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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
October 11, 2013
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Call to Order

Yanghee Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes of September 9, 2013 were adopted.

Announcements – Yanghee Kim

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

Broadcasting All FS Meetings. The microphones are open in the room and very sensitive. Please keep aside conversations and paper rustling to a minimum.

Inclusive Excellence Symposium. Thursday, October 10, 2013 go link for further information: <http://www.usu.edu/diversity/inclusiveexcellence/>

University Business – President Stan Albrecht, Noelle Cockett

President Albrecht was not in attendance at this meeting. Provost Cockett briefly addressed the Senate in his absence. There were no items for University Business.

Consent Agenda Items – Yanghee Kim

**Education Policies Committee Annual Report
Libraries Advisory Council Report
Parking Committee Report
Honors Program Report
September EPC Items**

There were questions for James Nye, Director of Parking Services, regarding how much work is done between the Parking Committee and the sustainability council. James answered that the Transportation Subcommittee meets with the council monthly, and they are working on initiatives to increase carpooling and shuttle services to reduce the demand on parking space across campus. There was also a request for the Parking Operation Budget and that this budget should be included in the Parking Committees reports to the Senate from here forward. James indicated that he would get it to Joan Kleinke for distribution to the Faculty Senate.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

Proposed Changes to the Honors Program – Noelle Cockett. Provost Noelle Cockett presented the recent history and proposed changes to the Honors Program. Cuts were proposed to the Honors Program during the recent round of budget cuts. President Albrecht was not comfortable cutting the program and saw the need to bring about meaningful changes to the program. He invited the Dean of Honors at the University of Utah to visit and observe the program in Fall 2011. Her recommendations were; 1) make it more visible to the students and 2) improve program retention.

These recommendations lead to many discussions across campus resulting in the proposed changes outlined in Noelle's PowerPoint presentation. (You will find the presentation attached to these minutes. Please refer to it for more details.) Changes include Honors Students taking breadth and depth courses that will not only meet program requirements but also USU graduation requirements, and involvement in at least 3 co-curricular activities each year. The Colleges and Departments will have some latitude in deciding what the activities will look like to best fit their particular areas of study. The Honors Department will track student progress of academic requirements and co-curricular activity involvement.

Program implementation and development will take time, probably on a four year roll-out schedule. Noelle explained that a new program director is needed and will be found via an internal search. It will likely be a 50% time position and would encourage applications and nominations for the position from the faculty.

Section 406 Task Force Update on Proposed Revisions – Vince Wickwar. The section 406 Task Force began meeting in February 2012. After 19 long meetings they prepared a draft revision of section 406, mostly reordering sections and clarification corrections. They have taken into consideration all of the feedback offered on the issue from BRW and AFT and revised the proposal accordingly. The proposal was presented to FSEC at the last meeting and will now go to PRPC for review and word-smithing and then will be presented to the Faculty Senate for a vote.

Disposition of Unfinished Business Items – Yanghee Kim. Yanghee updated the Senators on the decisions made by the FSEC at the last meeting concerning these items:

- **Post Tenure Review.** The Task Force expressed a desire to draft and present a revised proposal to the FSEC October 21. Disposition of this item will be discussed at the FSEC meeting.
- **Restructuring Faculty Senate Committees.** This issue will continue on the FS agenda this year.
- **USU Eastern Concerns.** This issue is reportedly resolved and will not continue on the FS agenda.
- **Intellectual Property.** This is under the 500 section of the code which Faculty Senate does not have jurisdiction over. It will not continue on the agenda.

Action Items

PRPC Section 402 Language changes for RCDE USU Eastern and Elimination of GSS (Second Reading) – Terry Peak. No discussion.

A motion to pass the second reading of changes to Section 402 was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Steve Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously.

PRPC Section 402.12.7 FEC working on what follows “decide university awards” (First Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski. Stephen will clarify the exact titles of the awards for the second reading at the December meeting.

Scott Bates moved to approve the first reading. A second was received and the motion was approved with a friendly amendment to include the exact titles of the awards for the second reading.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.