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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
December 1, 2014
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Call to Order

Doug Jackson-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes of October 6, 2014 were adopted.

Announcements – Doug Jackson-Smith

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

Calendar Change. The January FS meeting date has been changed to January 12th.

University Business – President Stan Albrecht, Noelle Cockett

President Albrecht asked the provost to give an update on the Dean's searches. The Dean of Libraries search committee will interview 6 applicants at the SLC airport on December 15. They should be ready to announce the new dean after the first of the year. The Dean of Science search committee is still contacting nominees and encouraging them to apply. The applicant requirements are posted on the provost's office home page if anyone has someone in mind they would like to nominate.

Information Items

Faculty Forum Minutes 2014 – Doug Jackson-Smith. The minutes are attached to the agenda packet.

405 Code Change Proposal going to PRPC – Doug Jackson-Smith. This change was initiated by the Provosts office. It was reviewed by the Executive Committee, where it was decided to send it directly to PRPC to draft the code language, then it will be brought back to the senate for discussion. If you have suggestions, please forward them to PRPC.

Extra Service Compensation Policy – Mark McLellan. The existing ESC policy is not in line with current federal or state regulations. Mark McLellan has worked with the committee on a proposal to bring this policy into compliance. As this is a 300 level policy, the Faculty Senate President only needs to be consulted about this, and the senate has no binding vote. The new policy includes the standard definitions that auditors expect to see. The committee is still working on an implementation procedures. Any comments or concerns about this issue can be forwarded to Alan Stevens.

Reports (Unfinished and Current) – Doug Jackson-Smith

The report presenters were asked to give a very brief summary of their reports and be available for questions from the senators. The full reports were included in the agenda packets.

Educational Policies Committee Annual Report – Larry Smith.

EPC Items for September, October and November – Larry Smith.

Honors Program Report – Kristine Miller.

Libraries Advisory Council Report – Dan Davis.

Parking Committee Report – James Nye. A senator asked about the justification of raising parking rates 4% per year when salary increases have only been about 1% per year. James explained that the need is to look long term and prepare for the parking challenges the campuses with face with continued growth. A senator also requested that in the future, long term cost projections be included in the report.

Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual Report – Oenardi Lawanto.

Athletic Council Report – Ken White.

USU Student Association – Doug Fiefia. A senator asked what concerns or questions had been raised and addressed by the MyVoice platform USUSA initiated this year. Doug indicated they were mostly regarding parking, advisor issues and questions about graduation.

Retention and Student Success Report – John Mortensen.

A motion to approve the reports agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Sheri Haderlie. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Code Change 402.12.3 Committee on Committees Term (First Reading) – Stephan Bialkowski. This proposed change creates a 3 year term for COC members. Members would become a supernumerary member of the Faculty Senate if they were to remain on the COC after their senate term expired.

Update on PTR Working Group – Doug Jackson-Smith. At the last meeting the senate voted to empower Doug to create a working group to develop a proposal for going forward on the lingering PTR issues. He appointed people with differing ideas on the issue, from different colleges and units across the USU system. FSEC will evaluate their recommendations in their next meeting and possibly bring it to the full senate by January.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.