

**‘FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, 17 January 2023  
Stipes Hall 501, 4:00 p.m.**

**A C T I O N M I N U T E S**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Thompson, Chair; Julia Albarracin, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Manoochehr Zoghi, Provost; Craig Whetten, Parliamentarian; Annette Hamm, Interim Faculty Senate Office Manager

1) Senator Banash suggested at the last Faculty Senate meeting that the Executive Committee discuss how to have a broader discussion about the direction of General Education and other curriculum at WIU in light of several waiver requests which senators were asked to consider during fall semester. Chair Thompson agrees that a larger discussion should be held to see what is working and what is not besides those of Gen Ed. Provost Zoghi stated the Academic Affairs core group for strategic planning will be conducting a SWOT analysis and laying the framework at its next meeting. Chair Thompson said he thinks a broader discussion needs to occur this semester at least. Provost Zoghi thinks the strategic planning process is needed to consider curriculum improvements across the university because this impacts student retention. Chair Thompson agrees that Gen Ed is probably a big piece of the retention puzzle since for most students it comprises most of the 60 hours of coursework they take in their first two years. He thinks part of the discussion needs to be the effectiveness of offering General Education courses online. Provost Zoghi pointed out that a large number of WIU’s student population is first generation and may need more individualized attention. Chair Thompson observed that many WIU freshmen come from underfunded high schools; Senator Albarracin added some students may not have had a very positive experience with online classes during Covid. Provost Zoghi stated that the Academic Affairs core group for strategic planning will be a working group initially but will later reach out to the campus community for additional input. He thinks this will be a game changer with a focus on student success. Ms. Hamm asked if this will address Senator Banash’s concerns; Chair Thompson replied he thinks it will. He added that when more input is desired from the broader campus community, the Faculty Senate could help organize that, and Senator Banash could be part of that discussion. Provost Zoghi added that the intention is to develop a more integrated, holistic approach.

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and the College of Fine Arts and Communication; one three-year  
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5) A faculty member suggested to Chair Thompson that CAGAS be asked to consider whether language specifically about use of artificial intelligence (AI) on written assignments should be added to the Academic