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## FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2014 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

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**Present:** Doug Jackson-Smith (Chair), Dan Davis, Jake Gunther, Mark McLellan (excused), Dan Murphy, Jeanette Norton, Jason Olsen, Michael Pace, Robert Schmidt, Charles Waugh, Vincent Wickwar, Rhonda Callister (President Elect), Yanghee Kim (Past President) (Excused, Sheri Haderlie sub), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Ed Heath, Ken White, Dave Cowley, Larry Smith

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Doug Jackson-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

### Announcements

Next Brown Bag Lunch w/President scheduled for Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Noon Champ Hall has been canceled due to low expected attendance.

FS Presidents visit to USU Eastern campus will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.

The President deferred to Doug to talk about a meeting that was held this morning with a few faculty members, the FS President, and the University President and Provost concerning concealed carry on campus, and the discussions around the canceled Common Hour speaker last week. Strict state law specifically prevents universities from preventing concealed carry permit holders from carrying guns on campus. USU had no options to create a space where attendees could be searched. Administration and faculty alike are concerned about the issue, but have to abide by the law. Because of this event and the media coverage it has received, it is likely to be brought up again in the legislative session. President Albrecht noted an editorial in the Deseret News that indicates broad concerns about Utah's law as it affects this type of situation. A question was asked if the law currently allows for open carry on campus. The President explained that it is USU policy that any open carry incidents would be turned over to campus police and the individual would be cited for disorderly conduct.

### Information Items

**Overview of the Restructuring of RCDE – Noelle Cockett.** The Provosts' slides and presentation are included in the agenda packet. Going forward the distinction RC (Regional Campuses) should be used to refer to a location not in Logan. The DE part of the name should be dropped all together. The new organization that will be dealing with delivery methods and instructional support will be known as Academic and Instructional Services (AIS). Doug asked what the new funding model for the reorganization looks like. The Provost clarified that funding comes from four state lines, Uintah Basin, Southwest, Tooele and Brigham City totaling about \$5 million, ranging from \$600,000 to Southwest to \$3.2 million going to Uintah Basin. In addition to the individual state funding, tuition revenue was formerly tied to the unit that produced it, and each unit paid its own expenses directly. This will now be centralized, and base budgets will be established for each unit, similar to the budgeting model practiced on the Logan campus. This change does not affect the USU Eastern system.

Robert Schmidt made a motion to add this report to the December agenda as an information item, Jake Gunther seconded and the motion passed.

### Reports

**EPC Items - Larry Smith.** The Curriculum subcommittee reviewed 53 requests for course actions, and 2 short R401 forms; a Computer Science request to reduce the number of credits in the PhD program, and a request from Geology to discontinue the BS in Applied Environmental Geo Sciences. One long R401 form was submitted from Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering to create a PhD program in the department. The General Education Subcommittee dealt with routine business and the Academic Subcommittee had one action item to clarify and update language in the Student Request for Refund and Academic Record Adjustment Form.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report and the report that was not presented in October on the agenda, as a report item, was made by Robert Schmidt and seconded by Jeanette Norton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Faculty Evaluation Committee – Oenardi Lawanto.** Sandra Weingart presented the FEC report. Some of the items that the FEC worked on over the last year were developing the guidelines for the new Shared Governance Award, identifying methods for teaching evaluation beyond the IDEA instrument, and responding to proposed changes in PTR policy. They are also developing a Canvas Course module that provides suggestions for faculty on how to construct teaching portfolios for tenure and promotion purposes. In response to the Task Force proposal on PTR code circulated last year, they recommended that the current language of the code be retained rather than adopting the proposed changes, noting that the problem is not a lack of structure, just that it is not being applied equally across campus. They are currently working on a survey for faculty to see how to help implement the IDEA system better. This survey will likely be conducted after the first of the new calendar year.

A motion to place this report on the agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Jake Gunther. The motion passed unanimously.

**Athletic Council – Ken White.** Highlights from the Athletic Council report included student athlete academic success. Student athletes do very well academically in respect to their peers. Dave Cowley was in attendance to answer questions about the athletic budget. The budget for FY 14 is in the red, but the committee is reminded to look at the budget numbers over a 5 year period. USU joined the Mountain West conference in 2012 but will not become a full equity members until 2017, after which we will receive the full payout of the conference allotment. Senators asked about the planned stadium renovations. Dave Cowley reviewed the request and approval cycle and it is expected that they will receive the appropriate approvals and issue bonds for the project perhaps as early as May, and construction could begin by July 1. The total cost of the renovation is about \$23 million. The renovations will increase seating capacity by about 1000 seats, 700 of which are “Club Seats”. The more expensive private boxes are selling very well. The construction will also include new and improved restroom, concession and press box areas.

A motion to place the report on the agenda was made by Robert Schmidt and seconded by Rhonda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Finalizing Reports from October Meeting – Doug Jackson-Smith.**

A motion to move the reports that were not presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting to the December agenda was made by Charles Waugh and seconded by Dan Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

**PTR Code Change Discussion – Doug Jackson-Smith.** Doug told the FSEC that a workgroup that was approved by the full senate to work on this issue will first meet next Monday morning (October 27). He asked 8 people to serve with the 3 FS presidents on the committee on various sides of the issue. The hope is they will be able to meet at least twice before the November 17<sup>th</sup> FSEC meeting and their recommendations will be put on the December Senate Agenda. Doug will share the membership composition of the committee with FSEC members via email this week.

### **Code Change 402.12.2 Committee on Committees Term (First Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.**

Vince Wickwar moved to place the item on the December agenda, Jake Gunther seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Robert Schmidt motioned to adjourn the meeting and Rhonda Callister seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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