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Faculty Senate

March 2, 2009, 2:45 p.m., E156 Student Union

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2009**

<http://www.wright.edu/admin/senate/senmin/documents/Feb09SenMin.pdf>

3. **Report of the University President or Provost**

4. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee**

5. **Old Business**

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7. Written Committee Reports and Attendance (Attachment A)

- A. Faculty Budget Priority Committee: Tom Sudkamp
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Carole Endres
- C. Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee: Tom Sav
- D. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mateen Rizki
- E. Information Technology Committee: Barbara Denison
- F. Student Affairs Committee: Dora Douglas
- G. Student Petitions Committee: Alan Chesen

9. Council Reports

- A. Athletics Council Report (Attachment B) – Mike Sincoff
- B. Graduate Council (To be distributed at the meeting) – Jay Thomas

9. Special Reports

10. Announcements

- A. Nominations, including self-nominations, for Faculty President-Elect (2009-10) are being accepted through Friday, April 17, 2009. Qualifications for the office of Faculty President are stated in the Faculty Constitution located at:
<http://www.wright.edu/academics/fhandbook/>

The following is applicable via Provost Memorandum No. 82-3, May 1, 1982:
“The President of the Faculty shall have a two course, or two-third, reduction in his or her full-time teaching load during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters of his or her term of office. The President Elect of the Faculty shall have a one course, or one-third, reduction in his or her full-time teaching load for the Spring Quarter of his or her term of office.”

- B. Next Faculty Senate: April 6, 2009, 2:45 p.m., E156 Student Union.

11. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT A

Senate Committee Reports March 2, 2009

Faculty Budget Priority Committee – Tom Sudkamp

Faculty Affairs Committee – Carole Endres

Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee - Tom Sav

The UCAPC Report to the Faculty Senate Meeting of March 2 is available at <http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0009/fsreport/6fsrep.htm>

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mateen Rizki

Information Technology Committee – Barbara Denison

Student Affairs Committee – Dora Douglas

Student Petitions Committee – Alan Chesen

The University Petitions Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009 in E107 student union. We considered approximately 15 petitions as a part of routine business. The following members were present:

- A. Chesen (RSCOB--chair)
- P. Caprio (UC)
- D. Sorrells (UC)
- B. Klaisner (COLA)
- J. Howes (COSM)
- K. Rosengarten (Lake)
- F. Bennett (CEHS)
- C. Aubin (CONH)
- P. Misra (CECS)
- B. Ausdenmoore (student government)
- E. Poch (Registrar--ex officio)
- J. Hail (Registrar--ex officio)
- P. Mohr (Registrar--ex officio)

The following member was not in attendance:

- M. Kassem (student government)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTACHMENT B

Athletics Council Interim Report for Faculty Senate
February 16, 2009
Submitted by Mike Sincoff, Chair, Athletics Council

The Athletics Council met in September, October, and January. At the meetings, we've heard from the Athletics Director, both Senior Associate Athletics Directors, Head Coaches and team captains from men's basketball, women's soccer, and volleyball, and from our two NCAA FARs. We've been attended regularly by representatives from student government and SAAC and reciprocated SAAC's attendance by attending all of their meetings. We've scheduled additional coaches and team captains, and the President of WSU for future meetings. We are attempting to schedule the Head of the Horizon League. Relationships between the AC and the Athletic Department are excellent as they are between AC and SAAC.

On February 14 we held the first of three "Pre-Game Lectures" as part of our Pre-Game Lecture Series being held on February 14, 21, and 28 prior to home men's basketball games. This is the second year for this series. Our hope is to make it annual. Speakers this year are Beth Sorensen, Dan Krane, and Mike Raymer. The series introduces attendees to a setting where they can find WSU academics and athletics in the same venue. Our hope is that people who come to a basketball game might learn something about our academic side; people who might not come to a basketball game might do so if they were led there by an academic event.

AC Steering Committee for 2008-2009:

Mike Sincoff, Chair
Dan Krane, Vice Chair
Steve Fortson, FAR
Beth Sorensen, FAR
Dave Reynolds, Biomedical, Industrial, and Human Factors Engineering
Anthony Smerk, President, SAAC

The Athletics Council has five principal action committees whose updates follow:

Academic Affairs Committee Update 1/30/09

Chaired by Karen Lahm. Since the beginning of AY 2008-2009, our committee met on October 9, 2008. At this meeting we discussed several issues. We examined Spring 2008 grades reports with Judy Chivers. Judy noticed no "red flags" with grades for the Spring 2008 quarter. New information was that she is working on an "electronic" grade reporting system versus the old "yellow card" system we currently have in place. Grade report information was disseminated and discussed at the October 31, 2008 UAC meeting. We also discussed fifth-year eligibility issues involving student-athletes wishing to turn pro. The Academic Affairs Committee unanimously agreed that decisions on granting fifth-year scholarships should be left up to them and not the entire Athletics Council. Lastly, we provided information for the Athletics Council Chair regarding our committee's needs with the impending switch to semesters. The most pressing issues in regards to that subject were: 1) the need for more advisors campus-wide; 2) eligibility of Spring athletes in post-season play; 3) fewer internship and co-op experiences for students resulting from the shorter break between semesters; and 4) the missed class schedules for Fall quarter athletes. The Chair was sent full minutes from this meeting and they are available for full perusal. The Committee will meet regularly through the end of the year and will consider: APR issues, NCAA issues with students who turn pro, and grade reports and fifth-year eligibility.

On February 14, 2009, the Academic Affairs Committee presented approximately 180 Certificates of Academic Recognition to student-athletes, team managers, and team trainers who had achieved GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Update 2/10/09

Chaired by Dan Krane. There has not been much need for action by this committee so far this year. We have considered what changes would need to be made to those documents in the event of a transition from quarters to semesters. We will be interested in reconciling the current difference between the AC and Faculty Senate constitutions regarding the number of Faculty Senate representatives to the Athletics Council when the Senate begins its quadrennial review of its constitution later this year.

Diverse Student Athlete Advocacy Committee Update 2/13/09

Chaired by Steve Fortson. The committee met once during the fall quarter and discussed the 2007-2008 year-end committee report, which details several scholastic recommendations for diverse student athletes. The committee also reviewed the 5-year Diversity plan submitted to the NCAA in 2003 as a part of the certification process. Additionally, the committee looked at the potential impact of the proposed semester transition on diverse student athletes. The committee did not identify any impact that pertained to diverse student athletes. The committee will meet during Winter Quarter and again during Spring.

Gender Equity Committee Update 2/16/09

Chaired by Mary Kenton. The GEC has met three times during the Academic Year. It is working through the 2008 EADA Report, comparing numbers to the 2007 report. Beth Sorensen (WSU FAR and Assistant Professor of Nursing and Health) and Mo Cooper (Senior Associate Athletics Director) have provided the GEC with some very interesting trends from data collected from previous EADAs. Bill Rickert (Associate Provost) has been added to this committee since the University must sign-off on the Five Year Report and any financial implications. We are making good progress in assessing our present Title IX situation. We'll probably meet at least twice a month until the end of the year.

Student Welfare Committee Update 2/13/09

Chaired by Steve Fortson. The Student Welfare committee met once during the Fall quarter and discussed the 2007-2008 year-end report. Some of the ongoing issues discussed were the student-athlete exit surveys. It was decided by the committee, that the survey needed to be revised. It was also decided that a second survey should be created for returning student-athletes. There were also reports from sports medicine personnel informing the committee on the status of the drug-testing program. The committee also discussed the current status of the Life Skills program. The issue of moving to semesters was also discussed and the committee was unable to foresee any glaring student welfare issues related to the switch. The committee will meet during Winter and Spring quarters.

Wright State University
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 2, 2009
2:45 p.m., E156 Student Union

1. Call to Order

Faculty President Tom Sudkamp called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

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| ✓ Allen, Jeffery* | ✓ Jones, Sharon | ✓ Shepelak, Norma |
| ✓ Bargerhuff, Mary* | ✓ Kich, Martin* | ✓ Sincoff, Mike |
| ✓ Belcher, Janice | ✓ Markus, Michael | ✓ Slilaty, Daniel |
| ✓ Bergdahl, Jacqueline* | ✓ McGinley, Sarah | ✓ Steele, Tracey |
| ✓ Bukovinsky, David* | ✓ Menart, James | ✓ Walbroehl, Gordon* |
| ✓ Duren, Dana | ✓ Nagy, Allen* | ✓ Xue, Kefu* |
| ✓ Dustin, Jack | ✓ Patel, Nimisha | ✓ Zryd, Teresa |
| ✓ Endres, Carole | ✓ Peplow, Amber | |
| ✓ Engisch, Kathrin | ✓ Petkie, Douglas | ✓ Sudkamp, Tom* |
| ✓ Fowler, Barbara* | ✓ Pohlman, Roberta | ✓ Hopkins, David |
| ✓ Hershberger, Paul | ✓ Proulx, Anne | ✓ Angle, Steven |
| ✓ Higgins, Steven | ✓ Rattan, Kuldip | ✓ Sav, Tom |
| ✓ John, Jeffrey | ✓ Self, Eileen | ✓ Zambenini, Pam |

2. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2009

Minutes were approved as written.

<http://www.wright.edu/admin/senate/senmin/documents/Feb09SenMin.pdf>

**3. Report of the University President and Provost
Provost Angle**

President Hopkins apologizes that he is not with us today. He is away, talking with potential donors for our Graduation Fund, which targets need-based aid for students. We have students leaving the university because of the difficult economic situation and we are trying to help as many of them as possible so they can complete their degrees.

At the University Foundation Board Meeting, the Board committed to raise \$250,000 toward the \$1 million goal we have set for the graduation fund.

President Hopkins recently sent the campus community a letter addressing the current budget situation. He appreciates the feedback received and will continue to keep you updated as we receive information from the state and details of the budget plan for WSU become better defined. As you know the national economy is currently very dynamic.

Dr. Hopkins appreciates the support for the semester conversion and wanted me to relay that the \$250,000 cost for the conversion has been factored into our budget model for the coming year.

We all wish Mr. Bob Nevin, Chair, WSU Board of Trustees, well. Mr. Nevin recently underwent bypass surgery and is now recovering at home and doing well. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of trustees and as Chair, Mr. Nevin is involved in many activities on campus and we look forward to having him back soon.

4. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Rather than holding our regularly scheduled Senate Executive Committee meeting for February, the Committee sponsored a Faculty Open Forum to discuss the semester conversion issue, which was well attended. Participants received a presentation on the status of the statewide move to semesters, and discussed the final report as well as faculty concerns on the issue.

The Committee finalized the appointment of the Research Council. There were numerous volunteers for this committee and a high interest in participation.

5. Old Business

A. Faculty Senate Resolution

~~**Subject to an agreement between the Wright State Administration and AAUP-WSU to convert to a semester calendar, the Faculty Senate recommends that Wright State adopt a semester academic system and that the conversion occur no earlier than Fall 2012.**~~

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution.

Dr. Sudkamp: The AAUP-WSU and the Wright State Administration have agreed to a Memo of Understanding in which the AAUP-WSU does not object to a conversion to a semester system. With this memo of understanding, we will entertain an amendment to revise the resolution to remove the initial clause

2. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Resolution as indicated above.

Discussion:

Senator Comment: At a departmental meeting, our faculty expressed that they have concerns about the ambiguity of the motion and would like to see more specific detail about the calendar, what the general education would be and more importantly teaching responsibilities of the faculty under a semester system. Other concerns included the lack of sufficient classroom space to accommodate the increased number of courses, in addition to the possibility of insufficient parking accommodations. Additionally, this could be costly to students, as instead of having three payment opportunities, a semester system would reduce that to two payment opportunities. Will there be a sufficient number of faculty to teach a semester course system? We feel there will be a shortage of faculty, especially if we are competing with other schools to recruit faculty at the same time.

Dr. Sudkamp: The committee has considered these points. For the record, the resolution as it stands simply states that a semester system would be adopted. In the semester conversion report, a timeline addresses many of these issues and they will be decided after a decision is made to convert to semesters. You are correct in that students will be affected by how we set up our fee structure.

3. The amendment to the Resolution was Approved.

Discussion:

Dr. Sudkamp: With the approval of the amendment, the discussion will now focus on the question of adopting a semester academic system.

Senator Comment: Many non-bargaining unit faculty are concerned about how they will be affected by workload issues.

Dr. Sudkamp: Workload neutrality will be maintained as much as possible. The AAUP and administration will address this for bargaining unit faculty members and the same guiding premises will be used across the university. With either case, it has been agreed upon to work on these issues amicably, the details of which are forthcoming and as of yet, unanswered. Speaking as a co-chair of the Semester Conversion Committee, the other schools in Ohio are asking the same questions and we will be paying close attention as to how they are addressed.

Senator Question: Has there been any additional discussion that would make the Fall 2012 conversion a more definite date, as opposed to “no earlier than Fall 2012.”

Dr. Sudkamp: From speaking with others across the state, their intention is still a Fall 2012 conversion and that is our intention as well. That wording, as we said before, is to allow flexibility but I’m hearing it is still the intention of all the schools to convert Fall 2012.

Senator Question: Are there consequences if we choose not to move to semesters?

Dr. Sudkamp: Higher education has been highly favored in the state budget for several years and in the current budget as well, especially as we see other cuts being made. The tacit agreement is that we will participate in the University System of Ohio’s 10 Year Strategic Plan, which was accepted by the Governor and the State Legislature. I don’t believe there are written consequences for not converting to semesters, but from a practical standpoint, if Ohio State, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati adopt a semester academic system, it would not be feasible for us to stand out. We must ask ourselves if we want to be different from the other state schools.

4. The amended resolution was Approved.

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1. Moved and seconded to Approve.
2. Approved.

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Senator Question: Will it be problematic if a course is 4.5 credit hours?

Dr. Sudkamp: We will need to study the impact on classrooms because it would change the length of class time. If it spills into other time-blocks, it would exacerbate an already tight classroom-scheduling problem. There have been several requests to set up new programs with 4 credit hour courses in preparation for the switch to semesters.

Senator Comment: Wouldn't this go against the resolution we just passed, to begin no sooner than Fall 2012?

Dr. Sudkamp: These would be offered as 4.5 credit hour classes in the quarter system.

1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business.

F. University: Service Learning Definition and Course Designations

<http://www.wright.edu/ucapc/0009/fsreport/srvlearn.pdf>

Cathy Sayer: This would allow students to know before registering that there will be a service component to their course and, to some degree, how intensive it will be so they can plan ahead. This will also help the faculty but there is also an institutional benefit. The university would like to move toward earning the designation of President's Honor Roll of Service Learning and Community Engagement and the Carnegie Optional Designation for Community Engagement. Having a policy that shows what we are doing and giving us the ability to assess what we are doing would help us make progress toward earning those designations. Additionally, service learning is part of Criterion 5 in the North Central evaluation process and this would give us the ability to demonstrate something more about our engagement with the community.

1. Moved and Seconded to Old Business.

7. **Committee Reports**

A. See Attachment A to the March 2, 2009 Senate Agenda.

<http://www.wright.edu/admin/senate/senage/documents/Mar09SenAgn.pdf>

8. **Council Reports**

A. Athletics Council

See Attachment B to the March 2, 2009 Senate Agenda.

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B. Graduate Council

The report was distributed at the meeting.

Dr. Howard: Just as we have a set of guidelines coming forth from the Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee to help convert their curricula, will there also be similar guidelines to help graduate faculty with this process?

Dr. Thomas: Yes.

Senator Question: Can you elaborate on the fifty percent cut to the Research Challenge?

Dr. Thomas: The Research Challenge is performance based and is divided up according to the relative amount of reported research expenditures. Recently we have been receiving about \$725,000 per year, which has been distributed to the faculty in three competitions, plus some start-up funds. We will have to manage those competitions to support fewer projects. Recently we had a complex administrative change to the program that cost about \$100,000, and in addition we must cut the total from \$18 million to \$8 million. Of all the cuts listed in my report, this one has a possibility of being overturned but it is uncertain.

Dr. Sudkamp: While this is bad news, we do have some good news regarding student enrollment. Our undergraduate enrollments for spring are 10.1% over where they were on this date before the spring quarter last year. Our total enrollments, both graduate and undergraduate, are 7.9% above where they were on the same date last year.

9. **Special Reports**

None

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11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2009, 2:45 p.m., in E156 Student Union.

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