

FACULTY MEETING
December 6, 2013
MINUTES

1. Mark Sargent called the meeting to meeting to order at 4:35. Note: The meeting was delayed while the faculty, staff and students watched the overtime of the semifinal of the NAIA women's national soccer championship (Westmont advanced to the final on penalty kicks, 7-6). As a result of the late start, some of the scheduled agenda items were postponed to a later meeting.
2. Gayle Beebe gave the President's Report, with comments on enrollment, the Vice President for Student Life search, and the strategic planning process, among other themes.
3. Faculty members were reminded of their obligation to sign the annual Conflict of Interest statement. Colleagues were able to sign paper copies provided at the meeting or complete the form online.
4. Russ Howell gave a report on the work of the Senate during the fall semester. He shared some of the actions that were taken in response to the Christian Understanding Practices and Affections assessment. He also indicated the Senate's discussions about academic dishonesty and stated that a small survey on cheating would be conducted in a few classes.
5. Jim Taylor and Rick Pointer described some of the plans and processes that would be involved in the assessment of this year's Institutional Learning Outcome—Critical Thinking.
6. Alister Chapman and the Faculty Council members provided a review of the actions and issues discussed during the past semester, as well as a forecast of the issues that would engage the Council's and the faculty's attention in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 in time for the annual faculty Christmas dinner.

Submitted by the Faculty Council