

## Faculty Council – WIU – Quad Cities Agenda – Jan 2025

### List of District Representatives on Executive Committee

- Everett Hamner (CAS, 2026), Co-Chair
- Dana Lindemann (CAS, 2025), Co-Chair
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- Ted Avtgis (COFAC, 2026)
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- Christopher Carpenter (COFAC, 2025)
- Daniel Malachuk (CAS, 2026)
- Angela McClanahan-Simmons (COFAC, 2025)
- Monica Rouse (COEHS, 2025)
- Il-Seop Shin (CBT, 2026)

### Guests

- Kristi Mindrup (President)
- Mark Mossman (Interim Provost)
- Christopher Merrett (Dean of Innovation and Economic Development)

**Friday, Jan. 31; 1:00 PM, \*\*\*Riverfront 103-104\*\*\* and via Zoom**

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

1. Call to order and welcome of all guests
2. Motion to approve minutes of Nov 2024

### New Business:

3. Presentation and discussion of WIU Innovation Campus at QC vision by President Mindrup, Interim Provost Mossman, and Dean Merrett
  - a. Questions to consider in advance:
    - i. Let's assume for a moment that funding for the Innovation Campus proves available. Can we talk about near-term implications for the three main program areas currently identified, as well as the potential for specific support programs and/or new interdisciplinary programs? Taking up Dr. Darius Means' call for "audacious hope" in his Anew WIU address, could the Innovation Campus become a place that asks students, in Dr. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell's words, not just "what do you want to major in," but "what problem do you want to solve"?

1. E.g., our colleagues in Education are wondering what it would mean to be a pillar of the new campus. They currently have just one undergraduate licensing program (ELEM) in the QC with 4 options, with courses 50% online, 50% FTF. Their alternative programs are very popular but they are online/arranged and not attached to the QC program in particular. Their graduate programs are all online. In this scenario, how might they feature distance programs in connection to the Innovative Campus? Does “Education” refer to something broader than their programs?
  2. Engineering and Manufacturing have also been identified as a key part of this proposal. How do we see new support for these programs developing, and how are “Engineering,” “Engineering Technology,” and the term “Manufacturing” related here?
  3. With Public Health, we take the current Counseling program to be included, but what is the status of additional possible programs within this field? Does the administration agree that an undergraduate feeder program like Psychology (or as has been recently proposed, Applied Psychology) is important to invest in for the success of the Innovation Campus and its related graduate programs?
  4. What other undergraduate program options could prove significant in helping the three pillars and the Innovation Campus to thrive? Given Dr. Villanueva-Russell’s emphasis on employers’ consistently stated need for “critical thinkers who can speak in public,” might a broadly conceived, application-minded, liberal-arts-and-sciences-engaged major – perhaps one taking particular advantage of our Mississippi River location and faculty’s environmental studies expertise - - provide an additional route for new students to begin at the Innovation Campus, while serving as additional foundation and bridgework among the three major areas?
- ii. Alternatively, let’s imagine that no new funding appears. How do we avoid the traps of what Dr. Means called “mythical hope” and “hope deferred”? What is our current Plan B for next fall in the Quad Cities? At what point will we need to make decisions about what to tell students will be available? Are there innovations we could pilot even under our current funding model?
1. For instance, Dr. Means noted that one in ten adults in IL have some college but no credentials. What opportunities do we have to tap back into students who left WIU or other schools previously? He said 56% of adults in McDonough County don’t have postsecondary credentials and that in Rock Island County, the number is 64%. What new flexibility

for FT workers might the QC campus offer, while also continuing to serve traditional-age high school graduates?

- iii. Thinking most broadly, are there more ways that the Innovation Campus proposal could be strengthened by taking into account more lessons from past mistakes and successes?

Updates:

4. Ongoing need for a QC representative to Faculty Senate
  - a. Please contact Annette Hamm, Jeremy Robinett, Everett, or Dana if interested or you have questions about the role.
5. Is there interest in an informal gathering next Friday at this time?
6. Our next business meeting date is Friday, April 4, 2025, 1:00-2:30, location TBA.
7. Other items for the good of the body?

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