

Faculty Senate Meeting
January 29, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Don Conway-Long, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, Terri Reilly, J.P. Palmer-Schuyler, Chris Sagovac, Joe Schuster, Eileen Solomon, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Approval of Minutes:

September 11, 2014 Senate Minutes – approved by unanimous consent.

December 11, 2014 Senate Minutes – approved by unanimous consent.

September 9, 2014 Faculty Assembly Minutes - approved by unanimous consent.

II. Approval Adjunct Faculty Member to the Faculty Assembly:

Gina Jenson was approved by unanimous consent to hold an adjunct seat on the Faculty Assembly for term August 2015 – May 2017.

III. Reports:

A) Travel policies – Gwyneth spoke to Curt Vehlewald and Greg Gunderson about the University travel policy. More clarity will be forthcoming in a written statement regarding travel (domestic and international).

B) CRF Issues – CRF would like more guidelines and they will discuss electronic submission of letters, but the issue is complicated.

C) Commencement Speaker – Jenifer Lewis, Webster University alumna (BA Theatre Arts, '79), will be Webster's 2015 commencement speaker.

D) Honorary Degree Recipients – In addition to Jenifer Lewis, four additional individuals will be recognized with honorary degrees during Webster's commencement ceremonies:
Sister Barbara Ann Barbato, Ph.D, will receive the Doctor of Pedagogy for her lifelong work as an educator.

Dwight Bitikofer (BA, '78) will receive the Doctor of Letters for co-founding the Webster-Kirkwood Times and for his award-winning work as a journalist.

Helen Hagen (BA, '44, MA '82) will receive the Doctor of Humanities. Hagen co-founded the St. Louis PBS station, KETC-TV, where she created and produced several successful programs and films, including the show "Sunday Morning" which was picked up by 10 affiliates.

Sanford J. (Sandy) Zimmerman will receive the Doctor of Laws in recognition of his work as chairperson of Webster's first lay board.

IV. IRB Update and Proposal:

The IRB is proposing to retain the two School of Communication seats and add one additional at-large seat (which will be staggered into the context of the existing terms of that committee).

A motion was made and seconded to add one additional at-large seat to the IRB beginning AY 2015-2016. The seat will initially be a two-year term and then become a three-year term. Motion carried.

V. Extraordinary Merit Summary Report:

The summary of the survey on extraordinary merit was discussed.

A motion was made and seconded that the current draft of the extraordinary merit summary will be sent to the Faculty Assembly, along with the actual results of the survey. Motion carried.

VI. Extraordinary Merit Policy Draft:

Extraordinary Merit Policy draft was discussed and amendments will be made and brought back to the Senate for approval. A revised copy, based on the survey faculty completed, will be sent to the Faculty Assembly.

VII. Spring Institute:

A topic for the upcoming Spring Institute was discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.