

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Regular Meeting, 21 February 2023, 4:00p.m.
Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

SENATORS PRESENT: J. Albarracin, D. Atherton, S. Bailey, D. Banash, M. Bernards, D. Brown, G. Cabedo-Timmons, A. Carr, C. Chadwell, P. Eathington, L. Ebert Wallace,

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. February 7, 2022

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II. Announcements

A. Approvals from the President

1. Resolution to add a faculty representative to the Policy Review Committee
2. Elementary Education: Early Childhood Option advanced placement credit "swap" expanded to ECH degree seeking students bringing in AA and AS degrees as well as the previously approved AAS degrees
3. Revision to Course Syllabus Policy to add a Military/Veterans Support Statement

B. Provost's Report

Provost Zoghi expressed congratulations to the recipients of the Provost's Awards for Excellence. A reception to recognize the five faculty members and one academic advisor receiving the award was held last Wednesday

be live streamed on WIU's YouTube channel for the benefit of colleagues on the WIU's Quad Cities campus. Provost Zoghi stated that there were only a couple of nominations submitted for the next year Distinguished University Professorship, and the deadline was two days ago. The deadline has been extended to March 1 for self-nominations or nominations by a colleague.

Chair Thompson asked if moving expenses are university policy and not part of the UPI contract;

limited to \$3,000 in moving expenses since he was hired at WIU many years ago. He thinks it makes logical sense that moving expenses for faculty and administrators should be alike.

Provost Zoghi was surprised when being hired at WIU because previous institutions where he has

C. Other Announcements

1. Continuation of ChatGPT Discussion
(Antonio Cardenas-Haro, School of Computer Sciences)

Dr. Cardenas-Haro did not have his presentation ready, so it has been rescheduled for the March 28 Faculty Senate meeting.

2. Hector Maymi Sugranes, Dean, University Libraries

Dean Maymi Sugranes has served as Dean of University Libraries for 14 months. He related that when he was a candidate, he stated that if the library can collaborate with other areas of the university, a new perspective can be developed for the role of the library in a comprehensive Regional I institution of higher education. He stated that since the late 1990s and beginning of the 21st century, libraries have been working to create Learning and Research Commons (LEARN) Strategic Initiatives, in which academic units and support areas can collaborate and help to improve students' academic performance, which will impact retention and other aspects of the academic lives of students and faculty. Dean Maymi-Sugranes related that since last semester the Library has been working with tutoring and with the University Writing Center. He hopes that by next August the Malpass Library second floor will be a Learning and Research Common, a ~~stop~~ area where students can get questions answered about how to do a PowerPoint presentation, get reference help, or engage with tutors. He stated that the University Writing Center will be moved from the

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Library Diversity Committee will be constituted this spring to make sure that University Libraries continues to move towards diversity goals.

University Libraries recently received a Title VI grant, and Dean M. S. Miranes told senators there are plans to write another one. He said the grant will allow for the promotion of five area studies research collections for the first floor of Malpass Library and a sixth area studies research collection, on the Holocaust, for the Quad Cities campus library. The five collections on the Macomb campus will include Women, Gender, and LGBTQ+ Studies (African American), African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Latin American Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. The Holocaust collection will be located on the second floor of Malpass Library.

engagement in order to develop a more targeted area. He hopes to ask for an increase by at least the next fiscal year so that by 2024 University Libraries can have a better understanding of what is needed and can continue to meet those needs. Dean Maymi-Sugranes agrees that these resources are needed to support a highly research-oriented undergraduate program. He recently obtained 500 books from the Library of Congress in several areas as part of their Duplicate Materials Exchange Program.

Dean Maymi-Sugranes discussed the Library's Digital Scholarship Commons Strategic Initiative. He informed senators that an employee of University Libraries for many years has

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A. Emeritus Designation Proposal for Unit B Retirees

Existing Policy:

1. The title of "Professor Emeritus" will be given if the retiree has been employed at the University for at least seven years and has received tenure. This recognition includes academic administrators who hold tenure at the time of their retirement.
2. The title of "Administrator Emeritus" will be given to non-academic Vice Presidents retiring from the University or others at the discretion of the President. The President will recognize retired administrators for superior service if they have been employed at the University for at least seven years and were employed at Western Illinois University at the time of retirement.
3. The title of "Professor Emeritus" or "Administrator Emeritus" may be given to an individual who meets the criteria of either section (1) or (2) and who passes away prior to retiring from the University.

Proposed Changes:

- New addition: The title of "Emeritus" will be given if the retiree has been employed at the University for at least seven years as a full-time Unit B faculty member.
- Add "Emeritus" to the language in existing #3.
- Indicate in the Procedures section that recognition for "Emeritus" (replacing "Professor Emeritus") will be provided by Faculty Senate.

Chair Thompson told senators that the proposal was brought to the Executive Committee by Computer Sciences professor Jim McQuillan. Dr. McQuillan related that he was in a conversation with a Unit B employee when the question was raised wondering why emeritus status is not granted to Unit B faculty when they retire. Chair Thompson thinks the idea has merit and the Faculty Senate could recommend a change to the existing policy.

Senator Banash thinks this would be a good thing to add to the existing policy, but he was a little confused by the different designations. He noted that Unit B just becomes "Emeritus" rather than something like "Emeritus Instructor," so that is a distinction between this designation and that of "Professor Emeritus" and "Administrator Emeritus." Chair Thompson remarked that if Unit B faculty were designated "Emeritus Professor" it might be thought that they were full professors while "Emeritus Instructor" would give the implication of rank. Senator Banash pointed out that Unit B faculty can hold the rank of assistant professor, so he wonders why they cannot be designated by their rank, whatever it is. Chair Thompson related that Dr. McQuillan had initially proposed emeritus be attached to different ranks of Unit B faculty, but the change was made to just "Emeritus"

alternative might be “Emeritus Associate Faculty” order to avoid all the gradations of rank. He asked whether Faculty Senate should ask Unit B faculty if they would prefer the designation of “Emeritus Associate Faculty” or if they would prefer their rank at the time of retirement. Chair Thompson stated that Unit B could be surveyed via email and the results brought back to Faculty Senate.

Motion: To table pending feedback from Unit B (Banash/Tang)

MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED 12 YES – 0 NO – 0 ABSTENTIONS

Senator Carr plans to email the chairs of the 15 departments to see if they have any concerns about