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## **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes Tuesday, 17 January 2006**

**Present:** Stan Albrecht, Jan Alm, Ray Coward, Lynn Dudley, John Kras, Jennifer MacAdam, Derek Mason, Brent Miller, Bruce Miller, Terry Peak (for Pat Lambert), Shawn Olsen, Will Pependorf

**Excused:** Pat Lambert, David Luthy, Gary Merkley, Doug Ramsey

**Presenters:** Julie Foust, Stacie Gomm, Ken White

Derek Mason called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Jan Alm moved to accept the 19 December 2005 minutes as written, seconded by Shawn Olsen, one abstention, carries.

### **Announcements**

Fall Break Preference Survey: 130 faculty and student votes, but only about 80 senators, thus an invalid survey.

### **University Business**

Stan Albrecht presented University Business.

### Legislative Session has Started

In addition to the higher education agenda, the three primary issues this year for Utah State University are compensation, the out of state-tuition waiver bill, and UTSTAR. and have urged that this bill be moved to the front of the agenda so we can get some response earlier enough and this will make a difference in our out of state recruiting. Compensation is part of the UHES's proposal. The tuition waiver bill is moving forward, although references to HB 331 were removed, and it has been cast as an enrollment enhancement measure. Efforts to gain support for the rest of the funding for Ag move and UTSTAR are going forward. The President expressed optimism that these projects will be funded.

Meetings were held with the advisory committees around the state—from all our regional campuses, from extension, and from other groups—about the reorganization of Extension. Noelle's appointment for the new Vice President for Extension and Agriculture was warmly received.

The 2001 legislature provided \$6 million for the construction of a engineering research building and required a \$10 million match. USU has raised \$5 million. USU has requested from the Capitol Facilities Committee that we be allowed to build an \$11 million research wing on the Engineering Building. Generally, the response from the Capitol Facilities Committee was positive.

### Research Foundation Restructuring

Reorganization of the Research Foundation is in process. A new board of directors and management team will be in place shortly.

### Road Scholar Tour

The recruiting trips to Idaho were a great success. Trips are planned for Layton, Salt Lake County, Utah County, and Preston.

### Merrill Library Replacement Meeting

The next major capitol project for Utah State University is a building to replace the Merrill Library. The projected cost is about \$60 million, but may be higher because of increases in the cost of steel and concrete. The state will not go beyond \$689 million for the building, but there is the possibility of obtaining federal funds. If the cost of the building was in the middle to upper \$40 million range, it would probably rank #1 on the state's building agenda at the next legislative session.

## **Consent Agenda**

### EPC Business

Joyce Kinkead presented EPC Business. John Kras moved to place the EPC business on the consent agenda, seconded by Bruce Miller, carried unanimously.

Note EPC Business for December has four action items: 1) Request by the Department of Business Information Systems to change the name of the Management Information Systems Emphasis to Managerial Emphasis. 2) Request by the Department of Business Information Systems to change the name of the Office Systems Management Emphasis to Training and Development Emphasis. 3) Request by the Department of Business Information Systems to change the name of the Electronic Commerce Emphasis to Technical Emphasis. 4) The Academic Standards Committee recommends that the existing USU courses requirement be replaced with the following policy (new language in boldface type):

- Utah State University Courses  
Candidates for a bachelor's degree must complete at least 30 credits at USU's Logan campus or designated centers, or through classes offered by distance education through USU. **A minimum of 20 of these credits must be in upper division courses, of which at least 10 credits must be in courses required by the student's major.**
- Undeclared Nondegree Program  
Newly admitted students with less than 45 semester credits who meet the university admission standards, but who have not declared a major or who do not qualify for enrollment into one of the academic colleges, are automatically placed in the Undeclared Program. No degrees are offered through the Undeclared Program. Undeclared students who have not declared a major by the time they complete 45 semester credits will automatically be placed in the General Studies degree program.
- Declaring a Major  
When a student has demonstrated the ability to maintain a GPA appropriate for the intended major, that student may apply for admission to an academic college and department. Regular college admissions evaluation procedures will then be followed, and if there are no admissions restrictions, the student will be admitted to the department of his or her choice. It is the student's responsibility, in consultation with an advisor, to complete all necessary paperwork.
- General Studies Bachelor's Degree Program  
The General Studies bachelor's degree program provides students with the opportunity to pursue a personalized course of study. This major allows students to explore and integrate academic offerings from across multiple departments and programs.

USU students with at least a 2.0 GPA qualify for admission to this major. Transfer students from other institutions need a total GPA of at least 2.5 for admission to this major in good standing. Transfer students with a GPA between 2.2 and 2.49 may be considered on an individual basis.

- Admission Policy for Home-Schooled Students. USU Director of Admissions, Jimmy Moore, submitted a proposed policy for use in admitting home-schooled students to USU.

#### Admission Requirements for Home-schooled Students

Home-schooled students applying for admission to Utah State University who submit a transcript from an accredited home school organization will be evaluated the same as a traditional high school student. They must satisfy the university's admission requirements of a minimum 2.5 point average, a minimum ACT score of 19 or an equivalent SAT score, and a minimum Admissions Index of 90.

Those home-schooled students without transcripts must provide a list of classes they have completed and a minimum ACT score of 21, or an ACT score of 19 accompanied by a grade of C on the GED, to be admitted to Utah State University.

- Provisional Admission

Under special circumstances, a student who does not qualify for admission into one of the academic colleges or the Undeclared Program may be admitted provisionally. This may include a new student who graduated from high school with an admission index score below the standard. Provisional admission offers students a chance to prove themselves academically at the University.

Students who are admitted provisionally must sign an institutional agreement with University Advising and Transfer Services to indicate that they are fully aware of the provisions associated with their admission. For a new student, these provisions include completion of 12 or more graded semester credits while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher within the first term. Other provisions, including specific courses in which to enroll, may be detailed in a contract on a case-by-case basis.

#### Athletic Council

Ken White presented the Athletic Council Report. The Council reports a balanced budget. July 1, 2005 Utah State University became part of the Western Athletics Conference (WAC). The first WAC championship was in Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country placed second, Women's Soccer placed second, and Volleyball placed second. The NCAA has begun a new methodology for calculating graduation rates. This is the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), and Utah State University's most recent GSR is 74 percent. The cumulative GPA for spring is 3.046. There are approximately 350 student athletes. Brent Miller moved to place the Athletic Council Report on the consent agenda, seconded by Bruce Miller, carried unanimously.

#### Bookstore Committee

Jan Alm presented the Bookstore Committee Report. Dave Hansen completed the report, but lost it because of computer problems. The Provost Office authorized an extension. Shawn Olsen moved to allow the Bookstore Committee Report to be presented at the February 2006 FSEC meeting, seconded by Lynn Dudley, carried unanimously.

#### **Information Items**

##### PRPC Flow Chart

Jennifer MacAdam presented the PRPC Flow Chart for Code 202 that governs PRPC. Derek Mason motion to send the flow chart for code 202 to the Handbook Committee to include in the Faculty Senate Handbook, seconded by John Kras, carries.

## **Key Issues and Action Items**

### PRPC Business

Jennifer MacAdam presented the PRPC Business and what they are currently working on. The PRPC will be meeting and these items will come back before Faculty Senate in February 2006.

The following are action items for Faculty Senate: 1) *Ombudsperson attendance at the field-based Extension personnel tenure advisory committee meeting* will be coming back a second time Faculty Senate. 2) *The Senate Committee meeting policy* will be coming back a second time at Faculty Senate. Shawn Olsen motioned to place the action items on the senate agenda, seconded by Will Pependorf, carried unanimously.

The following are information items for Faculty Senate: 1) *Reasons for Non-Renewal*, 2) *Extension of Pre-Tenure Probationary*, 3) *Deans' Tenure Advisory Committees*, and 4) *Date of Separation upon Non-Renewal*. Jan Alm motioned to place the information items on the senate agenda, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried unanimously.

### TIAA-CREF

Derek Mason presented the TIAA-CREF. John Kras motioned to have the BFW Committee contact Tom Rugh, the new TIAA-CREF executive assigned to Utah, seconded by Lynn Dudley, passed unanimously.

### Academic Rights and Responsibility Committee

Lynn Dudley presented the Academic Rights and Responsibility information. A survey will be sent to faculty on Academic Rights and Responsibility. It seeks feedback from faculty on the proposed changes. Lynn Dudley motioned to place the Academic Rights and Responsibility Information as an action item on for Faculty Senate charge for PRPC to draft code similar to what the committee has suggested, seconded by John Kras, carried unanimously.

### Fall Break: Information Requested

Stacie Gomm presented further information requested by faculty on fall break. Bruce Miller motioned to place this information with context/question answered on the faculty senate website and send out an email to alert everyone that the information that was requested has been posted on the website, seconded by Shawn Olsen.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm