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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 2, 2017

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154

Call to Order - Kimberly Lott

Approval of the September 11, 2017 Minutes

Minutes approved as distributed.

University Business - Larry Smith, Interim Provost

Larry Smith gave the senate a status report on several of the current searches. Two candidates have already been on campus for the Provost's search and the third will be coming during the week of October 16. There has been wonderful participation by the campus at the open forums and meetings. There is a qualtrics evaluation on the Provost's search website and it was asked that individuals please complete the evaluation so the President and Provost can have feedback on the candidates. All evaluations need to be submitted by October 25 for consideration. The open forums are recorded and can be viewed on line at <https://www.usu.edu/president/provost-search/candidates/>.

October 3 we will go live with the College of Engineering Dean search. The committee has been working hard and they will begin building the national network for a strong candidate pool.

The search committee for the Vice President of Advancement is close to convening to deliberate regarding the candidates. The President is hopeful that we will have great candidates to choose from.

Information Item

Faculty Forum (November 13, 2017) - Kimberly Lott

No topics have been submitted to the Faculty Senate President yet. Please provide topics of discussion for the forum and any feedback on how the forum should be set up. Once topics are decided upon the senate presidency would like to bring in subject matter experts to help answer questions. There will be no presentations just experts answering questions. The senate is open to suggestions/recommendations on how to make this a more productive and effective event.

Reports

EPC September and Annual Report - Ed Reeve

Motion to approve the EPC September and Annual Report made by Becky Blais.

Seconded by Chris Luecke. Report approved.

Approval of 14 course action requests.
Two R401 program proposals were approved.
No Academic Standards or General Education reports.

Annual Report
800 requests for individual course actions.
43 - R401 proposals were approved.
It was a very busy year for the EPC committee.

Honors Program Annual Report - Kris Miller

Motion to approve the Honors Annual Report made by Becki Lawver. Seconded by Vince Wickwar. Report approved.

There are currently 600 students in the Honors Program. This is equal to 3.5% of the undergraduate population. Honors would like to increase the number to 5%. Honor students entering the program are arriving with a 3.92 GPA.

Parking Committee Annual Report - James Nye

Motion to approve the Parking Annual Report made by Pamela Martin. Seconded by Becky Blais. Report approved.

There is a lot of construction on campus that is restricting driving and parking. Developing traffic solutions for 700 N. Aggie Blvd. Established a state and government parking lot with 78 stalls for motor pool card. The parking space has been set up by parking and the policy station. This will help remove vehicles off central campus and will open up more parking spaces. The Life Sciences building has taken up an 88-stall parking lot and it will be another year to year and a half before that project is complete. Individuals who parked there have been moved to other locations on campus. There has been an increase in parking permit rates and the increases will go toward a new parking structure. The location for this structure has not yet been determined. Parking spaces continue to diminish so the focus is on different forms of transportation to campus, walking, aggie shuttle, biking, or the CVTD. Carpooling has been a problem since it is hard to have people on the same schedule. Aggie shuttle ridership has increased approximately 3%. CVTD ridership is going down due to the low cost of gas. CVTD just completed a short-range transit plan and they are looking at where their highest ridership is. USU has the lowest parking fees, in the western United States, for student and faculty parking.

Libraries Advisory Council Annual Report - David Wall

Motion to approve the Libraries Advisory Council Annual Report made by Chris Luecke. Seconded by Lisa Gabbert. Report approved.

The most significant change is the decision to stop Web Science. The decision to discontinue Web Science is a done deal. The only potential opportunity for funding to keep it is from the state library consortium. USU would need approximately \$250 - \$300K to keep things going. Many institutions are losing money and are reducing their resources.

New Business

Thank you to those who volunteered to be on the Honorary Degrees and Awards committee. Athletics is also looking to fill two seats on the Athletic Council. Two names will be submitted and it will be a three-year commitment.

Adjourn: 3:46 pm