



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes January 27, 2016

I. Call to Order

Kari Arnoldsen, President Faculty Senate, called to order the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate at 3:35 pm on January 13, 2016 in the Lorenzo and Erastus Snow Conference Room.

II. Roll Call

Members of the Senate Present: Kari Arnoldsen, Lisa Anderson, Alan Palmer, Jonathan Bodrero, Milinda Weeks, Jeff Carney, Erick Faatz, Nick Marsing, Danni Larsen, and Kayla Christensen. Steve Hood also attended the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 13, 2015 were approved as corrected. Jonathan Bodrero made a motion to approve the minutes with Milinda Weeks providing the second. The minutes were approved; Jeff Carney abstained.

IV. Open Issues and Committee Reports

Kari Arnoldsen discussed the Senate membership terms that are expiring effective Spring 2016. A new representative is needed from the following Divisions: Business and Technology, Humanities, Social & Behavioral Science, and Natural Science & Mathematics. In addition a new representative needs to be identified from the Fine Arts, Communications & New Media Division to replace Rick Wheeler who is retiring at the end of June 2016. His replacement must be a tenured faculty member. The Division Deans will be contacted to select a representative to serve on Faculty Senate for a three-year term. There is a two-term limit so current representatives who have only served one term may be reappointed.

The Senate also selected Katie Justesen to serve on the Faculty Senate as the representative of the adjunct faculty for a one-year term. Her appointment will be effective Fall 2016 through Spring 2017.

A discussion on the official role of the Registrar on the Curriculum Committee and the GE committee was held. It was determined that to have the Registrar involved as a non-voting member of these committees can be helpful to provide a perspective on how potential issues may impact students, etc.

Committee reports were then presented from all committees that had met since last Senate meeting.

Curriculum – Jeff Carney. The Curriculum Committee continues to work on better defining the duties and responsibilities of this committee. A specific relationship between Faculty Senate, the Curriculum Committee and the GE Committee needs to be established.

Honors – Jonathan Bodrero. A meeting is being held today to discuss the leadership change in the committee. The Committee is also looking at ways to recruit more students to become involved in the Honors Program.

Teaching and Technology – Lisa Anderson. The committee met and would like some feedback on what they can do to better meet the needs of faculty. They are considering holding special topic workshops to highlight what assistance they can provide. They may also send out monthly topic-specific newsletters to increase their visibility.

Global Engagement – Danni Larsen. This is the 10-year anniversary of the international film festival. A discussion was held on how to best help students with the cost of foreign travel to participate in various learning projects. There may be some tour groups or grant opportunities to fund student trips. The committee would also encourage faculty to apply for Fulbright Scholarships for next year.

Service Learning – Milinda Weeks. Since the service learning coordinator and an assistant have been hired they are now looking for additional office space on campus. Nominations are being made for the Utah Campus Compact Award. The committee will be selecting a new committee chair and they continue to work on the policies and procedures of the Committee.

Professional Track – Alan Palmer. After reviewing how other colleges handle professional track issues the committee is looking at ways to modify how points are counted toward advancement. The Professional Track policy 15.11 needs to be updated with the most current information. Information currently on the website is out of date.

Faculty Development – Nick Marsing. The committee still wants to hold the conference with high school teachers this spring. The tentative dates are March 18-19. A decision will be made on having the event start on Friday evening and conclude Saturday or just having an all-day Saturday event. The committee would like to invite districts that are within a two-hour drive of Ephraim. Those involved in concurrent enrollment classes may be a good source for presenters.

Steve Hood reported that USHE contacted Snow to determine the impact on Snow's budget of increasing the student per hour wage to \$9.00 per hour as well as the impact of \$12.00 per hour. USU has also indicated that they are only offering GE concurrent enrollment courses. This change will increase the demand on Snow, SLCC, UVU, etc. to cover all other courses.

The next item was a discussion of the Scholarship Policy changes currently being considered relating to the engineering students, specifically section 15.3.5 on page 3. There was some concern and confusion on why these changes are being made and if there was a need to re-establish a Scholarship Committee. Sara Golding, the Scholarship Administrator and a member of the engineering faculty will be invited to meet with Faculty Senate to discuss the changes proposed.



A discussion was held on who is responsible for setting the academic calendar and the scheduling of spring break as well as the semester starting and ending dates. It was determined that there should be a general employee meeting to discuss the impact of any changes being considered to the academic calendar. The general consensus seems to be to have Snow's spring break closer to the semester midterm and not try and schedule the break to coincide with area school districts since the districts all have different breaks.

Kari Arnoldsen then reviewed the status of the at-large faculty members serving on College Council and reminded the members of the Senate of the need to move forward to have these faculty representatives serve for three-year terms. To allow for overlap in terms it was determined that there will be an election held to replace one of the current members. Kari will write up a summary of how this will be accomplished in the most efficient manner.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Nick Marsing and seconded by Alan Palmer and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the Lorenzo and Erastus Snow Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Walker, CPS