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**FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
December 4, 2006, 3:00 p.m.  
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

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

**Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2006**

Dallas Holmes motioned to approve the October 2, 2006 minutes. Maure Smith seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements – John Kras**

1. John Kras asked the senate to sign the roster and those who are alternates should sign in for the person they are signing for. Everyone should verify the information on the roster, as it is the master list. Note any changes to be made.
2. Some have had linking problems trying to open attachments to the agenda. It was determined that the problem is either the server at the college level or that the user did not have Adobe 7.0 or greater loaded on his/her computer.

**University Business – Provost Raymond Coward**

1. The President wanted to remind everyone that he, Provost Coward, and Syd Peterson are meeting with all the academic departments. So far they have visited 15.
2. Provost Coward gave an update on the search for a new dean of the College of Science. They have spoken with more than 100 nominees and will host eight finalists this Thursday through Saturday in Salt Lake City. Three are women; half are currently employed at land grant universities; candidates are from all over the country and truly represent a national search. The search and screening committee's goal is to leave Saturday with a list of those individuals to be invited to campus during the last part of January or early February.
3. Regarding continuing efforts in the regional campuses and distance education, President Albrecht reports that we continue to make progress in building that system. We received a \$1.2 million gift from the Tooele County Commissioner's Office, which will allow us to expand the physical facilities in Tooele, adding about another 6,000 sq. ft. and includes some science laboratories. The president and the provost also visited with members of the advisory boards from all of the regional campuses last week, which was a good opportunity to exchange information about the developing programs. The president is talking with the governor and key legislators about an investment that would come to the university to allow us to accelerate our development of those regional campuses.
4. We are working hard on new student enrollment efforts for Fall 2007, trying to build on the success we had this year. We have had been on the road and have had open houses in throughout Utah, as well as out of state in Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada. In January, we will be in northern California. Our applications are running at 35% above what they were at this time last year.
5. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be announcing the launching of the philanthropic campaign. We will announce at that time the goal for the campaign and we expect to have half of that goal already in hand by that kick-off date. The tagline for the campaign is "Honoring Tradition, Securing our Future – The Campaign for Utah State University".

A member of the senate asked how/if our extension education program interfaced with the Governor's Western University. The governor's budget this year has more than \$7 million as a line item for continuing education money to allow us to accelerate the development of our regional campuses, although the legislature will decide on the final budget.

## Consent Agenda Items

1. **Cultural Activities Report**
2. **EPC Business Report**  
Item #7 – PRPC Charge to look at wording
3. **PRPC Report and Action Items**
  - a. Deans' Tenure and Promotion Committee Code
  - b. College Numbers
  - c. Supervisors on Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees

Will Popendorf moved to accept the Consent Agenda with Item #7 under EPC being charged to PRPC. Charlie Huenemann seconded the motion. Further discussion: There was a motion to withdraw the PRPC item, Dean's Tenure and Promotion Committee Code, from the Consent Agenda because of lack of specifics on who can serve on the ad hoc committee and he also suggests further discussion on this matter. A call for the vote by roll call was made. The results were twenty-five (25) yeas and twenty-three (23) nays. The item was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda with charging PRPC to Item #7 in the EPC Report and after removing Dean's Tenure and Promotion Committee Code from the PRPC Report carried unanimously.

## Information Items

1. **ADVANCE Report** – Christine Hult  
Christine provided an executive summary of the AAUP faculty gender equity on campus. The purpose is to stimulate discussions about the value of this information and to possibly start a committee on Faculty Equity and Diversity once the ADVANCE grant ends. The full report will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. E-mail Christine Hult or Kim Sullivan with comments or suggestions.
2. **USU Mission, Goals and Objectives** – Craig Petersen, Director of AAA  
Accreditation requires strategic planning, that goals are adopted by widespread information and that we use them. Our goal is to devise a systematic plan and planning process that does three things: 1) to satisfy the accreditation requirements; 2) to provide some direction to the university; and 3) to facilitate assessment of where we are. To meet those concerns, President Albrecht put together a committee to look at the existing goals of Utah State to see if they still meet our needs and to develop measurable objectives for them. A new mission statement, a set of core values, and seven new goals were established. Craig would like input from the Faculty Senate and asked them to talk about it to their departments and provide feedback to their deans and to him (craig.petersen@usu.edu.).

## New Business

1. **Current Ombudsperson Code** – Jennifer MacAdam, PRPC  
PRPC is concerned that the language seems to pertain to the departmental committee, but ombudspersons are asked to function on other levels where decisions can be very critical and there are no guidelines or checklists as there are at department-level committees.
2. **Faculty Forum** – Jennifer MacAdam, PRPC  
The Faculty Forum Executive Committee is made up of the elected members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. A concern is that, according to the minutes, they did not meet separately from the full Faculty Senate Executive Committee, who set the agenda for the recent Faculty Forum. John Kras's response was that the administrators had in fact left the meeting before the agenda was set and so the appropriate committee did set the agenda. For the most part, there were few suggestions from faculty or committee representatives for the Faculty Forum.

Another concern of PRPC is that the primary purpose of the Faculty Forum is a session for elected senator members and the committee chairs without participation of administration or

students. What has become tradition is not what is in the code. On the other hand, John Kras pointed out that, by code, the Faculty Forum would only consist of those here in the senate meeting and not be open to all faculty. Any senator can suggest that we revisit this code in future new business.

3. **Committee on Committees Report** – Will Pependorf

Due to several vacancies on various committees, the Committee on Committees prepared a list of recommendations to fill those vacancies. A vote was required to fill three vacancies in the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee. A ballot vote was taken and Steve Aust, Mike McFarland, and Scott Deberard were the top three recipients and appointed to this membership.

Pat Lambert motioned to approve the committee appointments. Doug Ramsey seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Term Appointments**, originally placed on today's agenda, was removed because the information was not ready for discussion.

4. **Commencement Ceremony** – Sydney Peterson

December 16<sup>th</sup>, line up in the field house at 9:30; processional will begin at 10; ceremony starts at 10:30. Janet Anderson is the speaker and Colby Brungard is the valedictorian speaker.

**Adjournment**

Doug Ramsey motioned to adjourn the meeting; Maure Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Minutes Submitted by: Andi McCabe, Faculty Senate Assistant, 797-1166