

Utah State University

DigitalCommons@USU

Faculty Senate & Faculty Senate Executive
Committee

Faculty Senate

1-19-2010

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes, January 19, 2010

Utah State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/fs_fsexec

Recommended Citation

Utah State University, "Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes, January 19, 2010" (2010). *Faculty Senate & Faculty Senate Executive Committee*. Paper 128.
https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/fs_fsexec/128

This Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at DigitalCommons@USU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate & Faculty Senate Executive Committee by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@USU. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@usu.edu.





FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2010 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Ed Heath (Chair), Byron Burnham, Maria Cordero, Renee Galliher, Jerry Goodspeed, Kelly Kopp, Glen McEvoy, Terry Messmer (sub), Mike Parent, Darwin Sorensen, Nathan Straight, Dave Wallace, Vincent Wickwar, President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Bloxham (Assistant) **Guests:** John Engler, Dave Hansen, Dave Parkinson, Larry Smith

Ed Heath called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Byron Burnham moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009. Motion was seconded by Jerry Goodspeed and the motion passed unanimously.

University Business - President Albrecht

The State Board of Regents has taken action on two important items impacting USU. First is the approval of the gifting of the Swaner Preserve & EcoCenter in Park City. This will be a tremendous asset for the University with a value of \$36 million. The preserve is 1,200 acres of which 12 acres are developable. There is a 10,000 square foot facility located on the preserve, which provides some office and conference space. It is also distance education ready. Provost Coward highlighted three areas of focus for the facility; youth education, adult education for credit and noncredit, and land management. The deans of Science, Agriculture, and Natural Resources have been involved in the process thus far and others on campus have expressed interest for greater involvement.

The Regents also approved the creation of the Caine College of the Arts.

President Albrecht said that the discussion of furloughs will be taken off the table for the immediate future. He feels there will be other ways to deal with the mandatory 3% budget reduction for this year. However, furloughs may need to be considered at some point in the future.

Dean Yolanda Flores-Niemann has asked President Albrecht to not renew her appointment as Dean of the College of HASS after this semester. A replacement has not been selected nor has it been decided what capacity Dr. Niemann will continue in. An interim dean will be chosen and will serve for a minimum of one year.

Announcements

The next Brown Bag Lunch with the President will be Friday January 22, at noon in Champ Hall.

The Faculty Senate calendar for 2010-2011 was distributed to the Executive Committee.

A motion was made to place elections for Committee on Committee as an action item on the Senate agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

Information Items

Bookstore Report – David Parkinson. The USU Bookstore has installed a new computer system. The old system had been in place since June 1999 and had reached 98% disk capacity. A physical inventory was conducted as well as the installation of 25 new registers, some of them at RCDE locations. The Bookstore competes with the biggest businesses in the world for textbook and supply sales. They have developed a more competitive pricing structure to increase sales; however, this necessitates paying less for books at buy back. There have been some problems receiving international books on time for classes and they are working on changing the adoption dates to correct this.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Mike Parent, second by Glenn McEvoy. Motion carried.

New Business

PRPC Code Changes Section 401 Composition and Authority of the Faculty – John Engler. PRPC met on the recommendations for section 401. A question was raised previously on whether faculty appointed research ranks were still classified as term faculty. No one on the PRPC committee was aware that it had changed so the recommendation was left unchanged. The PRPC asks the senate why the federal cooperators ranks are the only term faculty exempt from the limitations listed in 401.5.3(4). No one on the FSEC committee was aware of the reason. It was also questioned whether the 50% limitation on adjunct appointments should be eliminated. PRPC felt strongly that it should be kept in place. Darwin Sorensen commented on the statement regarding research ranks, specifically “faculty members whose primary function is research and whose source of funding is extra-mural are appointed to one of the following ranks”. There are some researchers whose funding is not extra-mural, so does the code reflect current practices of the University? John will take this to the committee. The definition of lecturer rank was also discussed and questioned regarding what type of courses lecturers can be teaching, and their role statements regarding research. Discussion continued about what level of code changes are being made and the best way to present these to the Senate.

Mike Parent moved to place the proposed changes in section 401.4 as an action item on the agenda, seconded by Nathan Straight. Motion carried.

EPC Items – Larry Smith. The Curriculum Subcommittee reviewed 28 requests for course changes. The Academic Standards Subcommittee approved a language revision that will add clarity to the issue of second bachelor degrees.

Mike Parent moved to place the EPC report on the consent agenda, Jerry Goodspeed seconded and the motion carried.

BFW Resolution on Faculty Furloughs – Vance Grange, BFW Chair. Vance was not in attendance. Mike Parent made a procedural clarification that resolutions require a first and second reading. This item can be placed under new business on the agenda and if accepted will be sent back to FSEC for a second reading.

Mike Parent moved that the BFW presentation be placed as an information item on the FS agenda, Renee Galliher seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ed Heath asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776