

Senate Meeting Minutes

Nov. 2, 2022

Present: Alexander, Adam, Beemer, Bergland, Chloupek, Ford, Gallaher, Voss, Abington, Bandi, Cline, Olson, Scofield, Meyer, Islam, Miller, Adebile, Fella, Smith, Skinner, Rourke, Jornaz, Black, Islam Tekle Wanorie subbing for Myllakangas, Shelley Riley subbing for John Gallaher.

Absent: none

Call to Order

Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:32.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the Oct. 19 meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports

NW President's Report (Green)

There was a reported sexual assault that occurred Sunday. In response, there was a gathering/rally at Bell Tower, with about 100 people attending—mostly male—responding to show condemnation of that assault.

Engagement

There will be a tree lighting on Nov. 29.

We are working with enrollment with NCMC in Trenton, talking to president in cultivating relationships and articulation agreements.

Funding/BOR

Martindale Hall: We'll have 40 asks in to help raise gifts to fund the renovation.

BOR meeting in December

- Will hopefully be taking the audit, laptop contracts, finalized AP contract for OP courses

Provost's Report (Hooyman)

We will renew our AP contract, looking at possible changes

NCMC: We have let MOU and matriculation agreements expire, so will be working on updating those with NCMC and other community colleges in the area.

Jan. 6 meeting is slated for Professional Development Day. She is still looking for presentations on topics that would be helpful for faculty.

Human Resources (Barcus)

Dec. 13 Employee recognition breakfast/lunch. Open enrollment is going on, until Nov. 14. Employees will be receiving benefits statements and price. Presidential Search: We are vetting candidates to do Zoom interviews in December; will be doing in-person preliminary visits in January.

Guest speaker: Stacy Carrick

Some highlights of her presentation:

- Benefits—praised Barcus and staff and the new broker in negotiating health benefits
- Under MyNorthwest—Strategic Plan tab—information brief with overview, 2021 Audit (2022 Audit is being finalized)
- Boilers: Operational life is usually 25-30 years (four of five are operational); the boilers are well past that, at 55 years old. It is probably a \$60M project to upgrade. We're looking to perhaps to partner with state, maybe a 50/50 match.
- Pellet plant not dead—but not the most economical anymore, especially because of personnel costs
- Bid with 3rd party to HVAC; decided to bring it in house (cost would be \$1M more to handle it outside)
- \$174 million of deferred maintenance (central plant, roofs, windows)
- Overall budget concerns: Facilities condition index, months of operational Exp (reserves) 6 months (preferred 12 months) of depreciation in plant renewal.
BUT, Composite Financial Index for FY 2021 is 6.7 (1.0 over three years is a minimum to not be on the HLC Financial Watch List. Over 3.0 can invest in itself. We were at 4.3 in FY 2020. Will likely go back down to the 4 range now that COVID funds are being expended.
- Average cost of attendance (COA) and Net Price (NA). Northwest is below the average of Missouri and other states.
- Enrollment: Up overall, 6,857 to now 8,291 Headcount
BUT, large classes are graduating and smaller ones coming in, so smaller overall on-campus student enrollment.
- \$15 million in OP (keep half)—still a net positive
- Average \$ per student declined from \$6,448 to \$5,714 from FY 2017-2021, as our undergraduate numbers have declined (small \$ from dual credit, from grad students (only take 6-9 hours). It's all about SCH, student credit hours.

Senate President's Report (Alexander)

First Friday Host 7:30-9 a.m., in July

BOR—The IT Security policy passed, actually with more protection/better language

Committee Reports

- Academic Petitions (Miller): Met in Oct. 14
- Academic Appeals (Bandi): Haven't met.
- Curriculum and Degree Requirements (Meyer): Meeting in Nov. and Dec.
- Oct. 18—deadline for proposals to be live for fall pre-registration 35:20
- Designated Curricular Matters (Richardson): No report.
- Assessment (Voss) : No meeting
- Faculty Welfare, Budget, and Finance (Smith): Meet tomorrow.
- Teaching and Learning (Myllykangas): no meeting
- Legislative Committee (Brett Chloupek) : No report.
- COTE, Graduate Council, Research, IRB, Animal Welfare, University Seminar: No reports.

Old Business

A motion was made to un-table and pass CDR proposal 2-44-02

(introduced at the Oct. 19 meeting, but had not gone through CDR and was thus returned). The proposal passed unanimously.

New business

A motion was made to approve 122-54-01. Motion Passed unanimously. Voss made a motion to bundle Proposals 2-36:

122-17-01, 122-17-02, 122-44 03, 122-44-04, 122-44-05, 122-44-06, 122-61-03, 122-62-29, 122-62-30, 122-62-33, 122-62-34, 122-62-35, 122-62-36, 122-62-37, 122-22-01, 122-28-01, 122-62-12, 122-62-13, 122-62-15, 122-62-16, 122-62-17, 122-62-18, 122-62-19, 122-62-20, 122-62-21, 122-62-22, 122-62-27, 122-62-28, 122-62-05, 122-45-01, 122-47-01, 122-47-02, 122-47-03, 122-47-04, 122-47-05

The motion to bundle passed unanimously. The vote to approve the bundled proposals was unanimous.

- Peter Adam, Presidential Search update: Anthem (search firm) invited 228 (seven have completed applications so far), additional 16 nominated

In two weeks, completed apps will be sent to committee.

Dec. 1: Try to bring down to 8-10

Meet Jan. 18-19; Zoom interviews with 8-10 candidates

Late Feb/March: Bring the 2-3 finalists to campus

Adjournment

Alexander adjourned the meeting at 5:21

Fall Senate Meetings: November 16, December 7