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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, 6 February 2006

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

Minutes

John Kras moved to accept the Faculty Forum 21 November 2005 minutes, seconded by Maure Smith, passed unanimously. Jam Alm moved to accept the 5 December 2005 minutes as written, seconded by Lynn Dudley, passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jeff Larsen motioned to hear the old business before the Consent Agenda in consideration of the students' schedules, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.

Will Pendorf moved to un-table the motion of accepting Fall Break Option #1, seconded by Juan Franco, carried.

Maure Smith moved the question, seconded by Spencer Watts, carried.

Ed Reeve motioned for a roll call vote on Fall Break Option #1, seconded by Janice Hall, carried.

The senate votes (28-yes, 20-no, 3-abstentions) to recommend to President Albrecht a one-day Fall Break.

University Business

Ray Coward presented the University Business.

Legislative Matters

1) *Out of State Tuition Waiver Bill*: The bill passed in the House 73 to 1. It was then unanimously supported by the Senate Education Committee and will now go to the floor of the Senate.

2) *USTAR Bill*: The bill passed 28 to 0 in the Senate and will now go to the House.

3) *Compensation Package*: The Governor recommended 4% increase for state employees, 3% across the board and 1% merit. However, the final amount will depend on tax cut legislation still pending.

4) *Building Projects*: USU requested \$6 million to build a small laboratory building in Engineering. We have received the Capital Committee's support for this and it now it will go to the full senate.

Enrollment

On January 30, 2005 we had 964 student applications. In 2004, we had 688 applications at this point, and in 2003 we had 1,000. Currently, there are 1,815 applications. Utah State University puts \$12 million dollars towards scholarships and tuition waivers. This year about half of the

freshman class is on scholarship/tuition waivers. On April 21, 2006 Utah State University will hold an "Admitted Students Day" where students who have been admitted to the University attend campus activities such as going to classes.

Restructuring of Continuing Education

Continuing Education will be incorporated into the Provost's office. The President's vision is to create one university that is geographically dispersed; we have one faculty, one student body, and one set of academic programs. Continuing Education will operate as it has been until July 1, 2006. Starting then, and lasting for the next twelve months, it will become part of the Provost's office; it will cease to exist as a vendor of classes and programs outside of the Provost's office.

Consent Agenda

Greg Jones moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by David Luthy, passed 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 in a college, 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 more individualized 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 Policy for Home-schooled Students are as follows: 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 a college 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.

Key Issues and Action Items

PRPC Business

Jennifer MacAdam presented PRPC Business.

Action Items

- Action Item number 1: *Ombudsperson attendance at field-based Extension personnel tenure advisory committee meetings*—Dallas Holmes motioned to recommend 405.7 and 405.8 code changes to the president, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.

- Action Item number 2: *Senate committee meeting policy*—Brent Miller motioned to recommend the policy changes to the president, seconded by Doug Ramsey, carried.

Information Items from PRPC

- Information Item number 1: *Reasons for Non-Renewal*
- Information Item number 2: *Extension of Pre-Tenure Probationary Period*
- Information Item number 3: *Dean's Tenure Advisory Committees*—Pat Lambert motioned to instruct PRPC to amend the language so that the committee be made known in advance at the college level in both cases, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.
- Information Item number 4: *Date of Separation upon Non-Renewal*

Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Lynn Dudley presented Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee information and proposed code.

Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC with revising for Section 403.1 adding a value statement on academic freedom, seconded by Christopher Terry, carried.

Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC with drafting language for insertion into section 403.2.1 asserting the right of the faculty to control curriculum, John Kras, carried.

Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC with drafting a new section of the code 403.2.2 dealing with conflicts between student's sincerely held core beliefs and course content, seconded by Dallas Holmes, carried.

Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC with drafting a statement for insertion into section 403.3.1 similar the language drafted by the ARR Committee, John McLaughlin seconded, carried.

Lynn Dudley motioned to charge PRPC with drafting language for insertion into 403.3.1.3, seconded by Maure Smith, carried.

Resolution for Nat Frazer

Doug Ramsey motioned moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Janice Hall, carried. *Resolved*, that the faculty welcome and congratulate Dr. Nat Frazer on becoming the new Dean of the College of Natural Resources.

Call for Nominations for President-elect for the remainder of 2005-2006 and Faculty Senate President for 2006-2007

The web nomination was John Kras, seconded by Ed Heath. Derek Mason moved to close nominations, seconded by Doug Ramsey. A vote will be conducted and will remain open until Friday, March 3, 2006.