

UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
 March 16, 2022

Attendees

Jay Brewster (Chair)	Nelson Granados	Steven Potts
Ebony Cain	Connie Horton	James Prieger
Dean Paul Caron	Lee Kats	Greg Ramirez
Lauren Cosentino	Marilyn Misch	Dean Mark Roosa
Rick Cupp	Tim Perrin	Dean Deryck van Rensburg
Dean Michael Feltner	Dean Pete Peterson	Nicolle Taylor
President James Gash	Phil Phillips	Dean Helen Williams

Absent

Jaye Goosby Smith	Gary Hanson	Sara Jackson
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Observers

Danny DeWalt	Petra Rickertsen	Jody Semerau
Seta Khajarian	Jonathan See	Nicole Singer

I. Call to Order and Devotional

Provost Brewster called the University Planning Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 16, 2022 by Zoom. Dean Helen Williams presented devotional thoughts.

Dean Helen Williams and Marilyn Misch moved and seconded approval of the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes which were adopted.

II. Update on WSCUC Reaffirmation

Seta Khajarian provided an update on the WSCUC Reaffirmation process. A press release last week announced that Pepperdine University's accreditation has been reaffirmed for the full 10-year term. A special visit in Spring 2025 will occur to track progress on the 6 Commendations and 5 Recommendations named in WSCUC's letter to the University which were reviewed.

A member asked whether Commendation 3 regarding a shift toward a student learning culture was prompted by the last review or whether this arose from WSCUC. It was shared in response that in Fall 2022 there will be new WASC standards and guidelines emphasizing action and impact.

The 2031 WSCUC Reaffirmation timeline, milestones, and next steps were reviewed. Next steps include forming a WSCUC Steering Committee, preparing the Institutional Report, and planning for the Spring 2025 special visit. There may be a midterm report between 2025 and 2031.

A member inquired about shared governance appearing in WSCUC reviews over several years and what is commented that Pepperdine is missing that it reoccurs. Provost Brewster responded that while this can appear as lack of progress, Pepperdine is maturing in fundamental ways. It was noted that the recent review's shared governance point requests clarification on the existing statement and responds to faculty concerns expressed that shared governance is unbalanced. Provost Brewster commented that this is being addressed by the University mobilizing committees to make sure faculty voices are heard. A member commented that WSCUC requested clarity on the chart. A member commented that a focal point in the faculty WSCUC conversations surrounded the removal of technical liaisons in divisions and generally the resources provided to support faculty, and it was asked whether this was noted specifically.

The next WASC Steering Committee will focus on the 5 areas and personnel from those areas will be invited to lead, which will help with focus on those areas.

III. Center for Faith and the Common Good

Provost Brewster introduced members to the Center for Faith and the Common Good, which was announced at the President's Lecture Series with Dr. Byron Johnson. The Center's history, purpose, fundraising prospects, and faculty and staff support were reviewed. Data collection and collaboration will begin as soon as Summer 2022.

A member inquired whether there will be a place to pursue juvenile justice research. It was commented that some faculty have research experience in this area, suggesting it could be particularly fruitful for exploring the impact of spirituality and the experience of young people in the juvenile justice system. Provost Brewster affirmed that these are the types of conversations that the Center's leadership is initiating. It was noted that this is an open conversation and members were invited to reach out.

IV. Additional Material

Provost Brewster shared comments memorializing Dr. Constance Marie Fulmer.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m. The next University Planning Committee meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on April 20, 2022 at the Seaver Board Room.