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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

5 December 2005

Derek Mason called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Minutes

John Kras moved to accept the 3 October 2005 minutes as written. The motion seconded by Terry Peak, passed unanimously.

Announcements

The January meeting on the Faculty Senate will be on Monday, 9 January 2006.

Rob Morrison, a senator from the Library and a member of the executive committee, is leaving Utah State University.

Stephen Bialkowski, chair of BFW committee and member of the executive committee, is leaving on a Fulbright.

Jeanette Norton, who is currently Vice-Chair of BFW, will serve as Chair of BFW, with Kathryn Fitzgerald serving as Vice-Chair.

The ARR committee will be creating a survey about attitudes towards conflict resolution and will be available online the beginning of 2006 Spring Semester.

University Business

Sydney Peterson presented University Business.

Commencement

At the December 17, 2005 Commencement no diplomas will be handed out. There is no rehearsal. At the Commencement Ceremony there will be a short investiture for President Stan Albrecht as the fifteenth president of Utah State University. Faculty will line up at the Nelson Fieldhouse at 9:30 am. Hooding of doctoral students by their major professors will take place at the ceremony, and Master's students will be hooded by the Graduate Council. Sonia Manuel-DuPont is the Commencement speaker and the student speaker will be determined tomorrow at 5:00 pm. For Spring Commencement, diplomas will not be handed out, and following the ceremony, students will return to their College for their names to be read.

Consent Agenda

Shawn Olsen moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by John Kras, passed unanimously.

Note: EPC Business for October had eight action items. 1) Approval of the BS/BA in International Business within the Department of Business Administration. 2) Approval of the Agricultural Communication and Journalism Major in the Agricultural Systems Technology and Education Department and the Journalism and Communication Department leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. 3) A proposal to offer a General Studies Major (BA or BS) degree. 4) A proposal to restructure the PhD Program in Disability Disciplines in the Department of

Special Education and Rehabilitation. 5) A proposal to move both the Training and Development Emphasis in the Business Information Technology and Education Major and the Marketing Education Major to the Business Information Systems Major. 6) A proposal to change the GPA admission standards for pre-nursing students at Utah State University. 7) A proposal to merge the current emphases available in Painting and Drawing into a single emphasis area entitled “Drawing and Painting” within the Art Department. 8) A proposal to offer an interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Latin American Studies in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

EPC Business for November had six action items. 1) The suspension of enrollment in the Culinary Arts/Food Service Management Emphasis. Vice-Provost Joyce Kinkead presided over an open forum on this issue on October 28, 2005. Joyce outlined the process for suspending the degree program. The reason for suspending the program is that the program currently relies on one professional employee and one classified employee, and accreditation for the program would require additional hires for which resources unavailable. 2) A proposal to offer an interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Latin American Studies housed in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. 3) A request for approval of a Master of Accounting Specialization in Personal Financial Planning. 4) A request to change the name of Financial/Audit Specialization in the Master of Accounting to Professional Accountancy. 5) A request to change the name of Management Accounting Specialization in the Master of Accounting to Finance. 6) Graduate Council and Curriculum Subcommittee recommended that course numbers 6970 and 7970 are to be pass/fail only.

Information Items

One Semester Lag on Textbooks

Item was withdrawn until January.

Convocations

Bruce Miller was looking for input on the need or desire to have a convocation hour reserved for University lectures, symposiums, or other University events. In the quarter system, there was time set aside from 11:30-12:30 on Thursday. If interested, email Bruce.Miller@usu.edu.

P & T Committee Participation by Alternative Methods

Gary Straquadine presented a policy issue regarding the tenure advisory committee meeting that is held annually with candidates. The question is what do we mean by the word “meet”? The best practice is for all members to meet together at the same time and place. However, sometimes people are on sabbatical, away from campus on an extended assignment, or have an emergency. The question is how are these situations to be handled? There is a need for more concise language, and discussions are underway with PRPC.

Key Issues and Action Items

Resolution Thanking Interim Provost Noelle Cockett

Derek Mason presented the resolution. Lynn Dudley motioned to accept the resolution, Rob Morrison seconded, passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the faculty are greatly appreciative of Professor Noelle Cockett's effort, dedication and leadership during her role as Interim Provost of Utah State University.

Petition to Discuss Domestic Partner Benefits

Lynn Dudley moved that Faculty Senate to support Health Benefits to Domestic Partners, seconded by Terry Peak.

John Kras moved to call question, seconded by Shawn Olsen, vote did not pass, discussion continued.

John McLaughlin motioned a proposed amendment to the main motion to refer the issue to the BFW Committee, seconded by Tom Schroeder.

Dallas Holmes offered a friendly amendment to the proposed amendment to have BFW to create a website to post all information from BFW, or any faculty member, for review by all, seconded by Tom Schroeder, John McLaughlin and Tom Schroeder accepted the amendment.

The subsidiary motion to refer the issue to the BFW Committee and to create a website to post all information from BFW or any Faculty member for review by all passed.

Proposed Amendments to Faculty Code in PRPC Report

Jennifer MacAdam presented PRPC's proposed amendments to faculty code.

Item number 4: Shawn Olsen motioned to accept the clarification of electronic attendance at tenure advisory meetings with the proposed wording and charge PRPC to write code to address the temporary vacancies seconded by Ronda Callister, carried.

Item number 1: Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC to draft code language on external peer review for lecturer rank faculty and to clarify lecturer ranks, seconded by Ronda Callister, carried.

Item number 3: Ronda Callister motioned to charge PRPC to draft code language on Faculty Senate Standards of Conduct, seconded by Dallas Holmes, motion failed.

Item number 2: Will Pependorf motioned to draft code language for committees of the Faculty Senate to meet regularly, seconded by Darwin Sorensen, carried.

Item number 5: Sylvia Reed motioned to draft code language for tenure advisory committee use by deans, seconded by Tom Schroeder, lack of quorum, no vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.