



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Thursday, January 11, 2024
2 pm, LH 171 (hybrid)

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Meeting ID: 941 6031 4885
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA SETTING MEETING

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Present: Jason Francis, Casey Neville (substitute), Jennifer Anderson, Ryan Cain, Michele Culumber, Dustin Birch (substitute), Sarah Herrmann (substitute), Ryan Ridge, Mary Beth Willard, Ravi Krovi, Brad Mortensen, Belinda McElheny

Excused: Marjukka Ollilainen, Mary Foss (sabbatical), Amy Buckway

Guest: Raymond Ruiz, Carrie Jeffrey, Hal Crimmel, Conrad Gabler, Mark Denniston, Valerie Herzog, Jaylynn Gold

1. Approval of [December 7, 2023](#) meeting minutes
2. Curriculum -Carrie Jeffrey (see bottom of page)

Curriculum [Agenda EC January 11, 2024](#)

Discussion on the curriculum the proposals are from the December UCC meeting.

Motion to approve: Ryan Ridge
Second: Jennifer Anderson
Outcome: Unanimous

3. [International Student Graduate Admissions PPM 11-1 3.23, 3.25](#)- Conrad Gabler

The change was made to consolidate the language into one area and make it available in one location. They cleaned up the international student admissions language testing options. To make it easier for advisors and students to accept different tests than have been in the PPM. Discussion if other tests are accepted at other schools and comparing thresholds to make sure we are aligning with other institutions in Utah. Also tried not to make the language too structured and allow the flexibility to change as testing evolves. Discussed that this proposal still had to go through legal before it can move forward to be fully approved.

Motion to move forward based on legal: Ryan Ridge
Second: Mary Beth Willard
Outcome: Unanimous

4. SAC agenda items -Raymond Ruiz

Shared that Amanda Young would not be able to be able to attend in the coming meetings. Ray is stepping in to take her place at meetings. SAC has nothing to share this month.

Action Items:

5. [Early College Charge](#)- Mark Denniston

This came to ASSA from the registrar's office. This proposal is to eliminate ACT scores and use GPA instead. Concerns have been addressed with all parties involved.

Move to approve: Ryan Cain
Second: Mary Beth Willard
Outcome: Unanimous

6. Ad hoc committee (Concurrent Enrollment)- Hal Crimmel

Membership [recommendation](#)

Concurrent enrollment is a large concern for enrollments and for the HSI designation. Faculty have expressed some concerns about what is being taught and who is running the concurrent enrollment. Also who is teaching and what curriculum is being used. In addition, the committee would be a reporting channel for faculty. The recommended people are individuals that are involved in the different areas of concurrent enrollment. Would like to have an ad hoc committee. Jason expressed concerns about how it was recommended and how the committee is formed. Mary Beth questioned if this should be a faculty senate committee or if it should be a task force. Would like to see one representative per college. Hal I think it is symbolic that it is a faculty concern. Michele What would the committee do? Hal the reporting structure comes from Jessica and touches on Eric's side. The actual academic content is an Academic Affairs concern. Mark Denniston stated that ASSA is going to bring something like this forward and is thinking of what the charges would look like. Need a body that will need more expertise in concurrent enrollment. What is the consistency across departments?

Ravi Supports Hal on the need for more . Does it need to be a FS committee? Hal- the way that we have been thinking about it is that general education has its own committee and feel that there needs to be a support for concurrent enrollment. The feeling is that if WSU has a strong concurrent enrollment program to allow students to want to continue at WSU. Would there be any authority and recommendations? Sarah-Feel like it would be useful to have a committee. Mary Beth- feels like it would be an ASSA charge. Discussion on ad hoc and how it is created and the intention of what it would be. Also would allow concurrent enrollment.

Discussion on if it belongs in the Faculty Senate.

Discussion on the poll Mark doesn't feel that a poll would help. Maybe it's a charge to ASSA to find out what the need is for the issues at the university.

Motion to approve an ad hoc committee: Ryan Cain
Second: Ryan Ridge
Outcome: 2 for 5 against and 1 abstaining

Motion to approve a poll: Mary Beth Willard
Second: Casey Neville
Outcome: Mary Beth Willard rescinded motion for poll

Will work with Mark to look at the charge to see if it needs to be expanded.

7. GEAIC charge on the new general Education legislation- Mary Beth Willard

This is a charge to look at the new general education change from USHE. It has been changed from 27-30. Would like a formal charge to look at what the tenth class would look like.

The new requirement says that institutions can have between 27-30 credits, where 27 of the credits are in the core/breadth areas. Weber needs to figure out a) whether we want 3 more credits (so far gen ed council/Eric thinks this is probably prudent) and b) what a three-credit option might look like (such as a required freshman seminar, or a FYE class, or some other option). Discussion on what it will look like, what are the options to fit into the space and also looking at a way to make it meaningful. Added does it affect transfer students.

Investigate adding up to three more credits in General education and if so what those options should be and what are the possibilities.

Action: come to the conclusion of what the charge will say to allow flexibility. Wording will be approved via email.

Motion to approve charge: Michele Culumber

Second: Sarah Hermann

Outcome: One abstention

8. APAFT updates and proposals- Jaylynn Gold

a. [APAFT - PPM 8-7 - Duration of Faculty Appointments](#)

This charge was to create the senior instructor. This was returned to APAFT to address some concerns from stakeholders. The concerns were addressed and added some Discussion on whether or not it needs to go to senate. decision was yes.

Motion to approve: Ryan Ridge

Second: Casey Neville

Outcome: Unanimous

b. ~~[APAFT - 8-11 - Evaluation of Faculty Members](#)~~

Informational:

9. SBBFP [Overload pay report](#) -Valerie Herzog

Discussion on the overload compensation report. The report went over the history and incentives. There is no discussion of modalities. Goes over the pay rates for different types of courses. Shared ideas about how to change the overload and make it more equitable. Proposal of how to make the changes and to gradually decrease one and increase the other. This is informational and the decision is administrative. There are drawbacks for some and also some benefits to changing the pay model. Discussed compensation benchmarking with other institutions

Motion to approve: Mary Beth Willard

Second: Jennifer Anderson

Outcome: Unanimous

10. Last minute additions to EC agenda

Discussion on late additions to the EC.

Decision: to hold a deadline to not allow last minute additions.

11. Discussion on administrators subbing for senator and faculty for administrators

Discussion on if this is an issue. The concern is that the administrators subbing for a faculty will change the ratios for apportionment.

Decision: Not to allow administrators to sub for voting members of the Faculty Senate.

As May Arise:

Curriculum:

General Education

Gen Ed Attribute Request ENGL - 2500 - Literature Today Hal Crimmel

Arts & Humanities

Department of English Language and Literature

New Course	ENGL - 2500 - Literature Today	Hal Crimmel
New Course	ENGL - 2700 - Introduction to Critical Theory	
Course Deletion	ENGL - 2510 - Masterpieces of Literature	
Program Changes	English (AA)	

Department of Visual Art and Design

New Course	ART - 3250 - Experimental Filmmaking	Paul Crow
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Department of Foreign Languages

New course	FL - 2960 - Introduction to World Languages & Cultures	Isabel Asensio
New course	FRCH - 2960 - Intro to World Languages & Cultures	
New course	GRMN - 2960 - Intro to World Languages & Cultures	
New course	SPAN - 2960 - Intro to World Languages & Cultures	
Program Changes	French (BA)	
Program Changes	French Teaching (BA)	
Program Changes	French for Translation and Global Industry (BA)	
Program Changes	German (BA)	
Program Changes	German Teaching (BA)	
Program Changes	German for the Professions (BA)	
Program Changes	Spanish (BA)	
Program Changes	Spanish Teaching (BA)	
Program Changes	Spanish Translation (BA)	
Program Changes	Spanish for the Professions (BA)	

School of Performing Arts

Course Revision	MUSC - 1130 - Sight-Singing & Aural Skills I	Daniel Jonas
Course Revision	MUSC - 1140 - Sight-Singing & Aural Skills II	
Course Revision	MUSC - 1150 - Class Piano I	
Course Revision	MUSC - 1160 - Class Piano II	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2130 - Sight Singing & Aural Skills III	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2140 - Sight Singing & Aural Skills IV	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2150 - Class Piano III	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2160 - Functional Piano Skills for Piano Majors/Minors	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2821 - Percussion Methods	
Course Revision	MUSC - 2841 - Brass Methods	

Course Revision	MUSC - 2851 - Woodwind Methods
Course Revision	MUSC - 2871 - String Methods
Course Revision	MUSC - 2881 - Vocal Workshop
Course Revision	MUSC - 3804 - Jazz Pedagogy
Course Revision	MUSC - 3840 - Advanced Concepts in Music Theory
Program Changes	Minor in Music Performance
Program Changes	Music (BA)
Program Changes	Music (BM), Instrumental Performance Emphasis
Program Changes	Music (BM), Keyboard Pedagogy Emphasis
Program Changes	Music (BM), Keyboard Performance Emphasis
Program Changes	Music (BM), Stringed Instrument Pedagogy Emphasis
Program Changes	Music (BM), Vocal Pedagogy Emphasis
Program Changes	Music (BM), Vocal Performance Emphasis
Program Changes	Music Education Teaching (BME), Choral Emphasis
Program Changes	Music Education Teaching (BME), Instrumental Emphasis
Program Changes	School of Music Required Core Courses (29 credit hours)

EAST

School of Computing

Course Revision	CS - 2130 - Computational Structures	Meher Talat Shaikh
Course Revision	CS - 3030 - Scripting Languages	
Course Revision	CS - 3100 - Operating Systems	
Program changes	Computer Science (AAS)	
New Course	NET - 3810 - Experimental Course	Andrew Drake
Course Revision	NET - 2300 - Introduction to Networking and Cybersecurity	
Program changes	Cybersecurity Essentials Certificate of Proficiency	
Program changes	Cybersecurity Policy and Management Certificate of Proficiency	
Program Changes	Network Technologies Certificate of Proficiency	
New Program	Cloud Computing Security	
Program changes	Master of Science in Computer Science (MS)	Robert Ball

Department of Manufacturing and Systems Engineering

New Course	SE - 6500 - Systems Engineering Project Overview	Nicole Falkenberg
Program changes	Masters of Science in Systems Engineering (MSSE)	
Program changes	Systems Engineering and Sustainable Engineering Post Baccalaureate Certificate	

Science

Department of Botany and Plant Ecology

Course Revision	BTNY - 1403 - Principles of Environmental Science	Sue Harley
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Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Course Revision	GEO - 3010 - Oceans and Climate	Caitlin Tems
Course Revision	GEO - 3210 - Paleoclimate	

Department of Physics and Astronomy

New Course	PHYS - 1300 - Scientific Data Processing and Visualization	Michelle Arnold
Course Revision	PHYS - 3310 - Scientific Computing for Physical Systems	
Course Revision	PHYS - 3420 - Data Analysis, Statistics, and Instrumentation	
Course Revision	PHYS - 4400 - Advanced Physics Laboratory	
Course Revision	PHYS - 4410 - Materials Characterization Laboratory	
Program Changes	Physics (BS)	
Program Changes	Physics, Applied (BS)	

Department of Zoology

New Course ZOOL - 4850 - Projects in Zoology Ron Meyers

Social & Behavioral Science

Department of Criminal Justice

New Course CJ - 1060 - CJ 1060 - POST Certification Credits, SFO Block Molly Sween

Course Revision CJ - 1070 - CJ 1070 - POST Certification Credits, BCO Block

Department of Political Science and Philosophy

New Course PHIL - 3300 - Philosophy of Race, Gender, and Justice Paul Neiman

Informational upcoming items:

- [Deep readers Program Review Schedule](#)
 - Make sure you have signed up for the upcoming reviews
- Faculty Governance Award nomination requests will be sent out January 19, 2024, after the FS meeting. The due date will be set for February 12, 2024.
- The Committee Interest Survey will be going out after the FS meeting on January 19, 2024 the deadline for that is February 20, 2024.

Administrative Update for FS- Brad Mortensen

Adjourned at 4:00