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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Ed Heath called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Parent moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009. Vance Grange seconded, motion carried.

Announcements

1. **Roll Call.** Senators are reminded to sign the roll at every meeting. Alternates should initial the person who they are substituting for as well as sign in the alternate section.
2. **New Committee on Committees Chair.** Nick Flann will serve as Committee on Committees Chair for fall semester. Nick will be leaving on sabbatical in the spring at which time Betty Rozum will serve as chair.
3. **Calendar and Member Roster.** The Faculty Senate Calendar is posted on the Faculty Senate Webpage, http://usu.edu/fsenate/Calendar/FSenate_2009-2010_Calendar.pdf as is the Faculty Senate Member Roster <http://usu.edu/fsenate/FS/FacMembers09-10.pdf>.
4. **USU Employee Wellness Group.** This group was started from the insurance pool and offer several services to employees. Contact Caroline Shugart for more information.

Information Items

The Faculty Senate is in need of a Parliamentarian. An effort has been made to contact faculty, through the Deans and Department Heads, to recruit someone to fill this vacancy. Senators are encouraged to keep this in mind and make Ed Heath aware of any colleagues that may be qualified to serve in this position.

There are also several vacancies on committees that need to be filled by Senate members. Committee preference forms were provided to determine senate member's committee interests.

Consent Agenda Items

Mike Parent moved to accept the consent agenda, second by Steve Burr, motion carried.

Key Issues and Action Items

Honorary Degree and Award Screening Committee Nominations– Nick Flann. Explanation was made to the Senate that a pool of seven candidates were needed, of which three would be elected, to be forwarded on to President Albrecht. The President will select one to serve on the committee. Three

faculty senators had previously been nominated by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The nominees were: Peter McNamara, Jeff Smitten, and Ralph Whitesides. No other nominations came from the Senate floor. Byron Burnham moved to approve and send the list of three to the President. Tyler Tolson seconded, motion carried.

University Business – Provost Coward

President Albrecht was in Tooele at the dedication of a building and was not able to attend the Faculty Senate meeting. Provost Coward addressed the Senate in his stead.

Enrollment numbers appear to be on track to set an all time high in headcount enrollment and FTE across all campuses. Enrollment on the Logan campus is up for the fourth year in a row. There are now almost as many graduate students studying in the regional campuses as there are on the Logan campus. First time higher education enrollments on the regional campuses are up 49.4%. The final numbers will be verified by the University and then certified by the Regents before they can be made public.

Six committees have been formed regarding the CEU merger. The academic structure of CEU is very different from USU, and will present challenges as we move forward. There seems to be concern on the part of CEU about the perceived greater bureaucracy of USU. Because the students will be receiving USU degrees on the CEU campus, the USU Faculty Senate has to have authority to make changes in the curriculum. It is hoped that a Memorandum of Understanding will be completed by the end of November at which time the legislature will make the final decisions. The Board of Regents does not have authority to merge two institutions in their system.

President Albrecht will give his first ever State of the University address September 15th, 3:00 pm in the Taggart Ballroom. He views this as a follow up to the budget conversations of last spring when he promised the campus community he would come back in the fall and address the issues again.

The speech consists of four parts:

- How the 13 million dollar cut that occurred last July has been addressed.
- The exciting things happening on campus even in difficult economic times.
- He will introduce a process that will begin conversations regarding academic reorganizations.
- The future of the University as we emerge from these difficult economic challenges.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Parent, seconded and motion carried. Adjournment at 3:30 pm.