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**FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
March 5, 2007, 3:00 p.m.
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

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

Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2007

Charlie Huenemann motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007. Maure Smith seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – John Kras

1. John Kras stated that there has been a considerable improvement in Faculty Senate meeting attendance throughout the year. The first meeting of the year had a 67% attendance rate and at last month's meeting, the attendance was at 92%. John congratulated the Senate on the improvement and commitment.
2. John stated that the second annual faculty campaign for fundraising begins today and the USU Family Fund Campaign announcement is posted on the Faculty Senate webpage. The success of the campaign is measured by percentage of giving, not the amount. Gifts can be directed to a specific means. In fiscal year 2006, 414 of 915 faculty gave, which is 45%; 69% of administration gave; 26% of professional organization gave; and 15% of classified employees gave for a total of a 30% giving rate.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Parking Report
2. EPC Business

Mike Parent motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Glenn Ford seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Key Issues and Action Items

PRPC Business – This is the first reading for the following two code items:

1. **Committee on Equity and Diversity**

Clarifications were made and there was some discussion for suggested changes.

2. **EPC-Curriculum Sub-Committee Update**

Will Popendorf pointed out that there were no terms spelled out for this committee code. There were a few other comments.

Britt Fagerheim will take these changes back to the PRPC committee for rewrite and will present the second readings at a future Faculty Senate meeting.

Information items

1. **Human Research Policy**

Jeff Broadbent spoke on behalf of the Research Office. He reported that in 2006, USU adopted Policy #306 for research. It was adopted as the first in a series of four policies that are intended to strengthen our research compliance infrastructure. The Human Participants in Research Policy, #308, is the second in this series and there is ongoing work to develop the Animal Welfare and Institutional Conflict of Interest policies that will be coming in the near future. The policy will formalize and strengthen USU's commitment to the protection of human participants in research and is required to obtain accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs.

2. **Comprehensive Campaign Presentation**

President Albrecht and Kent Clark provided an overview of the comprehensive campaign, explaining the steps taken to plan this campaign. There was a great celebration Friday night- a great crowd with a lot of enthusiasm. The goal set by the President of \$200 million is one the university can have confidence in. We have, to date, already received \$102 million. An important piece of the puzzle is the return of Ross Peterson to the position of Vice President of University Advancement on July 1st.

New Business

1. Nominations for President-Elect

John Kras opened the floor for nominations for President-Elect of Faculty Senate for 2007-2008. Mike Parent was nominated and accepted the nomination. Doran Baker motioned to close nominations. Barry Franklin seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. We have one candidate for this position.

2. Regional Campus Representation

Adrie Roberts led the discussion on how the representation on Faculty Senate should progress with the changes of the distance campuses. She explained the difference between Cooperative Extension and Distance Education/Regional Campuses. Extension wants to keep representation on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate even though Extension is now a part of Agriculture. They are no longer related to Continuing Education, which is now Distance Education. Extension has tenure track faculty: 8 professors with tenure; 37 associate professors w/ tenure; 25 assistant professors on tenure track; total 243 employees in 28 of the 29 counties in Utah. They want to start the process of requesting to keep their status with seats on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate. Distance Ed has three regional campuses -Brigham, Tooele, and Uintah Basin. There are approximately 35 faculty statewide with approximately half on tenure track. They, also, are asking for seats on both the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate.

Adrie will meet as Extension senators, come up with a proposal working together with Distance Ed, and present it at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.

3. Discussion of Responsibilities of Faculty Senate Past-President

John Kras explained that there have been problems in the past with the transition of presidency of the Senate not using the past president in any way. John found in reviewing sister institutions that many keep the past president on as a senate member and an executive committee member to help in the transition process.

Lori Roggman motioned to charge PRPC to incorporate in code the position of past-president with the same kinds of responsibilities as the president-elect. Pat Lambert seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

4. EPC Membership Update

Dallas Holmes motioned to charge PRPC to make the change replace Extension with Regional Campuses and Distance Education and to also include a Graduate Council representative. In addition, the EPC subcommittee chairs should be officially added to the membership. Tilak Dhiman seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

University Business – President Stan Albrecht

1. The President reviewed some results from the legislative session. It was a great year for higher education. The compensation package included a 3.5 percent salary increase with an additional 1.5 percent for retention/merit, a 9.8% health benefits increase, with a 75/25% salary split between state funds and tuition. USU pulled out of the \$1 million Hickman Bill, SB90, because we ran two separate bills. One bill was sponsored by Regional Campuses and the other was sponsored by Craig Bell that created the engineering partnership with WSU. We were able at the end of the session to get the \$1 million back in. The Engineering Computer Science - \$3 million ongoing and \$2 million one-time – although not all USU money, will allow us to continue to go forward on that front. Other monies received are for hearing impaired students, USU satellite replacement, a course management system, student aid and scholarships. Other major items for us are \$2.5 million planning money for the new Ag building, the USU Roosevelt Campus Student Fee Revenue Bonds of \$400,000, and HB 118 changing time to obtain in-state residency from 3 years to 1 year. In addition, on the last day of the session, the Executive Appropriations Committee approved USU using an existing building for the \$10 million match required to receive \$60 million for a USTAR building and USU Tooele classroom was approved.

The President answered a question on the effect on Tier I tuition and stated that it will be 4%. Another senator questioned UVSC becoming a university. The President answered that UVSC becoming UVSU has little affect on us in relation to student or financial competition.

Adjournment

Brett Shelton motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.