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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2012 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Renee Galliher (Chair), Dale Barnard, Alan Blackstock, David Cassidy, Richard Clement, Karen Beard for Todd Crowl (excused), Jennifer Duncan, Curtis Dyreson, Nancy Hills, Lyle Holmgren, Terry Peak for Doug Jackson-Smith (excused), Yanghee Kim, Vincent Wickwar, President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio) (excused), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Glenn McEvoy (Past President), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Arthur Caplan, Amber Summers-Graham, Ed Reeve, Rob Rusnack, Marie Walsh.

Renee Galliher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Glenn McEvoy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2012. The motion was seconded by Yanghee Kim and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Brown Bag Lunch with the President & Provost, October 17, 12:00 noon in Champ Hall.
- The Faculty Forum Planning Meeting will take place immediately following this FSEC meeting.
- Faculty Forum is November 5, 2012, Taggart Student Center Auditorium 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Coward.

Provost Coward discussed the change in the missionary policy for the LDS Church and the immediate impact it may have on enrollments at the university. The policy change now allows LDS males to serve missions at age 18 and females to serve at age 19. The largest enrollment impact is expected to be seen with female enrollment from this group. We could see a significant drop in the student body Spring Semester. This could have a major financial impact on the University for the next three years. Losing 1000 students would create a \$3.5 million reduction in tuition revenue in addition to the loss of housing and bookstore revenues. The LDS Church is polling students through the young adult wards to try to get an idea of how many will not be returning to school in the spring.

Information Items

Honors Program Annual Report – Amber Summers-Graham for Michelle Larson. Amber highlighted a few points in the report. There were four Goldwater winners from USU this year, two scholarship recipients and two honorable mention awards. There were 35 graduates over the last academic year. 150 Freshman are admitted to the program every Fall, with total participation averaging about 500. One area of concern is completion of the program. A task force has been formed to evaluate course offerings and the rigor of the program. The task-force recommendations will be sent to the President by the end of this semester. A search for a new program director will likely take place sometime in the next year.

A motion to place the Honors Annual report on the consent agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Dale Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual Report – Arthur Caplan for Karen Mock. Glenn McEvoy asked why the FEC Report did not focus in detail about what the committee accomplished last year but mainly focused on plans for the coming year. The executive committee provided clarification regarding the expected content of annual reports. Yanghee Kim served on the FEC committee last year and reported that the committee met twice last year and of the 16 members only 7 attended the first meeting. There was discussion to clarify the activities of the committee during the 2011-2012 academic year. Suggestions were made about the kinds of follow-up studies that might be done on the newly implemented IDEA system. Glenn McEvoy asked that an invitation to attend the next meeting be extended to the Faculty Senate President in order to provide some guidance to the committee. Arthur indicated that this would be very welcome.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Dale Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Council Report – Marie Walsh and Rob Rusnack for Ken White. The Athletic Council meets at least 6 times per year and reviews the academic progress of student athletes. The composite GPA of the universities 375 athletes is 3.19. The Graduation Rate for the 05-06 cohort is at 65%. Of the 375 student athletes 185 are Academic All Conference and 197 students have had a GPA greater than 3.2 for 2 semesters.

The Athletic Department has had several facilities updates including an upgrade to the surface of Merlin Olson Field, scoreboards in the Spectrum and a new 20,000 square foot practice facility. Funding for these improvements comes from several different sources, but the entire practice facility is funded through philanthropy.

Total revenue was up about \$1 million, but expenses were up about \$2 million. The largest expenditure this year was the Mountain West Conference payment. A senator asked where the \$275,000 raise for the football coach was funded from. Rob Rusnack indicated that one half of the amount was funded by the Presidents' office and one half was from internal funding. The student fee increase resulted in \$3 million in revenue.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Curtis Drysen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EPC Items – Ed Reeve for Larry Smith. The Academic Standards and General Education Sub-Committees had no report. The Curriculum Sub-Committee processed 20 R-401 requests and 71 course requests. These were resulting from the recently conducted Graduate School review.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the agenda as an action item was made by Yanghee Kim and seconded by Nancy Hills. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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