

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**  
**Regular Meeting, 14 April 2020, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**SENATORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** J. Albarracin, D. Banash, M. Bean, B. Bellott, J. Choi, S. Cordes, S. Czechowski, G. Delany-Barmann, R. Filipink, J. Franken, D. Hunter, I. Lauer, T. Lough, M. Maskarinec, D. Oursler, B. Perabo, C. Pynes, J. Robinett, M. Stinnett, F. Tasdan, E. Taylor, K. Zbeeb (via teleconference)  
**Ex-officio:** Russ Morgan, Associate Provost; Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Parliamentarian

**SENATORS ABSENT:** R. Sawhney

**GUESTS VIA ZOOM:** Steve Bennett, Mark Bernards, Tom Blackford, Lee Brice, Amy Burke, Amy Carr, Julie Curless, Katrina Daytner, Dennis DeVolder, Rumen Dimitrov, Jack Elfri I. Consideration of Minutes

A. March 31, 2020

**MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED**

II. Announcements

A. Provost's Report

Associate Provost Russ Morgan filled in for Interim Provost Clow. Associate Provost Morgan said Student Services asked him to announce a relatively new program called Leatherneck Care Referrals. He read the description, which states that “Because we are committed to the emotional and physical well being of all students as well as their academic success, Student Services now offers an easy-to-use tool to share non-emergency-related concerns about student behaviors and potential barriers to success. Anyone connected with the WIU community can submit a Leatherneck Care Referral.” Associate Provost Morgan noted that any immediate emergency concerns should be called into 911 or the Office of Public Safety at 309-298-1949. He pointed out that with the new alternative format, there is the potential for students to fall through the tracks, so the University is offering counseling

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Vice Chair Lauer asked the two candidates to explain why they would like to serve as Chair. Senator Pynes observed that Faculty Senate has a lot of important things going on right now, first of which is the choice of a new president. Senator Pynes currently serves as co-chair of

are going through a very transitional period, both nationally and on campus as the University completes the search for a new president.

While the voting process was underway, Senator Lauer drew senat

**Motion:** To nominate Jongnam Choi (Choi)

- b. College of Business and Technology

**Motion:** To nominate Mark Bernards (Bernards)

- c. College of Education and Human Services

**Motion:** To nominate Jeremy Robinett (Robinett)

- d. College of Fine Arts and Communication

**Motion:** To nominate Josh Wroblewski (Wroblewski)

There were no further nominations for any of the vacancies, and the slate of candidates was declared elected. Senator Robinett explained that the primary goal of the Senate Nominating Committee is to find and recruit faculty to serve on Senate committees and councils as well as other University committees as assigned. He stated that the Committee holds two rather lengthy meetings;

all agencies began working together in a tactical or operational manner, so LEJA is trying to cross-educate students so that they can respond in tandem with other agencies at either the tactical level (going out and responding on-site, such as to an active shooter or tornado) or the operational level (managers and executive teams doing planning, such as for evacuations). She said that this is a way to tie into what LEJA already has, and students can also minor in whatever else they want to.

#### **NEW MINORS APPROVED**

- c. Request for Change of Major

a. Requests for New Courses

to offer this minor for some time but did not have the faculty; now that Professor Curless, who completed an emphasis in sign language in her graduate work, is at WIU, the program can go forward.

4. Curricular Requests from the Department of Kinesiology

a. Request for Change of Major

i. Dietetics

Kinesiology professor Lorri Kanauss explained that the biggest change involves the change in title to Dietetics and Nutrition, which was suggested last spring. She said that the biggest journal in the field has also changed its name to be more inclusive with nutrition. She believes this change will help with marketing to students since not everybody is clear initially on what dietetics is but everyone is clearer on what nutrition is.

Professor Kanauss stated that NUTR 190, Introduction to Professional Practice, is the last course remaining from when the Dietetics major was located in the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, and Hospitality, and before that the Department of Family and Consumer Services. She explained that NUTR 190 is being removed because it is more specific to nutrition, and the Dietetics major already has a pre-internship class, Principles of Safety, Security and Food Sanitation in Hospitality, that will take its place. Professor Kanauss said the major will still require students to become certified, but they can do that online in a less expensive format. She added that removal of NUTR 190 will help bring the major's hours down to 120, which has not happened since she has

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complete minors outside the program. Senator Robinett said the department wanted to eliminate redundancy between the options and the minors, which led to the changes to make the minors more specific.

ii. Hospitality Management

Senator Robinett explained that as Hospitality Management potentially goes away as a major, the department wanted to make the Hospitality Management minor much more specific in order to make sure that students who want that discipline are able to have the capacity to pursue it.

iii. Therapeutic Recreation

Senator Robinett explained the department wanted to make sure that the program was aligned with National Council on Therapeutic Recreation standards, which is being accomplished with six Therapeutic Recreation courses and required fieldwork. He pointed out that 18 hours of supporting coursework is required to go along with this minor, so students will be taking courses from across the campus before they are eligible to sit for the certification exam.

### **CHANGES IN MINORS APPROVED**

c. Request for New Minor

i. Youth Leadership

Senator Robinett explained that the department has had an interdisciplinary concentration in Youth Leadership within the Independent Studies major, but enrollment has gone down over time, and the majority of those still enrolled are in their junior or senior years. He stated that the majority of coursework in the concentration was within the RPTA department, so, with the blessing of the Provost's office and Independent Studies, the department decided to move from a concentration in Youth Leadership to a minor in Youth Leadership.

### **NEW MINOR APPROVED**

d. Request for Change of Major

i. Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration

Senator Robinett told senators the department wishes to move from being an all-inclusive major to providing student with five specific options, one of which is the RPTA major as it currently exists. He said that the department has spent a lot of time and energy working with their advisory board, industry leaders, and alumni to make sure these changes will align students well as they move forward. He explained that one challenge faced by current RPTA students as they graduated is that the RPTA major did not address the types of jobs they wanted to enter as vocational or career fields. Senator Robinett said the options are designed with an eye toward the fo

B. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)  
(Jeremy Robinett, Chair)

1. Nominations for Fall 2020 Vacancies

**SENATE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:**

Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards

Laila McCloud, Counselor Education/CSP	replacing	Laila McCloud	23	E&HS
Julie Cox, Speech Pathology & Audiology	replacing	Josh Wroblewski	23	FA&C

Council on Campus Planning and Usage

Tim Roberts, History	replacing	Jongho Lee	23	At-large
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Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction

Paige Goodwin, Psychology	replacing	Elgin Mannion	23	At-large
Hoyet Hemphill, Engineering Technology	replacing	Leaunda Hemphill	23	B&T
Courtney Blankenship, Music	replacing	Eun Go	23	FA&C

Council on General Education

Sherry Lindquist, Art/Design	replacing	Sherry Lindquist	23	Humanities/Fine Arts
Lia Petrocovici, Math/Philosophy	replacing	Greg Baramidze	23	Math/Natural Science
Emily Shupe, Kinesiology	replacing	Karen Zellman	23	Human Well Being

Council for Instructional Technology

Kyle Mayborn, EAGIS	replacing	Clifton Ealy	23	A&S
Nilanjan Sen, Computer Sciences	replacing	Binto George	23	B&T
Deb Allwardt, Health Sciences/Social Work	replacing	Eric Gurzell	23	E&HS
Emily Sevcik, Music	replacing	Amy Burke	23	FA&C
Brian Clark, Library	replacing	Brian Clark	23	Library

Council on Intercollegiate Athletics

Mei Wen, Health Sciences/Social Work	replacing	Tim Piper	23	E&HS
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Council for International Education

Sarah Haynes, Liberal Arts/Sciences	replacing	Fuyuan Liang	23	A&S
Anna Valeva, Economics/Decision Sciences	replacing	Samit Chakravorti	23	B&T

Council on Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID)

Janice Gates, Management/Marketing	replacing	Anna Valeva	23	B&T
Kaycee Peterman, Health Sciences/Social Work	replacing	Lorri Kanauss	23	E&HS

**UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES:**

Bachelor of General Studies Advisory Board

Sean Cordes, Library	replacing	Casey LaFrance	22	A&S
Mark Bernards, Agriculture	replacing	Janice Gates	22	B&T
Lori Smith Okon, Health Sciences/Social Work	replacing	Hal Marchand	22	E&HS
Damon McArthur, Art/Design	replacing	Brian Locke	22	FA&C

Bureau of Cultural Affairs

Brian Clark, Library	replacing	Brian Clark	23	At-large
Elgin Mannion, Sociology/Anthropology	replacing	Davison Bideshi	23	At-large

Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) Advisory Committee

Martin Maskarinec, Computer Sciences	replacing	Janice Gates	23	B&T
Robert Kelly, LEJA	replacing	Tammi Bories	23	E&HS
Sean Cordes, Library	replacing	Linda Zellmer	23	Library



Sean Cordes, Library replacing Bill Thompson 23 Library

Student Publications Board

Jeff Hancks, Library replacing Richard Ness 23 At-large

Senator Robinett stated that there were 82 faculty members who responded to the interest survey. Those responses were used to try to fill the 63 vacancies; six vacancies remain to be filled. Senator Robinett stated that, for comparison, last year there were 97 responses to the survey and 65 vacancies to fill. He pointed out that the SNC recommendations for service reflect the committees that faculty volunteered to serve on. Chairperson Pynes thanked Senator Robinett for chairing the Senate Nominating Committee and the Recording Secretary for her hard work helping the SNC. Senator Robinett stated that the committee members have been great to work with and thanked those senators who served this year. Chairperson Pynes pointed out that proportionately there may be more faculty who filled out the survey this year than last because the total number of faculty is down significantly. There were no further nominations, and the slate of candidates was declared elected.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

A. Proposed Revision to Final Exam Policy

Chairperson Pynes stated that the Final Exam Policy was first approved in 1988 and revised in 2006. He stated that 2006, from a higher education standpoint, is a long time ago from where the University is now in terms of online learning. Chairperson Pynes explained that one of the things that was lacking in the current policy was how to handle final exams for courses that do not have regularly scheduled exam times. He said faculty have asked whether they should hold their final exams this semester according to the normal final exam schedule; if faculty have been teaching their classes online asynchronously, it would seem odd to force students to show up at the regularly scheduled exam time. Chairperson Pynes related that the Executive Committee discovered there was a gap in the current Final Exam Policy and, with the help of the Registrar, added item #10 to the existing policy. He explained that this addition states that final exam times are not automatically assigned for irregularly scheduled classes (not meeting the full semester), summer session offerings, or for emergencies. The addition also specifies that faculty cannot force students to take the final exam before the regularly scheduled exam would have occurred. Chairperson Pynes stated that he opens his online exams for a window of time, and probably most faculty who teach online do the same.

Senator Filipink pointed out that there is a summer final exam policy listed on the Final Exam Policy site which states that final exams are scheduled on the last day of a summer session class. Registrar Lynn stated that when she and the Executive Committee were working on this section, they were thinking about those times that are not consistent with the regularly scheduled class times, such as a longer period of time that is scheduled sequentially. Senator Filipink stated that the Registrar is working on this section.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_



