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**USU FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013  
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

**Call to Order**

Yanghee Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Introductions.** Yanghee Kim introduced and welcomed President Albrecht, Provost Cockett, and the new Senate Parliamentarian, Becki Lawver.

**Minutes.** There were no corrections to the minutes of April 29, 2013. The minutes were adopted.

**Announcements – Yanghee Kim**

**Calendar.** The Faculty Senate calendar is included in the agenda packet and available on the FS website at <http://usu.edu/fsenate/calendar/FSCalendar2013-2014.pdf>.

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

**Faculty Senate Committee Assignments.** Committee assignments are posted on the [FS website](#).

**Faculty Senate Handbook.** The handbook is posted on the [FS website](#).

**Broadcasting FS meetings.** Please remember that the microphones in the room are on and very sensitive. Please keep all side discussions and paper rustling to a minimum.

**Unfinished Tasks from 2012-2013.** These will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for disposition and prioritizing.

**Roles and Membership of FSEC.** Yanghee Kim reviewed, for the senators, the roles and membership of the FSEC.

**University Business – President Stan Albrecht, Noelle Cockett**

President Albrecht welcomed the senators and introduced the new Provost, Noelle Cockett who took the position effective July 1, 2013. He asked the senators to consider and submit any honorary degree nominations to the committee as soon as possible. New this year, the President and Provost will invite groups of faculty to lunch, where the agenda will be up to the faculty in attendance. This will provide opportunities for more informal discussions about University issues that are important to the faculty. The State Board of Regents will be on campus Thursday and Friday. Issues likely to be discussed will be building requests and approval of a draft budget. They will also be discussing performance based funding and mission based funding. The administration is feeling encouraged about our enrollment this semester; however, official numbers will not be released until after September 16.

**Consent Agenda Items – Yanghee Kim**

**Office of Research & Graduate Studies Annual Report – Mark McLellan.** Mark presented a brief overview of the report that was provided to the Faculty Senate members in the agenda packet. The newly combined office has four major strategic goals: Expand success of graduate students, Increase competitiveness in contracts/grants, Increase individual research capacity,

and Enhance graduate and undergraduate research program. He highlighted the acquisition of new research equipment and partnerships with national laboratories. Discussed the tuition award pool and enhanced tuition funding, as well as the Grantsmanship program. He mentioned the Funding Finder a weekly newsletter and the Presidential Doctoral Research Fellows all on four year fellowships; they will have 40 of these fellowships with the upcoming cohort. The graduate research symposium has been revised. ASCEND their monthly communication continues. He mentioned the support that Senator Urquhart gave to boost our graduate program by giving one-time monies that will hopefully be converted to ongoing monies.

Doug Jackson-Smith moved to accept the report, Glen McEvoy seconded and the report was accepted unanimously.

### **Information Items**

**Post Tenure Review Taskforce update and results of last year's straw poll – Renee Galliher.** Renee reviewed the process and purpose of the taskforce for the senate. She also presented the results of the (non-binding) straw poll taken at the last Faculty Senate Meeting in the spring. The majority was in favor of keeping the original language that described the standard of evaluation and adopting the proposed timeline in its current form. The task force will now take the feedback from the senate (straw poll results) and from BFW to draft a recommendation for the FSEC to forward to the appropriate committees and PRPC for the code revision process.

### **Action Items**

**PRPC Section 402 Language changes for RCDE,USU Eastern and Elimination of GSS – Stephen Bialkowski.** No discussion.

A motion to accept the revisions was made by Glenn McEvoy. A second was received and the motion passed unanimously.

**Election of new Committee on Committees Member – Robert Schmidt.** Glenn McEvoy nominated Sherrie Haderlie to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Committees, and was seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith. No other nominations were received. Sherrie was confirmed to the committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.