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## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

October 5, 2020

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

**Call to Order** - Timothy Taylor

Approval of Minutes – [September 8, 2020](#)

*Minutes approved as distributed.*

**University Business** - Noelle Cockett, President | Frank Galey, Provost

Provost Galey – Reminded everyone regarding the request from John Mortensen and the AIS team to notify them of the type of class presentation that faculty will be using for the spring semester. The deadline for this information is November 9. On November 16 registration will be opened for the students. By moving the start date for spring semester back a week this provides one extra week to get everything up to speed and loaded. All faculty members will be receiving an email providing a streamlined protocol to help them deal with students in isolation or quarantine. There has been some confusion and it is the hope of the president and provost that this will help clear things up. Will be providing a list of quarantined or isolated students in Canvas. Hoping soon to have more testing available for students, faculty, and staff. Faculty Senators need to go back to their colleagues and remind them we are going to remote classes after Thanksgiving. Faculty should plan to give final exams during finals week.

President Cockett – Working hard to get information about COVID, including both numbers and information on how to get tested. Had hoped that broad scale testing would open today but need more validation and it is anticipated that this will happen on either Thursday or Friday. The university community can self-schedule for these tests. [HTTPS://aggiehealth.usu.edu](https://aggiehealth.usu.edu) can be used to self-schedule the testing. Results are usually back within 24 hours but for sure within 48 hours. Only individuals with active A#s will be tested. The location for testing will be in the parking lot on the south east side of Maverick stadium (near distribution). All statewide campuses have local testing options rather than shipping them to Logan. President Cockett reminded everyone that the VSIP deadline has passed. She stated that if one of those options did not fit an individual that they could go to their vice president or dean and see if there are any other recommendations. Watch email for an announcement regarding the allowance to carry over 5 additional annual leave days into the next year. In conversations with other Utah High Ed institutions the president said that it appears that the institutions are planning their spring semesters to be delivered like those for fall. The state legislature is not currently showing decreases in tax revenue. Looking into getting increases next year from the legislature. Need to be careful on increases on tuition, student fees, and differential tuition. Going to be difficult to increase any of those beyond salary increases and promotion and tenure.

### **Information**

EPC Monthly Report – [September 3, 2020](#) - Paul Barr

General Education Subcommittee approved one DHA designation.

Academic Standards Subcommittee did not meet – no report.

Curriculum Subcommittee approved 26 course related requests. Also approved three R401 requests.

Discussed the first year General Education Assessment Plan. Spent time discussing the learning objectives for new course approvals. Looking at 3XXX and 4XXX level courses within the first two years of the program.

## **Reports**

### **Educational Policies Committee Annual Report** - Paul Barr

Approved 989 requests for individual course actions.

Approved 39 R401 program requests.

Approved the change of CIP codes with several programs at the university to correct mistakes with original designations.

General Education approved 21 new designations.

Academic Standards revised the language of Excused Absence policy in the general catalog. Also worked on the temporary grade proposal. (see report)

*Motion to approve the Educational Policies Committee Annual Report made by Scott Hunsaker.*

*Seconded by John Ferguson. Report approved.*

### **Honors Program Annual Report** - Kristine Miller

Over the past six years, the University Honors Program has developed the capacity to act as an institutional force multiplier at USU. Honors will expand to Statewide Campuses. Served 679 honors students. USU Honors is receiving national attention. A large number of faculty are working with honors students regarding publications. Planning a self-study and external review for next year. (see report)

*Motion to approve the Honors Program Annual Report made by Joel Ellsworth. Seconded by Denise Stewardson. Report approved.*

## **Old Business**

### **Code 403** – Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (second reading) - Nikki Kendrick

This was originally sent to the Exec Council and was returned to add additional verbiage regarding sexual images that may be used during a course. Last sentence was added to protect faculty if they used explicit content for their course.

*Motion to move Code 403 to the President's Executive Council made by Doug Ramsey. Seconded by Scott Hunsaker. Move code to President's Executive Council.*

## **New Business**

Patrick Belmont 405.12 code. Regarding procedures for faculty review. This needs to be followed. If this is not happening, you might want to mention it to your administration. Some departments are currently complying with this code.

**Adjourn: 3:45 pm**