Academic Senate
Eastern Washington University
Minutes of February 25, 2013


Officers:  S. Ligon, J. Smith, P. Chantrill, L. Reeves

Ex Officio:  R. Arévalo, R. Fuller, M. Voves, S. Morgan-Foster, L. Reyes for K. Chapman

Guests:  B. Chaves, E. Morgan, D. Dean, L. Briggs, B. DeFrates, L. Morley, T. Martin, J. Fitzgerald, L. Connelly

1. Call to Order.  The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by S. Ligon.


3. Additions/Changes to Agenda.  None.

4. Committee of the Whole.  a. Legislative Liaison Report.  P. Chantrill reported that Friday was the last day to get policy bills out of committee and they didn’t make it so they are effectively dead but they can be revised or revisited in some other form.  She stated one of the bills they are working with behind the scenes is the Dental Hygiene bill.  She stated there are some good advocates in Olympia who are working to find another place to put the bill.  b. They have a wonderful team of students in Olympia who had high hopes, they learned a lot, they were articulate sitting in front of the committees and passionately talking about their position and they got their first big disappointment when they discovered the legislators they thought they had on board of a particular position at the last minute couldn’t sustain their support.  They are working to refocus on other issues because there is new information and substitute bills that have passed through.  c. There is good momentum for the Dream Act bill.  d. There is confusing momentum for the differential tuition bills.  The House and Senate passed some limitations on it and it will be interesting to see how they work it through.  e. HB 1624 the bill that ties tuition to medium family incomes, looks at alternative ways of funding higher education and returning it to a 50/50 split that existed five years ago.  She stated that as of 2011 Washington State is 50th in terms of per student funding.  She has been meeting with lots of legislators about that issue and will keep that front and center along with the never ending cry that the best kind of financial aid is low cost.  f. S. Ligon stated P. Chantrill will bring a poll by Washington voters and their view of higher education to the 3/11/13 Senate meeting.

b. Shared Governance.  None.

c. Council Mini-Report Questions or Comments.  a. J. Smith reported she received the IRB approval for the Evaluation of Senior Administrators today.  The links will be activated and sent out early this week.

5. Administrative Report.  President.  a. Dr. Arévalo reported they are starting the budgeting process and he will be meeting with division heads and Vice Presidents to go over their budget requests.  He stated they are looking at around $12-13 million dollars in requests for new funding so
it will be a little hard to do the cuts. Once that process is complete the University Budget Committee will take a brush at it. **Provost.** a. R. Fuller reported the budgeting process began today and Academic Affairs was first. He stated they had an overview of the overall budget today and all the colleges as well as the Library will have budgeting hearings this week. The difference between this year’s process and two years ago is they are looking at all sources of funding; both the ledger 1 which is tuition and state funding as well as ledger 2 which is the amount you can raise through revenue generating activities. **Vice President for Student Services.** a. S. Morgan-Foster reported Services and Activities Fee processes and the Tech Fee processes are underway. She stated the website has updated information on both committees and the proposals that have been made as well as actions and discussions that are happening for those groups.

6. **Associated Students Report.** a. L. Reyes reported she has feedback on the E-Learning topic. She stated they are still meeting with students and overall they have been seeing student enjoy the convenience of online learning because it can accommodate their schedules and they wish there were more offered through Eastern without additional cost for tuition. They did get some negative views of it. She stated that depending on the professor the online is not beneficial by the way they set it up or the way they have them scheduled because students use it because it is more convenient however sometimes it is much more of a hassle because of the time the class is offered. She stated one really good point that some students had was they don’t want discussion classes that involve a lot of discussion because while there is discussion posts usually the professors mandate you to post one and comment on a couple but you don’t have to hear everyone’s opinion on it. They will continue to meet with students for more feedback. b. Lobby day was very successful, the students learned a lot and they are very excited about student government. c. They election details are getting finalized and events they can do to help promote student government and to help students to see that it is a beneficial opportunity rather than trying to pull teeth to get candidates to come forward. d. They are still looking at the grading scale and have been talking with students about it. There are some concerns but they are still in the initial phases of that process. e. Over the weekend a student at large raised money for victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting using the Harlem Shake. Any student who wanted to participate had to pay $1.00. f. S. Ligon stated they need two students to volunteer for the Distance Education committee next year.

7. **Chair’s Report.** S. Ligon reported: a. FPAC has finished the revision of the FO Constitution and will hopefully be at the next Senate meeting. Once the constitution has been approved FPAC will begin the process of revising the bylaws. b. He and J. Smith have been involved in the faculty salary study with Provost R. Fuller and C. Ormsby and that study has been completed. The report will be coming forward at the next Senate meeting. c. The Student Success and Retention Committee will be meeting Friday and they will begin to look at Gen Ed review and revision and First Year Experience. He stated they will have more to report in March.

8. **UFE Report.** a. E. Kissling reported the survey for faculty input into bargaining has gone out and should have been received via email last week. It went out to everyone in the bargaining unit and not just UFE members. If you didn’t receive a survey you can contact T. Flinn as soon as you can. He can be reached at aflinn@ewu.edu
10. Information Items.  a. Student Affairs Presentation on Financial Aid Primer.  L. Briggs and B. DeFrates presented information about financial aid at Eastern. They stated financial aid includes scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, work study, loans and third party funds. The total aid by type for 2011-12 equals $127 million which is broken down as: loans - $74 million; grants - $35 million; tuition waivers - $10 million; scholarships - $6 million; work study - $1 million; and third party - $1 million. The aid by source of the $127 million is: federal - $91 million; state - $15 million; institution - $15 million; and private $6 million. The percentage of students at Eastern who receive Pell Grants is 42.4%; percentage of students receiving need-based aid is 58.8% and the percentage of students receiving any aid is 72.5%. Satisfactory academic progress for students completed 12 or more credits while on aid were 66.7% of attempted credits. Statistics show that for each quarter during 2011-12 7,500 students were in good standing; 700 on warning; 500 on suspension; 60 on probation; and 100 were denied aid. The default rate for students on aid at Eastern was 4.9% while the national average for 4 year public schools was 6.0% or a national average of all schools was 9.1%.

b. Faculty Athletic Representative Update. a. L. Morley reported she brought J. Fitzgerald and T. Martin to give an update on the athletic program. L. Morley reported the Big Sky Undergraduate Journal is looking for a submission to be published in their July 1, 2013 journal. The submission must be a 2,500-3,500 narrative from any discipline and needs to be turned in by Friday, April 12th. The winners will receive $1,000. In addition they are looking for submissions for the cover of the journal and that person will also receive $1,000.  b. J. Fitzgerald reported the total number of student athletes at Eastern is 323 and of those 15 had a 4.0 GPA; 122 had a 3.5-3.99 GPA and 83 had a 3.0-3.49 GPA. He stated the team GPA for fall quarter was 3.2 GPA in comparison to the Big Sky Conference. For 5 out of the last 6 years we have placed first or second in the Big Sky amongst all the student athletes and expect to be first or second this year as well. He stated one of the components of what makes the student athletes successful is their Study Table Program they offer to all their student athletes. The program is 4 nights a week from 6-9 p.m. every day in the fall, winter and spring quarters. This winter quarter it is Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is drop in depending on the student athletes GPA or year at Eastern Washington University he or she may be required a certain number of study hours per week. If that particular student athlete comes into Study Table he/she may require 4 hours of study time per week. In the Study Table classroom they have 4 tutors available for all student athletes and in fall they averaged 60-75 student athletes per night.  c. J. Fitzgerald reported on February 23rd there were 15 student athletes who took the Polar Plunge in Liberty Lake to support the Special Olympics. They went out and raised money on their own and had the highest team fund raising among all the schools.  d. On February 2nd they had a Teddy Bear Drive before a men’s basketball game. Fans got to donate teddy bears that were collected by the student athletes and 300 teddy bears were given to Shriner’s Hospital, Spokane Guild School, and the Cheney Parks and Recreation Center.  e. Friday, March 1st is National Dr. Seuss Day so three student athletes will go to a couple of elementary schools to read.  f. T. Martin distributed a summary of notes for a report she provided President Arévalo. She stated the President’s Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics meets twice a month and their primary purpose is to keep the president informed of on issues around compliance and the experience for the student athlete. They involve
themselves in the required reports that go to the NCAA, will be meeting with a representative from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), working to update the web-based student athlete exit and wellness interviews, etc.


13. Good of the order. a. S. Ligon stated that AP 303-24 Grades, Changes and Appeals has gone to GAC and UAC to revise and will hopefully be returning to Senate at the next meeting.

14. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on March 11, 2013.