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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2012
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Glenn McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012 was made by Vincent Wickwar and seconded by Ralph Whitesides. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Glenn McEvoy

Roll Call. Members are reminded to sign the role sheet at each meeting.

Open Microphones. Senate members who attend the meeting on the Logan Campus are reminded that the microphones in the room are open and pick up whispers and paper shuffling that can be heard and is very distracting to the members at the distance sites.

Shared Governance Award. There are 5 nominees for the award this year and the committee is in the process of setting up the final review. The panel that will be making the final decision is made up of past Faculty Senate presidents. The winner will be announced at this year's Robbins Awards.

Athletic Council Forms. About three times a year faculty who have student athletes in their classes receive an email from Brian Evans requesting tracking information of the student athletes' progress. These are necessary for athletics reporting and to determine student eligibility to participate. The faculty are asked to fill out this form and return it promptly.

University Business – President Stan Albrecht, Provost Raymond Coward

President Albrecht is in Salt Lake City. The Utah House and Senate are both honoring USU today for its 150th celebration of the Morrill Land Grant Act. Provost Coward presented the University Business. As part of the Founders Day celebration the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was asked to have lunch with the Board of Trustees. This was the first time for this type of a meeting, but the feeling is that it will likely occur again in the future.

Consent Agenda Items –Glenn McEvoy

Research Council Report - Mark McLellan
Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee Annual Report- Rhonda Miller
Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee Annual Report - Richard Jenson
EPC Items - Larry Smith

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Sheri Haderlie. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

Open Access Policy Proposal – Flora Shrode. Copies of the proposal were given to the senators in their meeting packets. The changes to this draft emphasize that this is an opt in policy and that the University “expects” faculty to participate (rather than “requires”). The next step is to take the proposal to Human Resources to begin the formal 300 level policy change process. Since this policy will affect faculty, HR will probably present this to the Faculty Senate at some point in the future.

Parking Report on Upcoming Changes – Ralph Whitesides. Ralph is the Faculty Senate representative on the Parking Advisory Committee. He presented four items to the senate for their information. First, due to budget cuts, the Facilities Department will no longer be able to financially support the parking operation. Therefore, Parking and Transportation will have to find a way to raise more money. They have evaluated a seven year plan and determined that a little over \$3 million will be needed to cover costs over the next seven years.

The second item is that a resolution was approved by VP of Finance Dave Cowley to increase the parking permit rates effective March 15 by about 50 to 75 cents per month for faculty, 8 to 50 cents per month for student lots, and 16 to 50 cents per month for the resident lots. These rates will be re-evaluated at the end of next year.

The Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee has also passed a resolution regarding overnight parking on campus. Currently there is no overnight parking allowed on campus during the winter months to accommodate snow removal. The policy will be expanded to year-round. The intention is to eliminate parking of vehicles that are sometimes left in lots during the entire summer. After a few questions from senators it was clarified that if you are a current permit holder, you may park on campus for 3 days and 3 nights without being towed and that will continue. If you need to leave your car for longer than 3 days and nights contact the parking office and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Finally, parking in the yellow lots (the lots primarily near and around the stadium) will now be prohibited without a permit until 5:00 pm or on game days. Currently the yellow lots are open for general parking at 2:00 pm, but due to loss of parking spaces at various places on campus the yellow lots are handling the excess.

Increasing shuttle bus service is always discussed in the parking committee meetings. This last year the USU shuttle bus system carried over 1 million passengers. As it becomes more difficult to park on campus there will be a need for more shuttling from outside areas. The funding mechanism for adding faculty and staff to the bus system has not yet been fully explored.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:29 by Peg Petrzelka and seconded by Stephen Bialkowski.