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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, 21 February 2006

Present: Jan Alm, Lynn Dudley, Larry Hipps (for Bruce Miller), John Kras, Pat Lambert, David Luthy, Jennifer MacAdam, Derek Mason, Shawn Olsen, Will Pependorf

Excused: Stan Albrecht, Ray Coward, Gary Merkley, Brent Miller, Bruce Miller, Doug Ramsey

Presenters: Joyce Kinkead, Jeannette Norton

John Kras called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Shawn Olsen moved to accept the 17 January 2006 minutes as written, seconded by David Luthy, carries unanimously.

University Business

No University Business

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 March has four action items: 1) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Business Analysis and Decision Making Specialization. 2) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Business Information Systems Specialization. 3) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the International Economics Specialization. 4) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Quantitative Economic Analysis Specialization.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Report

Kim Openshaw presented the Academic Freedom and Tenure Report. Jan Alm pointed out the Proposal Section would dramatically change the code 402.12.3(b) and AFT committees responsibilities by changing the word “and” to “to”. Lynn Dudley moved to place the Academic Freedom and Tenure Report minus the Proposal section on the consent agenda and the Proposal section of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Report on as a key issues and action item to request a charge from Faculty Senate to send it to PRPC, seconded by Pat Lambert, carried unanimously.

Budget and Faculty Welfare Report

Jeanette Norton presented the Budget and Faculty Welfare Report. Jeanette pointed the main items discussed over the past year. These include 1) formation, participation and reports related to the Employee Benefits Advisory Board, 2) University budget discussions and impact of enrollment shortfalls, 3) the financial and resource impacts of several academic program changes, 4) Faculty Benefits their present status, future costs increases, and new incentives for effectively and efficiently using resources, and 5) Domestic Partner Benefits proposal. Jan Alm moved to place the Budget and Faculty Welfare Report on the consent agenda, seconded by Will Pependorf, carried unanimously.

Bookstore Committee Report

Jan Alm presented the Bookstore Committee Report. Included in the report are some of the suggestions the committee made to the Bookstore. The Bookstore Committee also heard the Kiersten Hewitt, ASUSU Extension Chair, who presented some text-book related problems for extension students. In addition to the report is the USU Compact Plan Update. Lynn Dudley moved to place the Bookstore Committee Report on the consent agenda, seconded by David Luthy, carried unanimously.

Key Issues and Action Items

PRPC Business

Jennifer MacAdam presented the PRPC Business.

The following are action items for final approval from Faculty Senate:

- 1) *Reason for Non-Renewal*
- 2) *Extension of Pre-Tenure Probationary Period*
- 3) *Deans' Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees.*

Jan Alm motioned to place the action items for final approval on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Will Pependorf, carried unanimously.

The following are first time action items for Faculty Senate:

- 4) *Clarification of Revision of Role Statement.* Lynn Dudley motioned to place the action items on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.

The following need a charge from Faculty Senate:

- 1) *Deadline for Initial Promotion Advisory Committees.* Lawrence Hipps motioned to place the action items on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Will Pependorf, carried (5:3).
- 2) *Role Statement Criteria for Award of Tenure and Promotion.* Jan Alm motioned to place the action items on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Will Pependorf, denied (3:6).
- 3) *Temporary Vacancies on Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees.* Jan Alm motioned to place the on the faculty senate agenda as a no action item, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried unanimously.

Technology & Media in USU Classrooms

Derek Mason presented Technology & Medial in USU Classrooms. A letter was sent to Derek concerning the lack of technology in the classroom. Derek Mason motioned to place on as a key issue and action item to see if Senate would like be take up this issue by surveying faculty.

Online Course Evaluations

Derek Mason presented the Online Course Evaluations. Continuing Education created and implemented Online Course Evaluations and has received their first results. Derek Mason would like to see the Faculty Evaluations Committee looking into online evaluations; this is the next thing. Lynn Dudley motioned to charge Faculty Evaluations Committee with looking into online evaluations and to report back to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, seconded by Jan Alm, carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm