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## **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 17, 2015 3:00 P.M.**

**Champ Hall Conference Room**

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**Present:** Doug Jackson-Smith (Chair), Dan Davis, Jake Gunther, Mark McLellan, Robert Mueller, Dan Murphy, Jeanette Norton, Jason Olsen, Michael Pace, Robert Schmidt, Charles Waugh, Vincent Wickwar, Ronda Callister (President Elect) (excused), Yanghee Kim (Past President), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio) (excused), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) (excused) **Guests:** Stephen Bialkowski, Ed Reeve, Alan Stephens, John Stevens.

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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 of January 20, 2015. The minutes were adopted.

### **Announcements**

**Spring senate election planning – Doug Jackson-Smith.** Senators are encouraged to consider nominations for the next FS President elect and other committee positions.

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

President Albrecht is in Salt Lake as the Legislature is in session. The tax revenue projections are expected later this week, and then the funding bills will be discussed. Currently the topic of discussion in the legislature is moving to a performance base for ongoing legislative funding. The USHE Presidents developed a plan and presented it to the legislature, but the legislature decided to move in a different direction. The legislature is proposing that each institution receive ongoing money if they meet increases in students that pass milestones, i.e. the number of students that pass 30 credits, 60 credits for bachelors, masters & doctorates, and for USU and the University of Utah, the number of research dollars per tenured faculty FTE. The bottom line is that they are moving to a growth model for funding.

USU is decreasing the tuition and fees for summer semester beginning Summer 2015. It is particularly advantageous for students who take one or two classes as they could reduce their tuition by about 1/3. There will also be a new funding model for classes offered in the summer. A new Banner registration system is also being implemented to improve the registration process.

A question was asked about whether or not student photos would be linked to their registration in the new Banner system. Noelle answered that the photos taken in the Card Office are on a Blackboard format and cannot cross over into the Banner system.

The Teacher of the Year, Faculty Advisor of the Year, and Service nominations have come in from the colleges and are moving forward to the Faculty Evaluation Committee.

A question was asked about the full page gun add that appeared in the student paper in December. The Provost answered that the President took the issue to James Morales.

A question was asked about advertising programs on campus to staff and faculty through the bulk mail system and if the decisions approving messages are arbitrary. The Provost said that the number of emails that people want to distribute is overwhelming. There are two offices that approve bulk email distribution. Dave Cowley approves emails to all staff and the Provost approves emails to all faculty.

### **Information Items**

**405.2.2 (etc) Code Change: Teaching Role Description for P&T (First Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski**  
PRPC reviewed the proposal that was brought forward by Chris Miller in the Honors Program.

Yanghee Kim moved to place the item on the agenda as New Business for a first reading, a second was received and the motion passed unanimously.

**Update on PTR code change drafting process – Doug Jackson-Smith.** The PRPC subcommittee has a draft developed for the PTR code changes. The rest of the PRPC committee still needs to review and discuss this draft. Following PRPC reviewing the draft, Doug asked that it be shared with FSEC, BFW, AFT and FEC for feedback and revision. He would like to see a revised proposal at the next FSEC meeting.

A motion to place this update on the agenda as an information item was made by Jake Gunther and seconded by Jeannette Norton. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request Senate to ask PRPC to move Faculty Forum dates – Doug Jackson-Smith.** Doug brought forward the idea of moving the faculty forum to a non-senate day in November so that senate business is not interrupted. Doug requested that at the next senate meeting we ask the senate to ask PRPC to revise the code to allow for a different day and time.

A motion to put the issue on the agenda as new business was made by Robert Schmidt and seconded by Jake Gunther. The motion passed unanimously.

**Request Senate to ask PRPC to replace “in consultation with” throughout code – Ronda Callister.** Ronda was unable to attend so the information was presented by Doug Jackson-Smith. Ronda’s suggestion is to replace the phrase “in consultation with” with the phrase “by mutual agreement with” as it applies to the formation of the P&T committees.

Yanghee Kim moved to place this on the agenda as a new business item. The motion was seconded by Dan Murphy and passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

**EPC Items - Larry Smith.** Larry was unable to attend and the report was presented by Ed Reeve, Chair of the Academic Standards subcommittee of the EPC. A request from the School of Applied Science & Technology Education to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Product Design and Development was approved. The EPC also approved a change for when final submission of course grades are due.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the agenda as a report was made by Michael Pace and seconded by Yanghee Kim. The motion passed unanimously.

**AFT Annual Report – John Stevens.** In response to a request from standing committee chairs AFT has included in the report a table that summarized the grievances that have hit different stages through the past several years. There have been no formally filed grievances yet this year, but consultations have occurred.

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

**BFW Annual Report – Alan Stephens.** Alan explained that the purpose of BFW committee is to protect faculty rights. They have postponed their annual meeting with the President until after the legislative session so they might weigh in on those issues that impact faculty. They worked on the committee that has evaluated the university’s health insurance coverage and they have also worked well with Mark McClellan and Larry Smith on other issues of importance. They work very closely with PRPC as well.

A motion to place the report on the report agenda was made by Mark McClellan and seconded by Yanghee Kim. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**AFT code change proposals from PRPC (Second reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.**

**Other 405 section code change proposals from PRPC (Second reading) – Stephen Bialkowski**

Robert Schmidt moved to place both items on the agenda as Unfinished Business for a second reading. Yanghee Kim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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