

Faculty Council – WIU – Quad Cities Agenda – Sept 2023

List of District Representatives on Executive Committee

- Everett Hamner (CAS, 2023), 2022-23 Co-Chair
- Dana Lindemann (CAS, 2025), 2022-23 Co-Chair
- Jeff Hancks (Library, 2025), 2022-23 Vice Chair
- Haley Wikoff, (COEHS, 2023), 2022-23 Secretary
- Md. Shahin Alam (CBT, 2025)
- Bret Bogenschneider (CBT, 2025)
- Christopher Carpenter (COFAC, 2025)
- Angela McClanahan-Simmons (COFAC, 2025)
- Carla Paciotto, (COEHS, 2023)
- Monica Rouse (COEHS, 2025)
- Il-Seop Shin (CBT, 2023)
- Tammy Werner (CAS, 2023)
- Suzanne Bailey - Faculty Senate Rep (ex officio)

Friday, Sept. 8; 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 May 2023

New Business:

3. *District representative re/nominations and elections for 3-year terms for those ending in 2023 (three total slots per college) [added item 9/7]*

4. Alternative structure pilot proposal

- a. In an effort to better align the WIU-QC Faculty Council Executive Committee meetings with QC faculty needs and interests, piloting an alternative schedule for the 2023-24 academic year is proposed:

--> Instead of four on-campus and Zoom-accessible monthly business meetings each semester, we would hold two. These meetings would be more business/actions oriented, and would continue to occur on Fridays, 1:00-2:30 PM. If the pilot proves successful, we would continue to focus September meetings on identifying business items for the year; the remaining meetings would each have a guest speaker and updates on business items as appropriate. This year they would be held on:

- o September 8
- o November 3
- o February 2
- o April 5

--> Facilitating opportunities for informal gatherings among faculty is proposed as a new objective of the council. We would correspondingly expand off-campus, agenda-less, social gatherings to discuss whatever issues are currently pressing in our lives as scholars, teachers, and university citizens. This semester we would arrange such meetings for the following dates, also on Fridays, 1:00 PM, with similar intervals in the spring so long as interest is strong:

- o September 22
- o October 6
- o October 20
- o November 10 or 17 (based on interest)
- o December 1 or 15 (based on interest)

- b. In addition to the proposed alternative schedule, it is proposed that the council leadership team consist of co-chairs and a recording secretary (essentially as it did in 2022-23). In general, one co-chair would be primarily responsible for facilitating council business (including attending Faculty Senate/ExCo and Board of Trustees meetings, as appropriate), and the other co-chair would be primarily responsible for facilitating informal gatherings. The recording secretary would continue to be responsible for taking minutes and ensuring that the council website contains an updated list of members and council-approved meeting minutes.
- c. After piloting this structure for the 2023-24 academic year, we would hold an additional vote at the April 2024 meeting on revisions to the Faculty Council bylaws that would make this change more permanent.

5. (*Officer*) Elections

- a. Co-Chairs
- b. Secretary

6. Guest possibilities for 2023-24

- a. Paul Edwards (new VP for Finance and Administration): available Nov. 3
- b. Greg Aguilar (BOT)
- c. Additional suggestions?

Updates:

- 7. We have a basic QC Faculty Council webpage now and will soon be adding to it. See http://wiu.edu/qc/faculty_council/#. Suggestions for additional elements?
- 8. There is an Academic Affairs Strategic Plan committee that has been working since last spring. It will be seeking QC Faculty Council members' input at a meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14, from 2-3 pm., QCC 2406.

9. Need for QC representative (replacing Leslie O’Ryan) on the University Technology Advisory Group (UTAG)
 - a. Term: Fall 2023-Spring 2026
 - b. Meetings: 2nd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30pm
 - c. Purpose: "To provide University Technology with advice and direction in the implementation of departmental priorities and those from the Institutional Strategic Plan for Technology; to represent the perspectives of the college/department represented and discuss with those constituencies items discussed at monthly uTAG meetings; and to assist with the writing, updating and reporting of the Institutional Strategic Plan for Technology."
10. Additional *possibly* open committee positions (candidates being recruited and this is changing rapidly, but if you’re interested, please tell Everett):
 - a. CITR Advisory Committee
 - b. Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee
 - c. Policy Review Committee
11. Big props to Haley Wikoff for organizing (and to Kristi Mindrup for helping sponsor) the Safe Space training taken by more than a dozen faculty and staff on Friday, Sept. 1. Viminda was a fabulous guide, and the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and how to work best with LGBTQ+ students and colleagues seemed widely appreciated.

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