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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 12, 2018

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154

Call to Order - Kimberly Lott

Approval of [February 5, 2018](#) Minutes

Amend minutes to reflect the entire motion. Motion that a task force selected by the Faculty Senate President be developed to write a resolution regarding the Koch Funding that was given to the Huntsman School of Business a year ago. Motion to amend made by Becki Lawver. Seconded by Becki Blais. Amend as requested.

University Business - Noelle Cockett, President

Joe Peterson, Chancellor, USU Eastern will be retiring effective July 1, 2018. The President thanked Joe for all that he has done for USU and especially USU Eastern. Joe has been with USU Eastern since the original merger with USU and CEU and he has been instrumental in putting processes in place at the Price campus. Gary Straquadine will serve as the Interim Chancellor until it is decided to move forward with a new position. In the near future there will be listening sessions with faculty, staff and community members on how things are going and what can be done in moving things forward in the future. Neil Abercrombie, Larry Smith and President Cockett will take a roadtrip to Price and Blanding to gather this input.

The fourth provost candidate, Frank Galey completed his campus interview and the President has received feedback from individuals and will be considering options. There should be a decision on how to move forward shortly.

The Utah State Legislature is looking at a 2.5% performance based salary adjustment. Of that 2.5%, 75% of the dollars will be provided by the state, however the other 25% will come from a raise in Tier 1 tuition. The 25% increase translates to a 1.5% Tier 1 increase. President Cockett met with student government leadership to discuss what can be done to Tier 2 tuition and the students agreed to 1% increase in tuition to pay for promotion and tenure. They also discussed different initiatives that could be funded, such as Title IX, sexual assault, and mental health and wellbeing. Students are also looking at funding some classroom improvements. So far the students have been very supportive of all these initiatives.

The university will be receiving \$23M to proceed with the remodel of the BNR building. The mosaic in the current building will be retained and used in the remodel. Several initiatives that the university will be working on are: 1) growth and capacity; 2) student

completion; and 3) workforce development. By building more capacity in these programs we can produce more graduates. The President will be asking Deans and Vice Presidents to attend budget hearings to help prioritize which areas need to be expanded and how the monies should be used. Some money will be going to the library. Received ongoing money in public lands initiative, which is similar to the water initiation that was funded a few years ago.

The Budget and Faculty Welfare committee will meet with the President on March 20 to discuss distributing the performance based salary adjustments.

Information Items

Comprehensive Year-Seven Self Study for NWCCU - Michael Torrens

The university is preparing for a 7-year accreditation review. The review team will consist of nine individuals. A self study was submitted and is available to view on the AAA website at: <http://www.usu.edu/aaa/index.cfm?pg=5>. There will be a 50 minute open faculty meeting in ECC auditorium on March 26 at 2:00 pm. An invitation, from the President's office, will go out shortly and it is stressed that this meeting is exclusively for faculty. Any questions regarding the accreditation process can be forwarded to Michael Torrens.

Reports

EPC February Report - Edward Reeve

24 course requests were approved.

Three R401s from the department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences were approved and one from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business was approved by the Curriculum Committee but was tabled by EPC. A proposal from Computer Science was approved.

Motion to move to Faculty Senate Agenda made by Vince Wickwar. Seconded by Ralph Meyer. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Old Business

Koch Task Force Update - Kimberly Lott

The Faculty Senate President reminded everyone about this motion that was made regarding the task force. The minutes need to reflect the entire motion to include the writing of the resolution. The Faculty Senate President will be selecting the committee members for the taskforce and an email will be sent to all Faculty Senators requesting volunteers for the task force. When names are submitted, please explain us why the individual would be beneficial to the task force. Responses are due mid-week. In regards to writing a resolution should be left to the task force but it should be specific to USU and not make comparisons to other institutions. It is important to honor the process and the members time. Looking at four to five members to serve on the taskforce. Having too many people will be hard to get them together and get anything accomplished. Looking for a cross-section and broad spectrum of members.

New Business

N/A

Adjourn 3:25 pm