be taken away. She believes that their athletic participation is part of the reason that student athletes are motivated to excel. Senator Myers

Senator Roberts asked if having a tutor ~~with~~ with the team would quality as having them attend class. Dr. Cody replied that this would not count as attending class. He added that it is one of his responsibilities as the NCAA Faculty Representative to travel with teams on occasion as a tutor, ~~for~~ for instance during the conference basketball tournament. Dr. Cody will hold study halls in the lobby on trips and proctor exams on the road if a professor has a policy that students cannot take tests early or late. He stated that while there are ways to work around some of these issues, it still counts as missed class time. Mr. Bell reiterated that even if one student ~~out~~ out of 65 on a team misses one class during the day, it counts as a missed class day for the entire team.

IV. Old Business- None

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