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**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
February 6, 2017
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Call to Order

Vince Wickwar called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm
Minutes from the January 9, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting approved.

University Business - Noelle Cockett, President - Larry Smith, Interim Provost

The search committee for the Provost position has been finalized. Dean Joe Ward is the chair of the committee. Over the next month or two the committee will work on the job description language. Applications will be accepted later in the spring. Airport interviews will be held in early July and the finalists will come to campus in September.

President Cockett's first month has gone well. Regarding the university closure day - the emergency response has been reworked and a calling tree has been developed with definite directions on how to proceed. Two main things were the weather report and the fact that CVTD was changing their schedule. Snow removal went really well, however there were problems with the regional campuses wondering what was happening. By 1:00 pm Brigham City, Kaysville and USU Eastern had closed. The NCAA requires universities to continue with athletic events if officials and players can get to the event. It was decided that the university will make a decision of delay or closure by 7:00 am on the day in question. Kicked off the "I Will" campaign bystander engagement for sexual assault/sexual violence. Last semester was the consent campaign and the students are really pleased because they are having more conversations and involvement. Presentations at legislature – each institution is given 30 minutes to give a state of the university talk. Have been meeting with numerous legislatures on varying topics. This Wednesday go in front of the IPP board which ranks building request. USU is presenting BNR – phase two of life science initiative. There is no one-time money this year so new building projects may be limited. Very unlikely they will be able to postpone ongoing requests for buildings. If we are to get funded this year that is one year earlier than we requested. It would be nice if we could get the money this year, however, looks like next year. The Higher Ed priorities for this year are:

1. Compensation (would like 3% but will probably come in at 2%)
2. Growth
3. Market demand
4. Performance

Discounting tuition is our enrollment strategy. We cannot increase Tier 1 tuition on our own. The legislature has to do that.

Information Items

Retirement Presentation for Joan Kleinke - Vince Wickwar

Presented blanket and certificate to Joan Kleinke for her 10 years of outstanding service as the Faculty Senate Executive Secretary.

Duo Two-Step Login - Eric Hawley

Security changing how we login using our A# and passwords. Only affects employees, including student employees. Utilizing one more step for logging in but will provide more security. The

entire system of higher education has adopted this security platform. When logged in with a cell phone or tablet it will beep you. Two buttons will appear “approve” or “deny”. If you receive an email and haven’t logged in this is a trigger to go in and change your password. The second someone attempts to login as you, you will receive a notification. A smart phone is the recommended method for receiving this information. Smart phone reimbursements are not being approved or provided for this function. The University of Utah has rolled this program out on December 28 and we are learning from their successes and failures. If you don’t have a smart phone or tablet, you can get a key fob. There is a cost of \$23 for fobs for individuals or departments that want to purchase them. The university is not providing central funding for the purchase of key fobs and it is considered the most inconvenient option. The site for changing passwords can be found at www.myid.usu.edu and allows you to go in and change your password. The notification can be set to authenticate every three days and every employee will need to do this. This affects everyone receiving a paycheck from the university. The roll out date for this security initiative is April 20. It is available now at www.duo.usu.edu if you would like to enroll now and review questions. Individuals can opt in between now and April 20 and after the 20th the annual password reset requirements will go away. Duo app has been vetted through the military and other secure companies and institutions. An all employee announcement will go out to campus once it is approved by the President’s Council.

Update on Faculty Senate Committee Numbers Code - Vince Wickwar

Code change will be going to the President’s Council on Wednesday, February 9. Once approved this will move forward to the Board of Trustees for approval on March 3rd.

Federal Funding – Mark McLellan

These are interesting times for the researchers and they are aware that a change team is typical in all presidential transitions. The first contact in terms of transition was with landing team out of the republican national committee and the follow up is the beach head team, which is a group of about 25-30 individuals. The EPA has frozen all future grants but current grants are still moving forward. Proposals pending with the EPA are frozen.

Reports

Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee Report - Diane Calloway-Graham

The committee met in the Fall but didn’t have a lot of issues to discuss. Met with Provost concerning the FLSA changes that impacted faculty and grad students beginning December 1. This impacted approximately 500 individuals. Informational meetings were held all over campus. This coming semester the committee will be meeting with President Cockett to see what her priorities are and how they might impact faculty. Also, meeting with Dave Cowley in terms of concerns with health care issues and financial impact of current legislative session.

Motion to approve the Budget and Faculty Welfare report made by Becki Lawver. Seconded by Becky Blais. Report approved

EPC January Report - Vijay Kannan

Ed Reeve was involved in a snowmobile accident and will be out for a while. Vijay will assume Ed’s responsibilities until his return. Thirty-eight course approvals approved. Six R401 proposals approved. Reviewed individual proposals.

Motion to approve the EPC January report made by Kimberly Lott. Seconded by Ronda Callister. Report approved.

New Business

Annual Review of Faculty 405.12.1 - Ronda Callister

Working on Annual Review of Faculty. This was not originally approved by the Executive Council and will be brought back to them. Went to a meeting today and the deans are comfortable with this proposal pending a few revisions. This will go back to PRPC and then will come back to FS for a second reading.

Adjourn 4:00 pm