**Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting**
**Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Alumni House, 2:00-3:30 PM**

**I.     Attendance**

John Aleshunas, Larry Baden, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Gary Glasgow, Ryan Groeneman, Mike Hulsizer, Scott Jensen, Debbie Psihountas, Gary Renz, Terri F. Reilly, Basiyr Rodney, Joe Sencibaugh, Stephanie Schroeder, Hemla Singaravelu, Jill Stulce.

**II.    Minutes Approved**

A. Approval of Senate minutes for September 15th, 2016. S. Schroeder motions, A. Geraghty Rathert seconds. Approved.
B. Approval of Senate minutes for November 3rd, 2016. M. Hulsizer motions, T. Reilly seconds. Approved.
C. Approval of Senate minutes for November 17th, 2016. T. Reilly motions, M. Hulsizer seconds. Approved
D. Approval of Faculty Assembly minutes for November 29th, 2016. J. Stulce motions, D. Psihountas seconds. Approved

**III.   President's Report and Updates from Senators**

A. G. Renz shared the results of Faculty Assembly survey and distributed copies to the senate.
B. G. Renz discussed the Senate's budget and distributed budget update handout.  To date, the Senate used none of the administrative assistant budget. The Fall Faculty Institute will cost over $17,000.
C. G. Renz announced that Interviews for the part-time administrative position for the faculty senate end on Friday, December 2nd.
D. IT update by Renz.  The issues of ability to print at home, ability to download programs, and the new computer cycle are being addressed according to IT.  To address concerns with ability to print from home and ability to install programs on Webster computers, IT will pilot a new software starting in January so that they may make a purchase decision.  IT asked the Senate to find testers for the software.  A standardized desktop for Apple computers will be coming, which means the same issues that impact PC users will soon impact Apple users. Some senators expressed concerns that security is too strong on computers, making daily tasks difficult to complete. One senator proposed that certain qualified individuals be given administrative rights so they may better complete daily tasks and research.  Senators stated that computer labs need to be updated and that IT needs to become more user friendly.
E. Webster's audited consolidated financial statements are available for fiscal year 2015-16. G. Renz will send a copy to Senators.
F. T. Reilly expressed that what the Senate wanted from the GCP review task force was unclear that and she and R. Assner-Alvey had differing views of the task force's goals. The Senate agreed that the GCP review will be of all GCP related matters, which may require that a larger task force be formed.  The Senate agreed that Provost Schuster will need to be involved, along with the GCP committee and the international campuses affected by GCP. G. Renz will discuss this review further with Provost Schuster.
G. T. Reilly proposed having a holiday gathering for Senators on December 15th. She will send out a Doodle poll to find best time to meet.

H. S. Schroeder updated the Senate on the 120 credit hour proposal. She is checking with Financial Aid and the Provost's Office to see if there would be unintended consequences. She is still researching the fiscal impact of the proposal on Webster's finances.

I. B. Rodney updated the Senate on the "blended education" issue. He said six people agreed to participate in this ad-hoc committee, as have multiple extended campuses. The Online Learning Center is also willing to evaluate "blended education." Senate agreed this ad-hoc committee needs to remain small.

## IV. **Old Business:**

A. Senate needs to appoint two GCP committee members for Spring 2017 to replace Baichun Feng (WSBT) and Scott Jensen (at-large). G. Renz and D. Psihountas will seek Baichun's replacement. S. Jensen requested the senate to reach out to their departments to see if anyone would be interested in being a committee member for Spring 2017 semester.

B. The Senate went into executive (closed) session, which ended when the Senate adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM.