

**Faculty Council – WIU – Quad Cities
Agenda – Feb 2024**

List of District Representatives on Executive Committee

- Everett Hamner (CAS, 2026), Co-Chair
- Dana Lindemann (CAS, 2025), Co-Chair
- Haley Wikoff, (COEHS, 2026), Secretary
- Md. Shahin Alam (CBT, 2025)
- Ted Avtgis (COFAC, 2026)
- Bret Bogenschneider (CBT, 2025)
- Christopher Carpenter (COFAC, 2025)
- Jeff Hancks (Library, 2025)
- Daniel Malachuk (CAS, 2026)
- Angela McClanahan-Simmons (COFAC, 2025)
- Monica Rouse (COEHS, 2025)
- Il-Seop Shin (CBT, 2026)
- Suzanne Bailey - Faculty Senate Rep (ex officio)

Guest

- Dr. Clare Thompson (VP for Advancement, Alumni Relations, and Athletics)

Friday, Feb. 2; 1:00 PM, QCC 3420 and via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://wiu.zoom.us/j/92624813559>

1. Call to order
2. Motion to approve minutes of Nov 2023 (please read thoroughly – lots of detail!)

New Business:

3. Presentation from and discussion with Dr. Clare Thompson. Potential questions to consider:
 - a. How does her work currently utilize and/or engage the QC campus?
 - b. How can QC faculty help enable progress with university “advancement, alumni relations, and athletics”?
 - c. What can we share about this campus’s unique strengths and weaknesses that can help build further bridges between campuses?
4. As shared via email and discussed in Monday 1/29’s Zoom drop-in (10-11:30, <https://wiu.zoom.us/j/98472636847>), the BOT has requested faculty input at their retreat on Thursday 2/8. While slides indicating Everett’s focal areas are/were due before our Friday 2/2 meeting, additional conversation about QC faculty’s ideas for increasing enrollment and revenue may be possible, time allowing.

Updates:

5. Our April meeting guest remains TBD, but a leading candidate will be the new Assistant Provost (who may or may not be announced by the time we meet).
6. The Faculty Senate's AI Task Force report (essentially an initial faculty guide to generative AI) is now approved and available. Just let Everett know if you missed the email and would like a re-send.
7. As announced via email, we need at minimum one candidate for the at-large QC-based Faculty Senate role (to serve 2024-27). Everett has heard from one person as of this agenda's completion; it would be tremendous to have another. It's entirely possible to simply run for one of the college openings, too, as Everett did for CAS and Kristin Wisely did for COEHS. This is a very significant space in which to build relationships across campuses and overcome communication patterns that weaken the entire university and harm individuals and programs alike. Petitions will have been due the day before our meeting (2/1) but the announcement is here again for those who read in advance of our meeting.
8. Upcoming: as recorded in our November minutes, WIU has contracted with EAB, a major education consulting firm based in Washington, D.C. [launched 2007; ~1500 employees, last sold for \$1.55 billion in 2017], to assess the university's strengths and weaknesses. This will include separate analyses by campus, and it's likely that the first stage of the company's work will happen swiftly in the next few months and prove influential in WIU's direction. Please be on the lookout for and prioritize as possible what could be short-notice meetings to gather input. As with genAI, such outside reports' insightfulness depends on the quality and extent of the input and the assumptions reflected in their models' "training data."
9. QC Faculty Council Spring 2024 social gatherings (Dana)
10. Other items for the good of the body?

Constituency reports:

Faculty Senate – Suzanne Bailey

Note: The sequence on the agenda is subject to change based on the availability of the individual that discusses the agenda item