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USU FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

November 7, 2016

Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154

Call to Order

Vince Wickwar called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes of October 3, 2016 were adopted.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Becky Blais. Seconded by Kimberly Lott. Minutes approved.

University Business - Noelle Cockett

Introduction of Noelle as the 16th President of Utah State University. Noelle briefly explained the hiring process and how much she enjoyed the process. President Albrecht will continue to serve during the holidays and will step down at the first of the year. Noelle will take over January 1st and Larry Smith will become the Interim Provost. A national search will take place for a new Executive Vice President and Provost. The university is looking to recruit applicants across the country that would be a good fit. The search announcement will go out after the first of the year. They would like to bring candidates on campus before spring semester ends. By fall 2017 there should a selection and new Provost.

Information Items

Faculty Forum – November 14, 2016 - Vince Wickwar

Agenda, letter and flyer will go out November 8, 2016.

USU's Sustainability Infrastructure and Programs - Alexi Lamm

Main purpose is the implementation of climate commitment. The goal is to become carbon neutral by 2017. Working with faculty to implement this event. Seventeen faculty members are including these programs in their classes and it is estimated to reach approximately 2,000 students. All buildings on campus are now rated at silver or above. The energy saving competition has moved out of housing and been moved to other buildings on campus. USU is one of 650 universities around the world that is participating in measuring sustainability. It appears that USU will be rated as a silver institution and this would make us the highest rated institution in Utah.

Reports

EPC Items (October) & Annual Report - Larry Smith

Two reports were given: 1. Annual EPC report from 2015-2016; and 2. October's monthly EPC report.

Motion to approve the EPR Report made by Kim Lott. Seconded by Ralph Meyer. Report approved.

Athletics Council – Ed Heath

Introduction of John Hartwell, Vice President and Athletic Director. The Athletic Director's big job is to make sure that student athletes achieve success on and off the field. USU graduation rates are good and are close to the top in the conference. The graduation rate is approximately 89% and it is anticipated to beat Air Force this year. The announcement will be made in a couple of weeks. The ultimate judgement of student athletes is receiving a diploma and walking across the

stage at commencement. The Athletics Department believes strongly in being financially prudent and fiscally sound. There is a small surplus of funds this year. The department is working very hard to make sure that the student athletes live up to and have high moral character. All teams should want to win the appropriate way and represent the university in a positive manner. The goal of the staff/administrators is to build character in the athletes. Coaches do background checks on incoming athletes to ensure that they have and bring the same high standards and character.

Motion to approve the Athletics Council Annual report made by Chris Luecke. Seconded by Travis Dorsch. Report approved.

Faculty Evaluation Committee – Raymond Veon

Discussed changing the name of the award for undergraduate advisor of the year to undergraduate mentor of the year. Reviewed and discussed the review and criteria for various awards. Try to eliminate the number of emails that go out to student representatives because they reported that the students are annoyed by the frequent email reminders regarding their participation.

Motion to approve the Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual report made by Lisa Gabbert. Seconded by Britt Fagerheim. Report approved.

Unfinished Business

402.12 Senate Standing Committees (First Reading) - Ronda Callister

Last year, and again this year, FSEC voted to move this policy to PRPC. Looking at reducing the workload of faculty and making the committees smaller and, therefore, more efficient. Three committees are to be reduced from 15 to 12 members, 3 of whom are to be faculty senators appointed by the Committee on Committees: AFT, BFW, and FDDE. PRPC is to be reduced from 15 to 7, all of whom must be FS members appointed by the Committee on Committees. EPC would be reduced by 1. FEC would be unchanged.

Motion for a 2nd reading made by Becky Blais. Seconded by Chris Luecke. Policy approved for a 2nd reading.

New Business

Election of Honorary Degree and Awards Committee Member - Leslie Brott

Fourteen were contacted regarding serving on this committee. The number was reduced to seven who were very interested in servicing. A vote was taken and three nominees were forwarded to the President's Office for selection. Julie Gast has been selected to serve on the Honorary Awards and Degree Committee.

Adjourn 4:15 pm