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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Old Main-Champ Hall

Present: Becki Lawver (President), President Noelle Cockett, Provost Frank Gale (Ex-Officio), Michele Hillard (Exec. Sec.), Robert Wagner, Timothy Taylor, Bryce Fifield, Zsolt Ugray, Jessica Lucero, Carol Kochan for Erin Davis, Nancy Hills, David Brown, Ben George, Patrick Belmont, Kimberly Lott (Past President), Jan Thornton

Absent: Rick Heflebower, Marilyn Cuch

Guests: Ed Reeve, EPC Chair
Renee Galliher, Calendar Committee Chair
Pamela Martin, FDDE Chair
Victor Lee, Committee on Committees Chair

Call to Order - Becki Lawver

[Approval of Minutes](#) – March 18, 2019

Minutes approved as distributed.

University Business - Noelle Cockett, President | Frank Gale, Provost

Started working on the budget hearings that occur with the deans and vice presidents. Deans and vice presidents bring in their prioritized requests and then a discussion/negotiation occurs. Patrick Belmont and Chris Luecke have brought forth information on Green House Gas Emissions. Working on state appropriation dollars for the Vice President of Research for support staff that are currently being funding on F&A or indirect. New appointment of Scott Deberard, he has accepted the position as executive director under student affairs (CAPS) and the health center. This is not just counseling it is education, peer mentorship, etc. Currently looking at space to accommodate additional counselors.

Visited with the Faculty Senate leadership and discussed statutory changes made at USU Eastern in Price and Blanding. Chancellor and Vice Chancellor titles have changed. Leadership will take a look at correcting the language in the code. Commencement is coming up. It begins next week at the regional campuses. Thursday, May 2 will be the main commencement ceremony. Students and graduate students will gather in the quad. Faculty will gather on the 2nd floor of the Taggart Student Center.

Information

[EPC Monthly Report](#) – April 4, 2019 - Edward Reeve

Academic Standards Subcommittee proposed a temporary grade T. The primary application is for courses that are continued into a subsequent semester, such as thesis, dissertation, literature review, or study abroad courses.

Two General Education designations PRP 1500 (BSS) and FCSE 1350 (BSS).

Semester Course Approvals – 190 approved.

Five R401 Proposals

Update on Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Patrick Belmont

Doing a lot of work right now and making some ripples. The University of Utah has just recently started working on this as well. Established three sub-groups: 1) energy, 2) HVAC and 3) travel and carbon pricing. There is a \$400,000 proposal looking at how to treat air and emissions in the labs. Looking at installing newer technology in new buildings going up on campus. Also looking at renewable energy

items and opportunities. There are a lot of opportunities to collaborate and work with Logan City. The question was asked whether to include a \$10 fee for air travel for all university travelers. Looking at pulling together a symposium and will work with professional societies urging them to take bigger steps in travel. A full set of recommendations will be ready by September.

Koch Resolution - Becki Lawver

The senate needs to decide where to go with this. It was clear that no one wanted to stick around and discuss the topic. Decision is still really split on this issue. Designs are in place for checks and balances on the Center for Growth Opportunities and some things recommended in the resolution are already being done. Recommendation to have a discussion at the Faculty Senate as a whole and postpone resolution indefinitely. Are the recommendations mute now that other changes have been made? Can the committee put together a report instead of a resolution? Bring it back to Faculty Senate to either vote up and down or to postpone indefinitely. Encourage faculty to meet with Center for Growth Opportunities to ask questions and get information. Vote on it, take it off the table or postpone indefinitely. Old business.

University Policy on Dissent | Free Speech on Campus - Mica McKinney

What are the specific questions regarding free speech on campus? There are different areas of speech. Outdoors is completely open unless an individual is blocking the egress. General matter, it is an open forum and any group can gather/assemble. Enclosed areas have different rules/requirements. Individuals do not have the right to disrupt the speaker and interfere with the presentation. USU is always looking for ways to improve and provide information regarding disruption, etc. and the institution does its best to equalize the balance. A new policy will be coming out regarding free speech.

Reports

[Calendar Committee](#) Annual Report – Renee Galliher

Changes were made to move spring break forward one week to coincide with the Mountain West Conference basketball championship tournament. Commencement ceremonies have been changed to Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1. The committee recommends a 2020-2021 academic calendar proposal for Summer session 2020, Fall Semester 2020, and Spring Semester 2021. The committee recommends a proposal for employee holidays in 2021 and 2022.

Motion to move the Calendar Committee Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Bryce Fifield. Seconded by Ben George. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

[Faculty Diversity, Development & Equity Committee](#) Annual Report - Pamela Martin

There are a lot of good things happening on campus, including the establishment of the Latinx Cultural Center and creation of Diversity and Equity taskforces. Affirmative action and equity office increased staff. Established a Woman and Gender research studies taskforce. No updated numbers are available right now as the AAEO office is awaiting information regarding data collection, numbers, etc. Concerned regarding the administration's attitudes about this information. Should have the numbers in a month or two.

Motion to move the FDDE Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Kimberly Lott. Seconded by Jessica Lucero. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Committee on Committees Annual Report - Victor Lee

There are still numerous vacancies, however, 17 vacancies for membership have now been filled. A Qualtics Survey will go out in the next couple of months polling members regarding their willingness to serve on various committees. New Senators will be invited to attend the final Senate meeting for this academic year.

Motion to move the Committee on Committees Annual Report to Faculty Senate agenda made by Timothy Taylor. Seconded by Patrick Belmont. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Honorary Degrees and Awards Annual Report – Sydney Peterson

See report.

Motion to move the Honorary Degrees and Awards Annual Report to Faculty Senate agenda made by Kimberly Lott. Seconded by Ben George. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

New Business

Faculty Senate President Elect - Becki Lawver

The floor will be open for nominations for the President-Elect of the Faculty Senate.

Time for FSEC meetings next year will be 3:30 pm.

Adjourn: 5:00 pm