

Faculty Leadership Committee Report From June 11, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

from Kristi Westover

- Three faculty members were awarded emeritus status: Dr. Anne Beard (Speech), Mr. Larry Mitlin (Library) and Dr. Patricia Wolman (Human Nutrition).
- The SACS compliance report is taking shape for a September send-off. The SACS team will be here in April for 2-3 days as part of the process. The QEP is also coming along with the help of numerous faculty from around campus who have been working hard to evaluate how to incorporate global awareness into their own curriculum. The plan would be fully implemented for the 2011-2012 academic year, so to date it is in a development phase. The August Leadership Retreat will be devoted to the QEP.
- Dean Murnane reported that efforts to increase the Graduate Schools' presence on the web seem to be paying off in terms of 'hits' to the school's web pages. She also reported that summer undergraduate enrollment is up 3.5% from last year.
- Leland Cox made a few parting remarks as he leaves the BoT, but also expressed his desire to keep connected to WU in the future. The group thanked him for the work he has done over the last number of years.

UNIVERSITY LIFE COMMITTEE

No faculty member attended due to a last minute personal issue. However, a summary is provided here by Marsha Bollinger based on a report (and meeting notes provide to the Board) at the full Board meeting.

Intercollegiate Athletics

- A summary of Spring 2010 GPA for athletic teams was provided. Women's tennis had the best cumulative GPA at 3.61 for the semester. The overall GPA for spring was 2.99 for all teams.
- The first Academic All-Eagle Team was announced this spring and consisted of 70 student-athletes who maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4.
- The committee heard an overview of the governance structure for the Big South Conference and for the NCAA.

Division of Student Life

- Lee Ann Johnson made a presentation on the Rent-A-Text Program through the Bookstore that will be available for students in the fall.
- The committee was updated on the food options that will be available at the DiGiorgio Center in the fall as well as new meal plan options for campus.
- Grant Scurry reported on the many opportunities available to campus through Recreational Services.
- Frank Ardaiole briefed the committee on the new On-Line Student Academic Success Center which will include some of the following starting in fall semester: academic tutoring, supplemental instruction, and testing services.
- Alicia Marstall and Frank Ardaiole briefed the committee on the move to the new campus center.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT / DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

from Karen Stock

Division of University Development and Alumni Relations

Brien Lewis

- ❖ Donations and fundraising are on track with projections and the number of donors has increased from last year
- ❖ Growth in Winthrop's online presence and on social networking sites

Division of University Advancement and Enrollment Management

Frederick Schlingemann - International Recruitment

- ❖ Newly created position
- ❖ Between now and January will focus on domestic opportunities to recruit international students and in January will target schools in Africa, Europe, Central Asia and South America
- ❖ Acts as liaison between international center and department of recruitment

Debbie Barber – Admissions

- ❖ Freshman admissions closer to 2008; transfer applications are up and transfers can now view transfer credits on Wingspan
- ❖ Students attend close to home and then transfer to Winthrop in the future
- ❖ Student retention is up

Ellen Wilder-Byrd- Advancement Initiative

- ❖ Winthrop Update is digital and more user friendly so that alumni can find information and view photos easily
- ❖ The 125th anniversary will be promoted and celebrated throughout all Winthrop material i.e. the common book has logo etc

Kathryn Holten – Advancement Initiative

- ❖ Responses on student surveys show that graduates believe they are successful after leaving Winthrop
- ❖ Winthrop will begin a different method of “buying names” that follow different patterns and will target a new pool of potential candidates

Debbie Garrick – Alumni Association

- ❖ One primary goal of alumni relations is to recruit new students; broaden and share the Winthrop experience through alumni activity such as alumni volunteering at recruitment events
- ❖ In addition to local events there are many gatherings organized out of state in areas which have a strong Winthrop presence such as Ohio
- ❖ Creation of a Garnet and Gold book to mark the 125th anniversary that will be unique for each class and will only be given to the current incoming class; this book will help link new students to Winthrop traditions

FINANCE COMMITTEE

from Scott Huffmon

There was extensive discussion of the auditing process, both internal and external, as well as how the internal and external processes would relate to each other. The need for external auditing was elaborated upon, *ad nauseum*, by - shockingly - the external auditor. Hypothetical case after case, none of which were actual instances from Winthrop, was described to reaffirm the importance of the external audit.

Fees and tuition were discussed, but such discussions were tentative since the committee planned on waiting until the final SC budget was voted through by the legislature before taking any action.

There was a lengthy discussion of Summer Camps, the revenue they produced, when Winthrop's name could be used, and what insurance liability the university faced with regard to these camps.

Non-committee members were excused for apx 20 min. while the committee discussed "a personnel related matter."

In the wide-ranging discussion regarding how to secure additional funding, a disturbing thread of conversation developed related to intellectual property rights and how the university might realize profits from faculty created intellectual property. The concepts discussed were in direct opposition to the Winthrop Intellectual Property Rights Policy (http://www2.winthrop.edu/acad_aff/Policies/iprp.html). It is likely that such discussion stemmed merely from ignorance of this policy and, once it was pointed out, such ruminations would be quelled. However, it may be something we need to keep an eye on.

FULL BOARD MEETING

from Marsha Bollinger

Thursday, June 10, 2010

The full board met for Executive Session for an extended amount of time. The Faculty Representative was included in many of the discussions. The Board heard updates on and discussed certain contractual topics. In addition, the President's performance was reviewed based on a state-mandated form. In addition, the Board asked for comments from the Faculty Representative which I had prepared in advance. I was then excused from the remainder of the session.

Friday, June 11, 2010

There were no comments provided by anyone during the Public Comment period.

Five resolutions were presented and passed by the Board regarding the following:

- To honor Leland Cox for meritorious service to Winthrop University as he leaves the Board.
- To submit an evaluation of "Exceeds Expectations" to the State Agency Head Salary Commission regarding the performance of President DiGiorgio during academic year 2009-2010.
- To extend the contract of President DiGiorgio by one year and therefore until June 30, 2016.
- To authorize the Executive Committee of the Board to adopt an operating budget on behalf of the Board once the General Assembly has passed the Appropriations Act.
- To confer emeritus faculty status as mentioned in the Academic Affairs Committee report above.

Each Committee of the Board offered a report on their morning meetings.

The Faculty Representative reported on a few relevant activities including work on course recertification by the General Education Committee, the implementation of the new faculty governance structure, and continued work on campus related to the SACS reaffirmation process.

Sydney Evans, chair of Council of Student Leaders and student representative to the Board, reported that she and others had attended a conference recently that should help CSL consider reorganization next academic year. In addition she reported that student elections had been held for CSL (in its current form) and that she and others were looking forward to summer orientations and new students on campus.

Dr. DiGiorgio finished the meeting with a few comments on topics such as Readiness Winthrop, SACS reaffirmation, the 125th anniversary of Winthrop that will take place next academic year, and the pamphlet on Critical Thinking that is being used on campus and was given to the Board.