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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2021

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Old Main-Champ Hall (Zoom)

Present: Boyd Edwards (President), John Ferguson (President-Elect), President Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Provost Frank Galey (Ex-Officio), Michele Hillard (Exec. Sec.), Benjamin George, Maureen Hearn, Doug Ramsey, Vicki Allan, Denise Stewardson, Don Busenbark, Danielle Ross, Clint Pumphrey, Jan Thornton, Timothy Taylor (Past-President), Yoon Lee, Nicholas Roberts, Paul Barr, Lucas Stevens, USUSA President

Absent: Robert Wagner

Guests: David Feldon, Academic Freedom and Tenure Chair
David Wall, Libraries Advisory Council Chair
Timothy Chenette, Faculty Evaluation Committee Chair
Scott Hunsaker, PRPC Chair

Call to Order - Boyd Edwards

[Approval of Minutes](#) – October 18, 2021

Minutes approved as distributed.

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

Provost Galey – Working on getting students to complete their sexual misconduct training through Title IX office. This is a Department of Justice (DOJ) requirement, and we are seeing that the numbers of students trained is increasing. As of November 2, there were still 960 students who still need to complete the training and current we are down to 269 students that still need training. Overall, the number is up around 4,000 students trained. It was decided to not put a hold on the continuing student's registration. We will be reaching out to graduate students to get their training completed. Good news-to date Fran Hopkin stated that 20,966 students had gone through registration and declared their vaccination status. Currently 85.3% of students are either vaccinated or have not yet updated their vaccination information. These numbers give the administration some comfort in how well we are doing on campus with COVID.

President Cockett – Asked what would faculty like to hear about? There is a lot of interest in the legislative session and wondering about performance measurements. With inflation at 7% will the legislature up the amount from 2.5%? There are current talks of a 5-7% salary increase. USU will have to obtain 25% of the amount from tuition and that will be a significant to the students. Student government is asking the legislators to provide all the money and not ask the students for higher tuition. Tax revenues have been higher than predicted and are 22% higher. There is currently \$1.8B in tax revenue. Working on President Biden's executive order for federal contracts that are larger than \$250,000. The federal contractor mandate was supposed to go in effect December 8 but will not go into effect until January 4. Utah has jumped in on the OSHA stay for the mandate. No judge has placed a stay on the federal contract requirement and there most likely won't be one. The federal government should be able to control what they request from federal contractors. Once the institution signs a new contract or amendment that signature is prefaced by the clause that this federal requirement will be in effect. The good faith effort is that we will bring everyone into compliance. Anyone directly involved with supporting the contract and any building that they work in needs to have all individuals in the building vaccinated. Each time a contract comes up we will look at who is on the contract and in the building and we will notify those individuals of the mandate. Office of Research, Sponsored Programs, Human Resources, Legal and Data Repositories are those groups right now

that this mandate will affect. In the end only HR will know whether someone has been vaccinated. Individuals who are working remotely on a federal contract will fall in under the federal government vaccine mandate. The goal is to capture as many people as they can with this requirement. Many students have expressed concerns about their classes being conducted more and more online. Next semester there will be an increase in-person classes due to the high number of students who have been vaccinated. Legislators stated that 75% of classes had to be in person but certain departments low balled that. Certain departments have less than 50% of in person classes. More information will be forthcoming on vaccination and safety protocols for campus. President Cockett expressed an interest in doing a presentation on larger 5-year strategic goals. The legislature stretch goals are set up so that no institution would be able to reach all of them. Another presentation she would like to do would be about the day 15 numbers. USU dropped enrollment by 290 students. 100% assurance that some of those institutions that appear to have dramatic increases is including their concurrent enrollment. UVU says they have 41,000 students, of which 14,000 are concurrent enrollment. Weber has 29,000 students and 10,000 are concurrent enrollment. Michael Torrens is pulling the number for USU's true growth. We are currently at a 4% graduate completion number and are graduating students at a higher rate. As a recap, the things that the President will cover are: vaccination rates, vaccination protocols, day 15 numbers, and the strategic 5-year plan.

Information

Education Policies Committee – [October 6, 2021](#) | [November 4, 2021](#) - Paul Barr

Motion to move the EPC reports to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Yoon Lee. Moved to agenda.

General Education Subcommittee – General Education requirements based on discussions that are ongoing with the rewrite of the R470 policy.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – No meeting for the month of September. Followed up on the conversation about the catalog change in regards to University initiated leave. Also discussed the graduate post-humous degree for graduate students.

Curriculum Subcommittee – Approved 126 course requests and two R401 proposals.

General Education Subcommittee – No meeting, nothing to report.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – Discussed the wording of the email communication policy in the general catalog. Another discuss was held regarding the graduate post-humous degree. A revision of this new language was needed for graduate degrees.

Curriculum Subcommittee - Approved 109 course requests and 8 R401 proposals.

Reports

[Academic Freedom and Tenure](#) Committee Annual Report - David Feldon

Motion to move the Academic Freedom and Tenure Annual Report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Benjamin George. Moved to agenda.

The committee received one inquiry from a faculty member during the year, involving the interpretation of USU Faculty Policies and Procedures. Looking at some tighter record keeping. Have updated the membership for the committee.

[Libraries Advisory Council](#) Annual Report - David Wall

Motion to move the Libraries Advisory Council Annual Report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Danielle Ross. Seconded by John Ferguson. Moved to agenda.

The committee met two times last year regarding the continuing response to COVID. Plan to have access at normal hours and work on accessibility issues. The library took a 2.3% budget cut which amounted to approximately \$253,000. The library was able to use one-time acquisition money to cover this cut. One of the ongoing issues is the book drop for those with disabilities. Working on resituating the drop-box to make it easier.

[Faculty Evaluation Committee](#) Annual Report - Timothy Chenette

Motion to move the Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual Report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Yoon Lee. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Moved to agenda.

The FEC was not active for the first half of the school year due to pandemic-related disruptions. On January 12, 2021, the committee was revived, and Britt Fagerheim (libraries) agreed to serve as chair for the rest of the year. In February the FEC reviewed nomination materials and selected recipients for the Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year, the Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year, and the Faculty University Service awards. In March, the committee met to discuss topics in 2021-2022. These

include methods of faculty teaching evaluation outside IDEA scores, and whether work that supports the university's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goals might be formally included in faculty evaluation standards. Tim Chenette will be the chair of the committee for the 2021-2022 academic year.

USUSA Annual Report - Lucas Stevens

Motion to move the USUSA Annual Report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Benjamin George. Seconded by John Ferguson. Moved to agenda.

USUSA has joined with the USU Eastern students to have one student association. Worked on USUSA constitutional changes to better unify statewide campuses. Provided free menstrual products in restrooms. Provided vibrant student life through modified events, traditions and ceremonies.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Code 401 [Track Changes](#) | [Clean](#) 1st Reading - Scott Hunsaker

Want to put the request for the 401 changes into Curriculog.

Motion to submit the code changes in Curriculog and bring them forward to the Faculty Senate agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Moved to Curriculog and Faculty Senate agenda.

Code 402 [Track Changes](#) | [Clean](#) 1st Reading - Scott Hunsaker

Want to put the request for the 401 changes into Curriculog.

Motion to submit the code changes in Curriculog and bring them forward to the Faculty Senate agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Moved to Curriculog and Faculty Senate agenda.

Adjourn: 4:40 pm



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Absent: President Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Lucas Stevens, USUSA President, Paul Barr,

Guests: Ed Heath, Athletic Council
Kristine Miller, Honors Program

Call to Order - Boyd Edwards

[Approval of Minutes](#) – September 20, 2021

Minutes approved as distributed.

University Business - Frank Galey, Provost

The provost would like the faculty senators to remind their colleges/departments about the Title IX training that is required by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Students also must do the training and their registration will be put on hold until it is completed. DOJ is looking over our shoulder and we're not quite there yet in having as many individuals as possible trained. For registration, courses will be visible to students on October 20. At the time of registration students will need to declare their COVID vaccination information. We will be watching registration very closely to see how things are going. Still working on graduate education with the working group and task force. Going to be reaching out to groups of constituents to get feedback. The final report on graduate education is due around spring break, but we will want to see preliminary information before Christmas. Looking at graduate student stipends and attempting to streamline the process and cut out any red tape. Vice Provost Janet Anderson is looking at courses that block students from advancing. Student success is extremely important to the administration. Usually, it is the STEM courses that students struggle with the most. If changes are made that has a positive impact the Provost would share that information with the Faculty Senate.

Information

[Educational Policies Committee](#) – October 6, 2021 - Paul Barr

Motion to delay the Education Policies Committee report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Doug Ramsey.

Delay report until November 15, 2021.

Reports

[Athletic Council Annual Report](#) - Ed Heath

Motion to move the Athletic Council Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Doug Ramsey. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Moved to agenda.

Information regarding subcommittees, student athlete success and budgets are included in this report. Reviewed the graduation rates for the athlete cohorts. (See report.) In the NCAA USU is at 93% graduation rate and leads the Mountain West Conference. There is a concern that some of the athletes are missing a lot of classes this year. There will be a discussion with the head of athletic academic services to see if any problems have arisen regarding the students missing too many classes.

[Honors Program Annual Report](#) - Kristine Miller

Motion to move the Honors Program Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Yoon Lee. Seconded by John Ferguson. Moved to agenda.

The Honors program had a stable population of 666 undergraduates, which is 5% of the Logan campus population. A pilot program will begin on three of the statewide campuses this year. Applications for Honors increased by 15% this year. Very active and successful in working with and creating record enrollment in Connections. Matched or expanded curricular and co-curricular programs. Honors demonstrated its stability and resilience by doing virtual events. Started Honors access and inclusion scholarship.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Annual Report - David Feldon

(Moved to November FSEC Meeting)

Libraries Advisory Council Annual Report - David Wall

(Moved to November FSEC Meeting)

PRPC Report - John Ferguson

Going forward there will be a monthly faculty code report from the PRPC taskforce. Senators will be voting on items every meeting from this point forward. The goal is to be as transparent as possible regarding changes/updates to the faculty code. They will be looking for feedback from all faculty, not just faculty senators. Senators are asked to please discuss this information with faculty within their departments/colleges. The formatting and numbering will change so things may look a little different. A lot of changes will be superficial but language will be more inclusive. PRPC will be bringing in some substantive changes and will also be breaking down the 405 code into four different sections. Policy will not be changed but it will be easier to find the information.

Old Business

What kind of format for Faculty Senate meetings (in-person/Zoom) - Boyd Edwards

For now, we will stick with the hybrid of in-person and virtual.

New Business

PRPC and task force asking for a vote on 401 and 402 code updates. Faculty Senators will need to review and read the code in advance of the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Motion to move the faculty code changes to a 1st reading made by Danielle Ross. Seconded by Doug Ramsey. Moved to 1st reading.

All rewriting of the code has been done by Nick Morrison and the Faculty Senate Presidency appreciates and acknowledges all the hard work he has done.

Adjourn: 4:22 pm



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Absent: President Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Lucas Stevens, USUSA President

Guests: Paul Barr, EPC Chair
Doug Bullock, Associate Vice President, Human Resources

Call to Order - Boyd Edwards

Approval of Minutes – [August 23, 2021](#)

Minutes approved as distributed.

University Business - Frank Galey, Provost

President Cockett is out today. The provost reminded everyone of the classroom seating charts. We are getting some pretty good updates on those. As of last Thursday, we had over 18,000 students who had selected their seats online and that includes over 1,000 classes. USU has several classes where the seating charts are started and only 20-30% of the students have completed signing up. We will be reaching out to faculty to ask them to follow up with their students. It has become apparent that students need to disable cookies to sign up on the seating charts. Once signed up for a seat faculty should remind students to sit in the same seat. Looked at the green, red, orange system and it is still in place. Case containment will continue to get in touch with the instructor if a student in their class is sick. The instructor may be cleared by the next class period and vaccinated students will be invited back into the classroom unless they are showing signs or symptoms. There may be a situation where a class would only go red for one class period until they find out this information. Working hard to keep faculty and classes from being disrupted. A course could go red for multiple active cases or if a faculty member gets sick. Closely watching those classes where there are large numbers of students. As of now no classes have gone red. Remind the students that if they are sick, they need to stay at home. There has been some noncompliance regarding COVID and USU is working with Student Affairs to help with this issue. It is also okay to remind students to wear a mask. If we can relate to the students personally, they are more likely to mask up. Vaccination requirement has been initiated with the encouragement of the Board of Higher Education. Process being designed in Banner where students will have to declare their vaccination or reason for not being vaccinated. This will be required before spring registration. The goal is to have a vaccination pop up during registration. This will have a selection format. If a student is already vaccinated they will not see this pop up. There will be a pop up for students who don't want to be vaccinated whether it is a personal choice, a religious reason or just because they don't want to. Once they have completed this request, they will be able to register.

Had a second working group meeting on improving and supporting graduate education. Will be holding a focus group and will include multiple faculty members and deans. With all that input we should be able to come up with tangible items to help graduate students.

Information

Education Policies Committee – [September 2, 2021](#) - Paul Barr

General Education Subcommittee – There was a significant discussion regarding the General Education assessment plan. Harrison Kleiner is working on this assessment plan and will provide an update for the Gen Ed committee. He will also be looking for input.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – Will be looking at language on Post Humous degrees in October. The goal is to make the process smoother. This includes undergraduate and graduate degrees. Depending on the standing of a student, there will be various options of recognition. The proposed language for the involuntary withdrawal policy will be circulated to the members of EPC for final input. This policy guidelines will provide protection for the students and make sure that there is a return process. Having a pathway back for students is critical.

Curriculum Subcommittee – Approved 80 course requests and one R401 program proposal. The registrar's office made a report regarding the utilization and effectiveness of the impact report. Interim Vice Provost Richard Cutler provided a summary report of the School of Graduate Studies activities for 2021-2022.

Motion to move the Educational Policies Committee report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Doug Ramsey. Moved to agenda.

[Telework Policy Draft | Summary of Changes](#) - Doug Bullock

USU doesn't expect faculty to be applying for the teleworking opportunity, it is more likely that staff will utilize this policy/procedure. This has been vetted through the human resource leadership team, senior risk management, staff employee association, vice president's council, executive committee, and dean's retreat. This has been drafted with flexibility and accountability in mind. This is not a benefit but a privilege and may be approved on a temporary trial or ongoing basis. The teleworking does need to meet department as well as employee needs. There will be six types of telework: 1. regular full time telework; 2. regular part-time telework; 3. flexible telework; 4. surge telework; 5. ADA telework; and 6. telework for community crises, pandemic, natural disasters, etc. Out of state telework is rare and comes with complexities for compliance. There is a committee that will start looking at individuals who work from out of state and come up with a decision on how to move forward with this. Employees need to have worked for the university for at least six months. Not all positions will qualify for this telework policy. Employees could still be recalled for team building, certain processes, or meetings. Hope to have this policy to the Board of Trustees by October 15 for their review. Department has the discretion to approve or deny teleworking.

Motion to move the Telework Policy Draft and Summary to the Faculty Senate agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Doug Ramsey. Moved to agenda.

Reports

[Educational Policies Committee](#) Annual Report - Paul Barr

Approved 700 semester course approvals, 57 R401 program proposals, and 20 general education requests. (see report)

Motion to move the Educational Policies Committee Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Doug Ramsey. Seconded by Yoon Lee. Report approved.

Honors Program Annual Report (*moved to October 18, 2021, FSEC meeting*)

Old Business

Moving forward with the faculty and staff survey on COVID preferences for managing the policies and procedures. Hoping to have the survey out the end of this week or the first of next week. President Cockett will review the results.

New Business

What kind of format do we want to have for the meetings? Do we go completely online or do we continue with some sort of hybrid? Reach out to anyone in the Faculty Senate presidency if you have any recommendations or suggestions.

Adjourn: 4:44 pm



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Absent: Timothy Taylor (Past-President), Nicholas Roberts, Lucas Stevens, USUSA President

Guests: Paul Barr, EPC Chair
Sarah Klain, Assistant Professor, Environment and Society
Hilary Renshaw, Title IX Coordinator
Neal Legler, Director, Academic & Instructional Services
Nikki Kendrick, PRPC Chair

Call to Order - Boyd Edwards

Approval of Minutes – [April 12, 2021](#)

Motion to approve April 12, 2021 minutes made by Denise Stewardson. Seconded by Doug Ramsey. Minutes approved as distributed.

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

We are starting to see more students on campus and that is exciting. There are approximately 2300-2400 students who will be participating in Connections. Classes start on Monday and there will be a big rush of students moving in over the weekend. This is a full year but not quite as full as in the past. Some students have paid deposits on rooms, apartments, etc. but have not yet registered for school. There are 400 students who have not yet paid their full registration. USU is dropping those students who have not paid anything yet. Made up a little bit of ground in the enrollment decrease by phoning and texting students who have not registered and/or committed to registration. A lot of work is still being done before the semester starts. Several bills were passed by the Utah State Legislature regarding COVID, masks, vaccines, and mandates. In May things looked pretty good with the virus and it seemed like there wouldn't be much to worry about so these bills passed. They wanted at least 75% in person classes for the fall semester. Now they are more concerned about the spread of the Delta variant, but they don't want to come back for a special session. In the meantime, the Pfizer vaccine was approved. One of the bills stated that a person could opt out of the vaccine for religion, personal or medical reasons. This academic year the university will be making the vaccine as available as possible. It is felt that mandating students and faculty may not help in individuals being vaccinated. The president thought about doing an incentive plan, but the bill prevented her from doing that. Right now, the only thing we can do is ask students, faculty, and staff to please wear a mask and get vaccinated. It is felt that if many of these individuals are wearing masks, then it will help motivate others to do so as well. We are seeing that students that cannot get into an in-person class do not want to come to campus. They are not interested in attending their classes via Zoom. The priority this week is to get in touch with students and encourage them to register and attend classes. There is a 1% drop in enrollment which equates to a \$2.2M drop in tuition and fees. This is a significant loss for the university. The State of Utah made the number of freshmen enrolling at the institutions a performance goal. They are expecting higher enrollment growth and we will be required to show that

growth if we want any performance dollars. This performance goal has also been linked to funding for future buildings. As we prepare to open back up masks and hand sanitizer will be provided in every classroom for the students and faculty. We will also be handing out COVID care packages to the Connection students. Currently there are some individuals who are still working remotely. Supervisors, vice presidents or deans can approve flexible remote work, but if they want to remain full remote, they need to work the request through the COVID committee. On campus interactions so far are very positive and the students are expecting to interact with the faculty. One on one mentoring for students is critical and it is important to build that bond and trust with the students. Right now, there are about 50 individuals a day that are being tested. Anyone wanting to be tested must schedule an appointment. The good thing about being tested in the morning is that they will have their results in the afternoon. Beginning this fall vaccination clinics will be offered every Thursday at the Logan campus. Anyone who wants to get a vaccine can schedule and receive it. Day on the quad will provide a booth for vaccination.

There will be a newsletter going out to all faculty on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The university will be providing guidelines for what takes place in the classrooms. If faculty are in a laboratory, studio or on a field trip, they may want to consider using a KN95 mask. University administration has talked with the department heads about buying some of these masks for their faculty. Faculty can also tell the students that they are not comfortable with them not wearing masks. They can do one on one advising via Zoom. One of the items we're currently working on is classroom safety. A big concern for the university is not being able to track active cases. If the case containment team can't trace the outbreak the class may have to be moved to online learning. The tool that is being put together is a way for faculty to capture seating assignments electronically. This will help with that problem. Students will have to enter in where they are sitting, and they will need to sit there for the entire semester. This will help trace those who were sitting within 6 feet of someone who tests positive for COVID. If faculty are doing Connections, it is recommended that they keep the students outside, move them around every 15 minutes and ask them to wear masks. We lost the social distancing option due to the legislature requiring 75% student attendance. If there is a situation where two cases cannot be contact traced, then there is a color-coded approach that can be used. Faculty will know which students will be out isolated or quarantined. Red status means everyone would need to go to remote via Zoom for a few days. Once the faculty member tests negative they can then return to in-person teaching. Connection students should spread out as much as they can and still have a seating chart and have the students sit in the same seat every time. It was recommended that everyone upload their vaccination record at www.aggiehealth.usu.edu. Testing will continue at the east stadium and wastewater will continue to be tested. We need to stress that faculty, staff and students shouldn't come to class or work if they are sick or not feeling well. The Luminary event is this Friday night. Faculty are asked to please wear their regalia and come and help welcome the freshmen.

Information

COVID Containment Strategies - Frank Galey | Boyd Edwards
See above.

COVID Management Preferences Survey - Boyd Edwards | Sarah Klain

We have created a survey for distribution to faculty and staff regarding attitudes about whether we can require vaccine or masks. We seek Senate approval to distribute the survey in order to gather information to help understand where our community sits regarding COVID strategies. Over 700 public and private universities across the United States is mandating vaccines in order to come back to their campus. Once this information is gathered the university would be able to report to the state legislature and encourage them to look at changing their minds. Results of the survey will be shared with the State of Utah Faculty Senate leadership.

Motion to move the COVID Management Preferences Survey to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Denise Stewardson. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Moved to agenda.

Faculty Reporting of Sexual Misconduct - Hilary Renshaw | John Ferguson

Last semester Spring 2021 it was decided to pilot the faculty as resources and reporting options. Moving back to faculty as required reporters of sexual misconduct. There was confusion about who was in the reporting role and the faculty was reporting these incidents as a student of concern. The faculty senate has created a working task force to serve as a liaison between the Title IX office and the faculty. Looking for other members from the College of Science and Engineering. Ideally by March of

2022 there will be an outcome from the task force. Some faculty worry that making them reporting individuals ruins their relationship and trust between the students and faculty. (See report).

Motion to move the Faculty Reporting of Sexual Misconduct report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Maureen Hearn. Seconded by Denise Stewardson. Moved to agenda.

Reports

[Empowering Teaching Excellence Annual Report](#) - Neal Legler | Travis Thurston

This past year we have seen a significant increase in deep teacher engagement. Had a number of learning circles. A lot more people have been earning badges and certificates. Building up a good internal support system. Optimize the team – five fulltime people are currently doing this. This summer CIDI released a central hub for all teaching resources www.teach.usu.edu.

Motion to move the Empowering Teaching Excellent Annual Report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Denise Stewardson. Seconded by Maureen Hearn. Moved to agenda.

Old Business

[Update on 400 Code Rewrite](#) - Nikki Kendrick

Added Scott Hunsaker to the PRPC committee. Nikki will continue to help transition the work to the new committee and chair. Code 403 will not be ready but 401 and 402 will be ready by the end of August. Categorized things into non-substantive vs. substantive changes. Adjusted phrasing that makes code a little easier to read. Substantive changes go to PRPC.

Motion to move the Update on 400 Code Rewrite to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Danielle Ross. Seconded by Ben George. Moved to Faculty Senate Agenda.

New Business

A new electronic approval and tracking program (Curriculog) is being set up to help with the tacking and approval of faculty code changes. This should be ready to present at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee mee.

Adjourn: 5:00 pm

Report from the Educational Policies Committee Sept 2, 2021

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) met on Sept 2, 2021. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the Educational Policies Committee web page (www.usu.edu/epc).

During the Sept 2, 2021 meeting of the EPC, the following actions were taken:

1. General Education Subcommittee

- A significant discussion on General Education assessment plan occurred. Harrison Kleiner is working on this assessment plan and will provide an update for the Gen Ed committee for input.

2. Academic Standards Subcommittee

- The Academic Standards Subcommittee will be looking at language on Post Humous degrees in October. The goal is to make the process smoother. Depending on the standing of the student, there will be various options of recognition.
- The proposed language for the involuntary withdrawal policy will be circulated to the members of EPC for final input. This will include an opportunity for student leadership input. The Academic Stands Subcommittee approved the language by electronic vote.

3. Curriculum Subcommittee

- Approval of 80 course requests.
- Request from Career Services in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost to [change the name from Career Services to Career Design Center](#).

4. Other Business

- Fran Hopkin and Toni Gibbons from the Registrar's Office made a report regarding the utilization and effectiveness of the impact report. In the past, the Registrar's Office had been reviewing at these requests in silos and not holistically. The group found that there can be problems that can be detrimental to student completion. The registrar has seen a benefit using shared information. Instead of just cutting and pasting the impact report, it is recommended that the proposing unit explain what the impacts are. This information should be reviewed at the college curriculum committees before it is moved on the university level committees. It is incumbent on those colleges/departments who identify a problem with the impact report to work it out with all those affected or impacted. The Registrar's Office will compile a spreadsheet of deletions, deactivations, or course number changes. This information will be shared with the department heads. The spreadsheet will not be sent out until after the agenda is completed and sent. Colleges and departments can also reach out and collaborate on the changes. This will help keep the catalog and Degree Works accurate and current.
- Interim Vice Provost Cutler presented a summary report of the School of Graduate Studies activities for 2020-21. The Graduate School distributed approximately \$1.3M of CARES 2 funding to help support graduate students. The feedback received was very

positive regarding the funding distribution. The Graduate School also surveyed the students to identify concerns. The third survey showed that approximately 40% of the students identified as struggling with mental health. This upcoming year, the Graduate School will gather data on teaching assistants across the different units including pay and workload. Finally, the Graduate School will focus on recruitment efforts and how they can more effectively assist colleges and departments in these efforts.

University Policy 3xx: Telework

Category: 300 Personnel

Subcategory: Employment

Covered Individuals: Benefit Eligible Employees

Responsible Executive: Vice President for Business and Finance

Policy Custodian: Office of Human Resources, Associate Vice President of Human Resources

Last Revised: New

3XX.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Utah State University (USU) permits telework arrangements when doing so benefits both the department and the employee. Telework arrangements are successful when the job, person, environment, and work situation are appropriate. Telework can improve productivity and job performance; promote administrative efficiencies (e.g., reduce office and parking space needs); reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and transportation costs; and promote the recruitment and retention of a highly qualified and diverse workforce by providing stronger work/life balance.

3XX.2 POLICY

Telework is subject to university approval, and is not a university-wide benefit. It can be discontinued by the department head/director or dean/vice president at any time if it is not serving the department's objectives. Depending on the nature of work to be performed, not all positions will qualify for telework. Each telework decision will be made on a case-by-case basis by considering the employee's work responsibilities and performance, whether the position must be performed in person at a campus location, the need and desire of both the department and the employee, schedules, and the overall likelihood for success. If USU establishes telework as a condition of employment, based on the university's business needs, it will be stated when the position is advertised and/or when telework is approved.

The dean/vice president, department head/director, supervisor, and teleworker must all agree to the work arrangements and expectations by signing a telework agreement [\[link\]](#) prior to commencing telework. The telework agreement must address expected job performance and deliverables.

Regular or flexible telework may be approved on a temporary, trial, or ongoing basis as follows:

- Regular full-time telework - An employee works every workday at a location other than a USU location.
- Regular part-time telework (Hybrid) - An employee works one or more workdays at a location other than a USU location and the remainder of the week's workdays at a USU location (e.g., M-W alternative work location from home; Th-F work from USU workplace). The schedule is fixed to be the same each week to facilitate meeting schedules and other office activities.
- Flexible telework - An employee varies their work location throughout the week based on business and/or personal work/life needs. Only positions that can support this variety should be approved under this method.

Surge telework is for those positions that a dean/vice president and department head/director has identified as being able to temporarily telework on days where the [Utah Division of Air Quality](#) has forecast an air quality of "unhealthy" (red) or higher at least 48 hours in advance for that county/location. Since surge telework is expected to be temporary and infrequent, it does not require a formal telework agreement. USU positions that provide in-person services, or which have an in-place-duties requirement are not eligible for surge telework and will still report to their normal work location as scheduled.

Surge telework may also be approved by appropriate campus leaders during other special circumstances, such as predicted heavy snowfall or other situations that could pose a risk to employee safety or health.

Campus Leaders Who Can Authorize Surge Telework for Special Circumstances:

- Main Campus in Logan - USU president or designee.
- Statewide Campuses - Vice president of Statewide Campuses in consultation with the respective campus associate vice president.
- Extension Offices - Vice president for Extension.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) telework may be approved as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA where alternative, reasonable accommodations cannot be identified and/or implemented. Such accommodations need not be approved where predictable and regular onsite attendance is deemed to be job-related, uniformly enforced, and consistent with business necessity (i.e., essential). Employees or supervisors with questions about the ADA telework request process can contact the Office of Human Resources for more information.

The USU president may approve telework in response to community crises, natural disasters, pandemics, or similar events.

2.1 Evaluating Positions for Telework

Departments may consult with the Office of Human Resources to analyze the nature of a position and how the work is performed to determine which positions are appropriate to designate or approve for telework.

Several factors [\[link\]](#) should be considered in determining the feasibility of telework, including the supervisor's ability to adequately supervise the employee, whether any duties require use of systems, equipment, or tools that cannot be replicated or provided at the alternative work location, and the potential impact to other departmental colleagues' workload.

With rare exception, telework should be performed within the state of Utah as laws and compliance requirements related to payroll, unemployment, workers compensation, and other employment situations can vary significantly from state to state. Before a position can be considered and approved for regular out-of-state telework, the location being considered must be reviewed by a telework eligibility committee which includes representatives from Payroll/Finance, Risk Management, Legal, a departmental IT support person, and Human Resources. If a position is approved for regular out-of-state telework, any compliance costs related to such positions will be borne by the employing department.

2.2 Eligibility

2.2.1 Evaluating Employees for Telework

When a telework request is made, the supervisor and department head/director determine if telework is feasible either on a trial or ongoing basis. Eligible employees must meet the following criteria:

- The employee has been in the position for a minimum of six (6) months—this requirement may be waived if the employee is specifically hired for a telework arrangement.
- The employee has no active, formal corrective actions on file for the current or preceding performance review period (see USU [Policy 311: Setting Expectations and Managing Performance](#)).
- The employee has demonstrated an ability to work productively and successfully in their work habits.
- The employee's assignment is conducive to telework without causing reductions in services to students, inequities, or workload imbalances with departmental colleagues.

Once the supervisor and department head/director have confirmed eligibility for telework, the request will be sent to the respective dean/vice president for final approval.

A teleworking employee is responsible for any personal tax and insurance implications of a telework arrangement as well as conforming to any local zoning regulations.

2.2.2 Ineligible Positions

This policy applies only to those who work away from their USU location for one or more days per week on a regular basis and not for ad hoc situations. Ad hoc situations will be coordinated and approved by the employee's supervisor in accordance with that department's practices.

Some positions are not typically eligible for telework such as: faculty roles tied to on-campus programs and instruction; direct service positions; facilities trades workers; custodial workers; student-health staff; residence-life staff; coaches and athletic support; receptionist positions; agricultural production staff; research animal and plant care staff; library circulation staff; IT direct support positions; environmental health and safety staff; and place-specific positions, such as police officers, grounds workers, and parking support staff. The respective dean or vice president has discretion in making the final determination as to whether a position is eligible for telework.

2.3 General Expectations and Conditions

2.3.1 Compliance

Teleworking employees must comply with all federal, state, and local laws as well as university rules, policies, and practices, and agree and understand that violation of such may result in the termination of the telework arrangement and/or corrective or disciplinary action.

2.3.2 Hours and Location of Work

The teleworker is responsible to record all hours worked in the same manner as they would in the normal USU workplace. Overtime hours for nonexempt employees require the advance approval of the supervisor. The university continues to expect the same level of productivity and availability from remote locations as from the normal USU workplace. (See USU Policies 311 and 378: Overtime)

Supervisors may require employees to report to a central USU workplace as needed for work-related meetings or other events or may meet with employees in the alternative work location or via virtual tools/technology as needed to discuss work progress or other work-related issues. Supervisors should provide enough notice to ensure the teleworker can be in attendance in person when required. Commuting to or from a central worksite at the beginning or end of the day will not be considered compensable time or be eligible for mileage reimbursement unless otherwise specified in the approved telework agreement.

2.3.3 Setting Up an Alternative Workspace

Teleworkers are expected to secure and maintain an efficient and safe workspace that provides adequate connectivity to systems and resources to complete duties and communication in an effective manner. USU reserves the right to inspect the alternative workspace to ensure a safe working environment. Employees with questions should consult with the Office of Environmental Health and Safety for general safe office standards and office ergonomics. Because telework is considered an extension of the USU workplace, injuries or illness that occur as a result of their university assignment, during scheduled work hours and within their alternative workspace, will be covered per USU [Policy 364: Worker's Compensation](#).

Utah State University assumes no liability for damages to an employee's real or personal property throughout telework participation.

2.3.4 Equipment and Materials

USU will provide the appropriate equipment and materials needed by employees to effectively perform their duties as agreed upon between the employee and their supervisor. The department may, but is not required to, duplicate resources between the normal USU workplace and the alternative work location. Telework employees may use university owned equipment only for legitimate university purposes. Unapproved out-of-pocket expenses will not be reimbursed. All university policies and procedures regarding equipment will apply to teleworkers as they do for all other employees (e.g., inventory controls, data security, equipment disposal, etc.)

The teleworker must exercise reasonable care for the equipment and should take appropriate action to protect the items from damage, theft, or unauthorized use. The employee will be held liable for damage caused by negligence. University equipment will be maintained, serviced, and repaired by university personnel as well as meet all safety standards. Supervisors will ensure that training on equipment usage will be provided where needed. The department will stipulate who is responsible for installing equipment and transportation to and from the normal USU workplace for repairs or service.

The telework agreement may permit employees to use their own equipment, provided the use of such equipment has been approved and meets IT security, management, and policy requirements. In this situation, USU is not responsible for the cost, repair, or service of the employee's personal equipment, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in advance in the telework agreement.

2.3.5 Costs of Telework

USU is not obligated to assume responsibility for operating costs, home maintenance, or other costs incurred by employees in their alternative work location. USU may provide a communication allowance per USU [Policy 518: Cell Phones](#).

2.3.6 Information Security and Data Protection

Employees must safeguard university information used or accessed from the alternative work location, in accordance with Utah State University's policies. (See USU [Policy 319: Employee Privacy and Confidentiality](#).) Telework employees must agree to follow university approved security procedures to ensure confidentiality and security of data. Teleworking employees should not save files locally or on non-USU equipment. All computer and communications devices connected to USU network are subject to monitoring, whether or not they are owned or operated by USU. The teleworker must notify university personnel immediately if any unauthorized access to university systems occurs. For additional information about information security and data protection see [USU Policies 550-579: Information Technology](#).

2.3.7 Dependent and Adult Care

Telework is not intended to serve as a substitute for child or adult care. If children or adults in need of primary care are in the alternative work location during the employee's work hours, the employee must make arrangements for others to be responsible for their care or the employee may request other feasible adjustments subject to supervisory approval (e.g., adjusting FTE or work schedule).

2.3.8 Intellectual Property

Intellectual property created by USU employees within the scope of their employment regardless of their work location fall under the scope of USU [Policy 587: Intellectual Property](#).

3XX.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Teleworker

- Establish a work environment that is safe and free from distractions.
- Carry out the agreed upon work duties while working at the alternative work location.
- Be available during agreed upon work hours.
- Be responsible for any tax implications that affect telework.
- Report to the normal USU workplace as scheduled or requested.
- Safeguard all sensitive or confidential information.

3.2 Supervisor

- Consult with the department head/director and the Office of Human Resources to determine if telework arrangements are appropriate. Supervisors must ensure that telework decisions are made for appropriate, nondiscriminatory reasons and provide clear benefit to USU operations.
- Require employees, who request a telework arrangement, to sign the telework agreement then send a copy of the signed agreement to the Office of Human Resources.
- Work with the employee to set clear expectations, requirements, availability, communication protocols and methods, engagement, etc. to ensure the department's needs are met and that the employee may be successful.
- Clarify on-site and off-site schedule requirements and provide as much notice as practicable for call back situations for on-site meetings or work needs.
- Develop a means to accurately record hours worked and evaluate work performance.

3.3 Department Head/Director & Dean/Vice President

- Approve, deny, or revoke any telework agreement.
- Ensure that telework decisions are made for appropriate, nondiscriminatory reasons; provide clear benefit to USU operations; and are handled equitably across departments.

3.4 Office of Human Resources

- Answer questions, provide guidance as needed, and file telework agreements.

3XX.4 REFERENCES

- [Utah Executive Order No. 2021-03](#)
- [Utah Executive Order No. 2021-04](#)
- [A New Workplace: Modernizing Where, How, and When Utah Works](#)

3XX.5 RELATED USU POLICIES

- [USU Policy 311: Setting Expectations and Managing Performance](#)
- [USU Policy 319: Employee Privacy and Confidentiality](#)
- [USU Policy 364: Worker's Compensation](#)
- [USU Policy 518: Cell Phones \(Communication Allowance\)](#)
- [USU Policy 587: Intellectual Property](#)
- [USU Policies 550-579: Information Technology](#)

3XX.6 DEFINITIONS

6.1 Alternative Work Locations

Approved locations, other than a USU workplace, where official university business is performed. The most common alternative work location is the employee's home.

6.2 Surge Teleworker

An employee who works in a position identified as telework eligible and/or a position identified as able to telework temporarily for red air days or special circumstance days (e.g. predicted heavy snowfall, etc.) as approved by the appropriate campus leader. Not all positions qualify for surge telework.

6.3 Telework

A remote work arrangement that allows an employee to work in an alternative work location for part, or all of, their regular work schedule. Other terms synonymous with telework are “telecommuting” or “remote work.”

6.4 Teleworker

A university employee who has been approved to work at an alternative work location, other than a university location, on a regular basis.

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RESOURCES

[Utah Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Forecast](#)

POLICY HISTORY

Original issue date: 2020/MM/DD

Last review date: N/A

Next scheduled review date:

Previous revision dates: New

ITEM FOR ACTION

Re: New USU Policy 3XX: Telework

SUMMARY OF NEW POLICY

- **Telework Intent and Scope-** Telework must meet both department and employee needs. It is a privilege and not a right and is subject to management approval. Not all positions are eligible for telework. Decisions will be made by leadership on a case-by-case basis.
- **Telework Benefits-** In successful arrangements, it can improve air quality, reduce traffic and parking congestion, decrease space needs, and promote recruitment and retention of faculty and/or staff as well as provide increased productivity.
- **Types of Telework-** Telework may be approved on a trial or ongoing basis.
 - **Regular full-time telework** - An employee works every workday at a location other than a USU location.
 - **Regular part-time telework (Hybrid)** - An employee works one or more workdays at a location other than a USU location and the remainder of the week's workdays at a USU location (e.g., M-W work from home; Th-F work from USU office). The schedule is fixed to be the same each week to facilitate meeting schedules and other office activities.
 - **Flexible telework** - An employee varies their work location throughout the week based on business and/or personal work/life needs. Only positions that can support this variety should be approved under this method.
 - **Surge telework** – For positions that a dean/VP & department head/director has identified as being able to temporarily telework on days where the [Utah Division of Air Quality](#) has forecast an air quality notice of “Unhealthy” (red) or higher at least 48 hours in advance for that county/location. Since surge telework is expected to be temporary and infrequent, it does not require a formal telework agreement. USU positions that provide in-person services, or which have an in-place-duties requirement are not eligible and will still report to their normal work location as scheduled. For other special circumstances (e.g. bad weather) surge telework may be authorized by President, VP Statewide Campuses or VP Extension as appropriate.
 - **ADA Accommodation-** Telework may be approved as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) where alternative reasonable accommodations cannot be identified and/or implemented. Such accommodations need not be approved where predictable and regular onsite attendance is deemed to be job-related, uniformly enforced, and consistent with business necessity (i.e. essential).
 - **Community Crisis, Disaster, Pandemic etc.-** USU may initiate or approve when necessary.
- **Eligibility and Structure**
 - 6 months of employment (unless position is specifically hired as a telework position)
 - In good standing (no active corrective/disciplinary actions)
 - Demonstrated ability to work productively and not negatively impact load on departmental colleagues or affect student services
 - Certain positions requiring in person work are ineligible (see examples in 2.2.2)
 - Formal telework agreements are required
 - Supervisors may expect attendance in person for meetings or other events
 - Time reporting should still be done as normal
 - Tools, equipment, and space issues should be addressed as part of agreement and ensure a safe workspace for the employee
 - Intellectual property, Information security and data protection policies must still be followed
 - Telework is not a substitute for daycare/adult care
- **Compliance-** USU and employees must comply with all applicable laws. Any consideration of out of state telework (should be rare exception) must be reviewed by the telework eligibility committee (payroll/finance, risk, legal, IT support, and HR). Departments bear the cost of compliance.

**2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE (EPC)**

Submitted by

Paul J. Barr, EPC Chair

Vice Provost

September 2021

2020-2021 Annual Report of the USU Educational Policies Committee

MEMBERSHIP:

EPC Membership for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

- **Sami Ahmed**, *President USUSA*
- **Paul Barr**, *Chair, Vice Provost*
- **Sterling Boone**, *Jon M. Huntsman School of Business*
- **Alex Braeger**, *Graduate Studies Senator*
- **Mike Conover**, *S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources*
- **Dan Coster**, *College of Science*
- **Richard Cutler**, *Graduate Council*
- **Renee Galliher**, *Academic Standard Chair*
- **Shana Geffaney**, *Statewide Campuses*
- **Robert Heaton**, *Universities Studies*
- **Jason Marshall**, *USU Eastern*
- **Nicholas Morrison**, *Caine College of the Arts and Curriculum Subcommittee Chair*
- **Kat Oertle**, *Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services*
- **Lee Rickords**, *General Education Subcommittee Chair*
- **Matt Sanders**, *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*
- **Mateja Savoie Roskos**, *College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences*
- **Lucas Stevens**, *USUSA Executive Vice President*
- **Timothy Taylor**, *College of Engineering*
- Ex Officio, **Toni Gibbons**, *Registrar's Office*
- Ex Officio, **Fran Hopkin**, *Registrar's Office*
- Ex Officio, **Michele Hillard**, *Secretary*

MEETINGS:

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. During the 2020-2021 academic year, the regular meeting time of the EPC was the first Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the Champ Hall Conference Room in Old Main.

The EPC is supported by the following three subcommittees:

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| Curriculum Subcommittee | Nicholas Morrison (Chair) |
| General Education Subcommittee | Lee Rickords (Chair) |
| Academic Standards Subcommittee | Renee Galliher (Chair) |

ACTIONS:

The Educational Policies Committee acts on items presented to it from three subcommittees: Curriculum, Academic Standards, and General Education; as well as other items submitted directly to EPC for consideration.

A. Actions originating from the Curriculum Subcommittee:

1. The Curriculum Subcommittee approved 700 requests for individual course actions.
2. The Curriculum Subcommittee and subsequently the EPC acted on a variety and number of R401 proposals (N=57) for programs during the 2020 – 2021 academic year. Table 1 is a summary of those proposals.

Table 1. Action taken by the EPC/Curriculum.

| <u>Unit/College/Department</u> | <u>EPC Actions 2020-2021</u> |
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| School of Teacher Education and Leadership in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Add Interventions for Secondary Students' as a new specialization within the existing Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. |
| School of Teacher Education and Leadership in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Add Interventions for Secondary Students as a new specialization within the existing Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction. |
| Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communications Studies in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Restructure the department. Resulting in two departments, specifically the Department of World Languages and Cultures and the Department of Communication Studies and Philosophy. |
| Department of Engineering Education in the College of Engineering | Master of Science in Engineering Education. |
| College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Change the name of the Center for Women and Gender to the Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research. |
| Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a Certificate of Proficiency in Inclusive Leadership. |
| Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a Minor in Intersectional Gender Studies. |
| Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a Minor in Sexuality Studies. |

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| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Correct the acronym from Police Officers Standards and Training to Peace Officer Standards and Training. |
| Department of Art and Design in the Caine College of the Arts | Offer an Associate of Arts in Art at the USU Eastern campus. |
| Department of Marketing and Strategy in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Create a new Consulting Minor. |
| Center for Persons with Disabilities in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Change the name of the Center for Persons with Disabilities to the Institute for Disability Research, Policy and Practice. |
| Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a certificate of proficiency in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. |
| Department of Biology in the College of Sciences | Discontinue the Bachelor of Arts and Science in Biology Ecology/Biodiversity as well as the Biology: Environmental Bachelor of Arts and Science emphasis. |
| Department of Biology in the College of Science | Discontinue the Biology: Environmental program |
| Department of Biology in the College of Science | Change the emphasis program name from Ecology/Biodiversity in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science to Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. |
| Department of Computer Science in the College of Science | Restructure the current Master of Computer Science program to a 33-credit professional, coursework-only degree. |
| Department of Theatre Arts in the Caine College of the Arts | Offer an Associates of Arts in Theatre. |
| Department of Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Create an Institutional Certificate of Proficiency in the area of small firm management. |
| Department of Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Change the name of the minor to be more reflective of the course emphasis and to be more in line with the emphasis that students in the minor. |
| Department of Data Analytics and Information Systems in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Modify the name of the existing degree program in the Management Information Systems and to require that students complete an approved emphasis within the degree program. |
| Department of Data Analytics and Information Systems in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Establish an emphasis in Cybersecurity within the IS undergraduate degree program. |
| Department of Data Analytics and Information Systems in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Establish an emphasis in Data Engineering within the IS undergraduate degree program. |

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| Department of Data Analytics and Information Systems in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Establish an emphasis in Web Development within the IS undergraduate Degree program. |
| School of Teacher Education and Leadership in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Service | Offer an Educational Paraprofessional Certificate of Completion. |
| Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Restructure and change the name from Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling Certificate of Proficiency to Certificate in Rehabilitation and Disability. |
| Center for Intersectional Gender Studies & Research in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Discontinue the Women and Gender Studies minor. |
| Departments of English and Journalism and Communication in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a Certificate of Proficiency in Digital Writing and Publication. |
| Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a new Department of Social Work by dividing the Department of Sociology, Social Work and anthropology into the Department of Social Work and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. |
| Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Create a Certificate of Proficiency in Social Analytics. |
| Departments of Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies, Political Science and Economics and Finance in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Create a Certificate of Proficiency in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. |
| Department of Geosciences in the College of Science | Add a new GeoWorkforce emphasis to the existing Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. |
| Department of Music in the Caine College of Arts | Offer a Piano Pedagogy Minor |
| Department of Theatre Arts in the Caine College of the Arts | Suspend the program Theatre Education Applied Option – Bachelor of Fine Arts. |
| Department of Marketing and Strategy in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Emphasis in Leadership within the existing Master of Business Administration degree. |
| Department of Geosciences in the College of Science | Discontinue the Geoarchaeology emphasis to the Bachelor's degree program in Geology. |
| Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Change the name of the minor from Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies to Equine-Human Science. |

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| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Update the Certificate of Completion in the Plan of Study for Automotive Technology. |
| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Offer a Certificate of Completion Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). |
| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Update the Medical Assistant Certificate of Completion. |
| Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Offer an accelerated Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and a Master of Science in Environmental Planning. |
| Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Offer a new Post Baccalaureate Certificate, Practitioner of Food Safety. |
| Departments of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, Human Development and Family Studies, Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences, Kinesiology and Health Science, Psychology, School of Teacher Education and Leadership and Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Offer a Post- Baccalaureate (Graduate) Certificate Program: Certificate in Advanced Research Methods and Analysis – Quantitative (CARMA-Q). |
| Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Change the name of the Rehabilitation Counseling specialization within the Disability Disciplines doctoral program to Rehabilitation Counselor Education and Supervision. |
| Department of Data Analytics and Information Systems in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Offer a Baccalaureate degree in Data Analytics. |
| Department of Economics and Finance in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Offer a new Business Economics emphasis within the BA/BS degree in Economics. |
| Department of Economics and Finance in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Create a new Econometrics and Data Analytics emphasis within the existing BA/BS Economics degree. |
| Department of Economics and Finance in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Create a new Financial Economics Emphasis within the existing BA/BS Economics degree. |
| Department of Economics and Finance in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Offer a Master of Financial Economics degree. |
| Department of Watershed Sciences in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources | Offer a Master of Ecological Restoration. |

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| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Offer a Nail Technician Certificate of Proficiency. |
| Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Change the name of the Institute for Social Science Research on Natural Resources to Community and Natural Resources Institute. |
| Registrar's Office | Course descriptions have been updated in the catalog. There are now course descriptions for all courses. |
| Academic Instructional Services | Create a Student Money Management Center. |
| Department of Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Create a Community Development Economics Minor. |
| Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Change the CIP Code for the BS Aviation Technology-Professional Pilot degree from 49.0102 to 49.0101. |
| Department of Computer Science in the College of Science | Discontinue the Computer Science MS Plan C degree program. |

Other Actions:

- Fran Hopkin and Adam Gleed brought forth recommendations to establish policies to handle Institutional Certificates of Proficiencies. The policies were approved and presented to the Provost for approval.
- Curriculog New Course Justification Language and Full Template Language was approved with the intent to help the faculty in their submissions.
- An adjustment of the submission deadlines for curriculum request was discussed. The goal was to make sure students were receiving consistent information regardless of the source. The deadlines are October for spring semester and February for summer or fall.
- A discussion of making sure that the courses in the junior and senior year were at the 3000 and 4000 levels. This will allow transfer from other institutions in the state.
- Elected Matt Sanders as the new Curriculum Subcommittee chair for the 2021-2022 AY.

B. Actions originating from the General Education Subcommittee:

1. Courses approved (N = 20) by the EPC in 2020-2021 for General Education Designation use are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Courses approved by the EPC for a General Education Designation

| <u>Course Prefix and Number</u> | <u>Course Title</u> | <u>Course Designation</u> |
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| ARTH 3250 | The New Hollywood: American New Wave Cinema of the 1970s | CI/DHA |
| SOC 3340 | Civil Rights of a Different Color | DSS |
| PSC 2040 | Aviation Weather | BPS |
| ARTH 4260 | Latin American Art | CI/DHA |
| ARTH 3615 | Pompeii: Roman Domestic Art and Architecture | CI/DHA |
| HIST 3060 | Introduction to Judaism | DHA |
| HIST 3350 | War in the Age of Cinema: Anglo-American Film and the Two World Wars | DHA |
| HIST 4660 | Work and Migration in North American History | DHA |
| HIST 3660 | History of Mexico | DHA |
| SOC 4440 | The Origins of the United States Criminal Justice System | DSS |
| GEO 3200 | The Earth Through Time | Deleted |
| SOC 3320 | Work, Inequity and the American Dream | DSS |
| APEC 3020 | Firm Finance and Records Analysis | DSS |
| GEO 5570 | Engineering Geology | QI |
| SOC 3750 | Sociology of Aging | DSS |

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| LANG 3570 | Narrative Ethics in Asian Literature and Film | DHA |
| SOC 4010 | Sociological Theory: Insights from Classical and Contemporary Perspectives | DSS |
| ENVS 4550 | Recreation Use Monitoring and Assessment | QI |
| GEO 3350 | Sedimentation and Stratigraphy | DSC |
| SOC 3430 | Social Deviance | DSS |

2. Actions that were taken by General Education Subcommittee (2020-2021):

- A QI rubric was developed to make sure that milestones are being met. A training program was discussed for the faculty.
- General Education assessment is still ongoing and being evaluated in order to meet accreditation standards

C. Actions originating from the Academic Standards Subcommittee (2020-2021):

- Changes in language regarding the amount of time that students can use for a leave of absence
- A process for reviewing non-accredited school credit to USU was approved. This will include approval at both the department and Provost level.
- A proposal was approved regarding the requirement of the GRE exam for admission. This will be decided on a department-by-department basis.
- It was discussed that faculty would receive the IDEA Evaluations for 7-week courses at the end of the class and not have to wait until the end of the entire semester. It was decided that this would occur after the faculty member has submitted the grades.

Report from the Educational Policies Committee Oct 6, 2021

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) met on Oct 6, 2021. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the Educational Policies Committee web page (www.usu.edu/epc).

During the Oct 6, 2021 meeting of the EPC, the following actions were taken:

1. **General Education Subcommittee**

- A significant discussion on General Education requirements based on discussions that are ongoing with the rewrite of the R470 policy. The impact on departments and programs with any increase in the total number of required credits was reviewed. Plans to minimize this impact was also discussed.

2. **Academic Standards Subcommittee**

- No meeting/report for the month of September.
- Followed up on the conversation about the catalog change in regards to University initiated leave. Received great feedback, cleaned it up and sent to Krysten Deschamps, in Student Affairs and let them know that it was approved by the EPC.
- A discussion occurred regarding the graduate post-humous degree. USU wants to look at the right timeframe/window for families to receive the post humous degree for graduate students. Input was solicited from all committee members. The Graduate Council will discuss and provide recommendations for the next EPC meeting

3. **Curriculum Subcommittee**

- Approval of 126 course requests. Two requests (POLS 4850 and IOGP were held). Also changed five LAEP courses from inactive to deletions.
- Request from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a **Certificate of Advanced Practice in Dietetics**.
- Request from the Department of Social Work in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to establish the **Transforming Communities Institute**.

4. **Other Business**

- N/A

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Athletics Council Report for

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Submitted to the
Utah State University Faculty Senate
by USU Athletics Council

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Faculty Senate Report Athletics Council

Introduction

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Mission: The Athletics Council advises the President with respect to the athletics program. The duties of the council are to: (a) help maintain an athletics program compatible with the best academic interests of the university; (b) assure compliance with the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the university athletics code; (c) review and recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees all intercollegiate athletics budgets; and (d) recommend policies and procedures for all aspects of the intercollegiate programs. The annual report from the Athletics Council to the Faculty Senate includes both future and current issues facing the Athletics Department. Each issue is reviewed by the Athletics Council to ensure the Department of Athletics is operating within the guidelines of the NCAA and Utah State University.

I. Athletics Council Issues/Actions during 2020-21 academic year (highlights briefly described below from the four scheduled AC meetings – October 10, 2020; November 18, 2020; January 27, 2021; and April 14, 2021 as well as each of the subcommittee’s meetings that meet twice during the academic year)

1. Student Academic and Athletics Eligibility and Intercollegiate Sports

- Academic performance of student-athletes for each of the USU teams was reviewed during each semester.
 - Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR) reviewed for each team (refer to Academic Performance data listed below).
- a. Academic Performance of Student Athletes to 2020-21.
- i. Graduation Rates – Federal Rate:
 - The 14-15 cohort rate is 64% with a 4-class average of 70%***
 - The 13-14 cohort rate is 61% with a 4-class average of 69%
 - The 12-13 cohort rate is 69% with a 4-class average of 70%
 - The 11-12 cohort rate is 78% with a 4-class average of 67%
 - The 10-11 cohort rate is 65% with a 4-class average of 66%
 - The 09-10 cohort rate is 67% with a 4-year average of 67%

- The 08-09 cohort rate is 55% with a 4-year average of 66%
- The 07-08 cohort rate is 75%, with a 4-year average of 68%
- The 06-07 cohort rate is 68%, with a 4-year average of 61%
- The 05-06 cohort rate is 62%, with a 4-year average of 61%
- The 04-05 cohort rate is 64%, with a 4-year average of 62%
- The 03-04 cohort rate is 48%, with a 4-year average of 57%
- The 02-03 cohort rate is 73%, with a 4-year average of 60%
- The 01-02 cohort rate is 65%, with a 4-year average of 58%
- The 00-01 cohort rate is 41%, with a 4-year average of 55%
- The 99-00 cohort rate is 61%, with a 4-year average of 64%
- The 98-99 cohort rate is 64%, with a 4-year average of 62%

*** publicly released November, 2021.

The NCAA released the first Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for all teams of all NCAA Division I Member Institutions in December 2005. This rate, a 4-year average that can be directly compared to the Federal Rates' 4-year average mentioned above, is a more accurate snapshot of how scholarship student-athletes graduate. Students who transfer to USU that fall into one of the cohorts are counted in this rate (they are not counted in the federal rate) when they graduate; students who transfer from USU and are academically eligible at the time of transfer do not count against USU graduation rates (as they do with the federal rate). The overall USU GSR for the 4-year cohorts encompassing 2010-2013, to be publicly released in November, is 93%. This is up from 92% posted for the 2009-12 cohort, which led the Mountain West Conference as well as all of Utah's 4-year institutions.

b. Academics/Awards

- Composite cumulative 3.38 (through Spring 2021) Student-Athlete GPA.
- 283 Academic All-Mountain West Conference Selections (3rd most in MW Conference) 2020-21 with a 3.00 or better GPA. An additional 16 gymnasts earned Academic All-Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference honors.
- Utah State earned 177 Mountain West Scholar-Athlete recognitions exhibiting a 3.50 or better GPA. (2nd most in MW Conference)
- 93% publicly released NCAA Graduation Success Rate (Highest in the Mountain West Conference).
- 261 Whitesides' Scholar-Athletes (3.2 or better GPA).
- General Highlights
 - 87% above 3.00 cumulative GPA (teams)
 - 476 overall academic all-conference recognitions
 - 75% earned Whitesides' scholar-athlete recognition
 - 14 of 16 teams above a 3.00 team GPA (2 teams currently have 2.9 cum, had coaching changes)
 - 13 of 16 teams above a 3.20 team GPA (3 teams had coaching changes for teams 3.2 or lower)

- Team Academic Recognitions
 - Volleyball earned AVCA Team Academic Award.
 - Felipe Acosta (MTN) awarded Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). For second year in a row
 - recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances in athletic competition and in the classroom
 - Men's and Women's Track & Field earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team Honors.
 - Men's Cross Country was recognized for having an Academic Progress Rate of 1,000 (3rd straight year – earned NCAA's Public Recognition Award with a perfect score of 1,000. Public Recognition Awards are given to teams finishing in the top 10% of APR scores within each sport.
 - James Withers (MXC) earned NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship – 1 out of 21 available for men's student-athletes.
 - Withers is just the fifth Utah State student-athlete to receive this award since 2000, joining Maurice Jenkins (men's T&F, 2001-02), Tylee Skinner (women's T&F, 2017-18), Kashley Carter (women's XC, 2018-19) and Chase Nelson (football, 2020-21).
 - Camren Todd (MXC) earned NCAA Elite 90 Award
 - presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.
 - Women's Softball was recognized for 15 Easton/NFCA Scholar-Athletes. Most in team program, 10 was previous high.

2. Athletics Relations

- The Council discussed specific pending NCAA legislation during the 2020-21 legislative cycle and provided input on institutional positions for those with potential academic impact.

3. Budget and Administration

- The Council reviewed and recommended updates on the ongoing Athletics' budget and potential impacts throughout the academic year (see attached 2020-2021 Budget on page 14).

4. Gender and Minority Issues

- The Council discussed the Equity in USU Athletics Report.

II. Miscellaneous Athletics-Related Events/Changes during 2020-21.

1. Athletics Accomplishments of Department (2020-21).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Utah State finished the 2020-21 season with an overall mark of 20-9, marking the first time the Aggies have won 20 games or more in three consecutive seasons since 2010-13. USU also posted a conference mark of 15-4.
- Utah State earned its third-straight NCAA Tournament bid, losing in the first round against No. 6-seed Texas Tech, 65-53.
- Junior center Neemias Queta set Utah State's single-game, single-season and career block records this season. Queta recorded nine blocks in the Aggies' 62-50 victory over Colorado State in the Mountain West Tournament semifinals. Queta led the nation with 97 total blocks, breaking his previous single-season school record of 84 set during his freshman year. Queta finished his career with 219 blocks, far surpassing the previous school record of 155 career blocks set by Gilbert Pete (1986-89). Queta's career total is also tied for third all-time in Mountain West history, matching the University of Utah's David Foster (2006, 09-11).
- Utah State dominated the glass all season, ranking second in the nation with a rebound margin of +10.3. Additionally, the Aggies out-rebounded every opponent they played, averaging 40.69 boards per contest. Queta led the charge, ranking fourth in the nation in total rebounds with 294.
- USU ranked 13th in the nation in blocks per game (5.0), led by Queta's 97. Utah State's 145 blocks this year ranked second in school history, two shy of the all-time mark of 147 set during the 2018-19 season.
- Utah State led the Mountain West in rebounding (40.5), rebounds allowed (30.4), defensive rebounds (27.9), offensive rebounds (10.1), blocks (4.97) and assists (15.97). In league games, Utah State led the Mountain West in scoring defense (60.6), scoring margin (14.7), field goal percentage defense (.383), rebounding (41.3), rebounds allowed (30.0), offensive rebounds (12.8), defensive rebounds (28.5), rebounding margin (11.3), assist-to-turnover ratio (1.30), blocks (5.16) and assists (17.79).
- Junior forward Justin Bean earned second-team all-Mountain West and Mountain West all-tournament team honors this season as he ranked second on the squad in both points (11.4) and rebounds (7.7) per game, while also recording a team-leading 38 steals on the year.
- Utah State scored 928 points in the paint this season, outscoring all but four opponents from inside. The 928 points represented almost 45 percent of the Aggies' total points this season.
- Freshman guard Steven Ashworth totaled 76 assists during the year to rank seventh in a single season among freshman in USU history. His assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.0 (76 assists/38 turnovers) ranks second all-time among freshmen in USU history.
- On April 5, 2021, Ryan Odom was named the 20th head coach in Utah State program history.
- Utah State had nine men's basketball players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while nine players were named MW Scholar Athletes.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Utah State women's basketball finished the shortened 2020-21 season with a 4-20 overall mark, including a 2-16 record in league play to finish 11th in the Mountain West. USU's season came to a close in the first round of the Mountain West Championships, where the Aggies fell to the eventual tournament champion Wyoming, 69-41.
- Utah State was led by graduate forward Jessica Chatman, who averaged a team-best 11.3 points and 6.9 rebounds per contest in her lone season as an Aggie. Chatman, a transfer from Southern Utah, averaged 31.5 minutes per contest and was the only USU player to play in and start all 24 games this season.
- Sophomore guard Shyla Latone made her mark from deep in her first season as an Aggie, including going for a program-record tying nine 3-pointers in the final game of the regular season against New Mexico. This was the most 3's by any player in a Mountain West game in conference history, and was also the third-most in the NCAA this season.
- Freshman guard Meagan Mendazona opened her collegiate career with an impressive debut, going for 18 points, seven rebounds, five assists, four blocks and four steals in a win over Montana. This was the most points by a USU freshman in their debut since Katie Toole scored 22 against Sacramento State in 2015-16.
- In USU's game against Fresno State on Feb. 6, the Aggies dished out a program-record 29 assists on 34 made shots, led by sophomore guards Kamalu Kamakawiwo'ole and Faith Brantley, who each had a career-high seven dimes. This was tied as the 10th-most assists in a single game by any team in the NCAA this season.
- Utah State used 14 unique starting lineups in their 24 games this season, with 12 different players making starting appearances and no lineup being used more than four times.
- USU's top two individual scoring performances this season each came from Latone, who crossed the 30-point barrier twice, the first Aggie player to do so since the 2015-16 season. The sophomore went off for 30 points in her hometown against San Diego State on Jan. 14, then had a 33-point performance against New Mexico on March 1, tied for the 16th-most points in program history.
- The Aggies finished the year ranking 26th in the nation and fourth in the Mountain West in defensive rebounds with 29.2 defensive boards per game. They also ranked fifth in the conference in total rebounds per game (40.2).
- Utah State had 10 women's basketball players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while seven players were named MW ScholarAthletes.

FOOTBALL

- Utah State ended its 2020 season with a 1-5 record and finished 11th in the Mountain West in a season which was shortened to eliminate nonconference games. Offensively, USU was led by junior QB Jason Shelley, who was 51-of-99 (.515) passing for 420 yards (105.0 ypg) with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Senior RB Jaylen Warren led the team in rushing with 252 yards on 39 carries (6.5 ypc/84.0 ypg) with three

touchdowns, and junior WR Deven Thompkins had a team-best 20 receptions for 214 yards (10.7 ypr/53.5 ypg) and one touchdown. Defensively, sophomore LB AJ Vongphachanh led the team with 50 tackles, which included 3.0 sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss, while senior S Shaq Bond had 47 tackles, which included 6.0 tackles for a loss. As a team, USU averaged 15.5 points and 275.8 yards of total offense (135.8 passing, 140.0 rushing), and allowed 35.2 points and 485.3 yards (260.7 passing, 224.7 rushing).

- Utah State had to deal with more adversity than most during the 2020 season, and it was not due to COVID-19. On Nov. 7, Frank Maile was named the Aggies' interim head coach after USU Vice President and Director of Athletics John Hartwell announced the dismissal of Gary Andersen. Then, on Nov. 15, starting junior QB Jason Shelley was dismissed from the team for violation of team rules. Utah State then had its top wide receiver in junior Deven Thompkins, its top running back in senior Jaylen Warren, its starting safety in senior Troy Lefeged Jr., and senior inside linebacker Cash Gilliam all opt out for the remainder of the season and enter the transfer portal.

- Following Andersen's dismissal, co-defensive coordinator Frank Maile assumed the role of interim head coach for the remainder of the season. On December 12, Blake Anderson was hired as the 29th head coach in program history.

- Utah State had eight players named as Mountain West all-conference honorable mentions, including senior offensive lineman Demytrick Ali'ifua, senior defensive back Shaq Bond, graduate defensive lineman Nick Heninger, freshman punter Stephen Kotsanlee, graduate defensive lineman Marcus Moore, senior kick returner Savon Scarver, sophomore offensive lineman Karter Shaw and sophomore linebacker AJ Vongphachanh.

- Utah State finished the 2020 season ranking among the top-40 teams in the nation in eight statistical categories, including 11th in punt return defense (1.44 yards per return), 15th in kickoff return defense (17.36 yards per return), 17th in tackles for loss allowed (4.5 per game), 20th in kickoff returns (24.52 yards per return), 31st in net punting (40.38 yards per punt), 32nd in passes had intercepted (5), 35th in team sacks (2.67 per game) and 39th in turnovers lost (10).

- Utah State had 54 football players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while 15 players were named MW Scholar-Athletes.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Utah State's men's cross country team earned its best finish in program history, placing 11th as a team at the NCAA Championships. The Aggies, who entered the championship meet ranked No. 21, scored 351 points to surpass their previous best championship finish of 16th in 2019. Utah State beat 15 ranked teams, including 10 that were ranked ahead of them.

- The Aggie women placed fourth at the Mountain West Championships with a team score of 104 points, while senior Katie Haviland placed eighth overall in the 6K race with a time of 20:22.1 to earn second-team all-Mountain West honors and qualify as an individual for nationals. At the national championship, Haviland narrowly missed out on All-American honors as she placed 43rd overall with a time of 21:01.6.

- USU junior Caleb Garnica captured the men's 8-kilometer race title at the MW Championships, crossing the line first with a time of 23:38.4. He was one of three Aggies to finish in the top-5, as sophomore Camren Todd placed third (23:41.0) and senior Haydon Cooper took fourth (23:48.5). Garnica became just the second Aggie man to win an individual Mountain West title to join Dallin Farnsworth, who won the race last year. He also earned MW Student-Athlete of the Year honors for his performance.

- At the NCAA Championships, Garnica was the top Aggie finisher as he placed 28th overall with a time of 30:31.2 to earn All-American status. Todd missed out on All-American honors by just two spots, finishing 42nd in the race with a tie of 30:50.2.

- The shortened season, which included just two regular-season full-team contests, began with a clean sweep at the Dixie State Invitational for the Aggie men's and women's teams. Todd won the men's race and was one of three Aggie finishers in the top-5 as he finished with a time of 23:40.5, while junior Mica Rivera placed second overall in the women's race with a time of 20:43.4.

- Todd was the recipient of the Elite 90 award for the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's Cross Country Championships, an award founded by the NCAA which recognizes an individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level of his or her sport, while also achieving the highest cumulative grade-point average participation at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

- Utah State had 38 runners earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while 29 runners were named MW Scholar-Athletes.

VOLLEYBALL

- Utah State volleyball finished the 2020 season, which was played in Spring, 2021 and was shortened to a conference-only schedule, with a 5-10 overall record.

- Utah State finished the season ranked No. 4 in the Mountain West and No. 69 in the nation in blocks per set, logging 2.25 per set.

- The Aggies had a pair of players that finished the season in the top-10 in the Mountain West in blocks per set, as junior middle blockers Autumn Spafford and Corinne Larsen ranked No. 4 (1.18) and No. 6 (1.03), respectively.

- First-year USU head coach Rob Neilson recorded the first win of his coaching career in a 3-1 victory at Fresno State on Feb. 27.

- Utah State recorded a season-high 83 digs in the Feb. 27 win at Fresno State. The 83 digs are the most by a USU team since August 24, 2018, when the Aggies tallied 88 in a four-set loss at Sacramento State. Freshman libero/defensive specialist Abby Peterson led the Aggies with 29 digs, the most by a USU player since Ashlan Rogers-Court recorded 37 in a five-set loss to Oregon State on August 30, 2014.

- The Aggies finished the season ranked in the top-3 in the conference in opponent hitting percentage (.182), team digs (799), team total attacks (1,961) and team total blocks (130.5).

- Larsen earned honorable mention all-Mountain West honors after leading the Aggie attack, hitting .283 with 125 kills. Defensively, she recorded 60 total blocks, averaging 1.03 per set. She became the sixth Aggie to be recognized by the league since USU joined the MW in 2013.
- Peterson ranked fifth in the Mountain West in total digs with 213 on the season.
- Utah State had 12 players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while eight players were named MW Scholar-Athletes. They also had nine players who were named Joe E. and Elma Whitesides Scholar-Athletes.

GOLF

- Utah State placed 10th at the Mountain West Championships, held at the OMNI Tucson National Golf Club Catalina Course in Tucson, Arizona.
- Utah State finished in the top-10 in all six meets it competed at this season, including four top-five finishes. The Aggies won the team title at the UC San Diego Invitational, posting a team score of 893 (+29). Senior Colten Cordingley led the charge for USU, tying for first place in the tournament with a score of 218 (+2).
- Cordingley was the top individual golfer for Utah State on the season, posting three top-10 finishes with an average score of 72.00.
- Utah State finished under par in two of its six tournaments, including a season-best 8-under par 856 at the Southern Utah Invitational.
- Utah State had seven student-athletes earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while four student-athletes were named MW Scholar-Athletes.

SOCCER

- Utah State soccer concluded the 2020 season, which was played in the spring and shortened to a conference-only slate, with a 5-4-1 overall record to finish second in the Mountain West's Mountain Division.
- Utah State freshman defender Kelsey Steed earned second-team all-Mountain West honors and was also named to the league's all-newcomer team after anchoring a USU backline that surrendered the fewest goals in school history (10) this season. Steed was one of only two Aggies to play in every minute on the pitch this season, totaling more than 922 minutes of action during the year. Steed became the first Utah State defender since 2016 to earn all-Mountain West honors, when sophomore defender Kelsey Andersen was a first-team selection.
- Along with allowing the fewest goals in school history, the Aggie defense also finished among the top five in the Mountain West in goals allowed (10) and saves (49), ranking fourth and fifth, respectively.
- Utah State used an evenly-spread scoring attack this season as nine different players scored goals. Leading the way were senior midfielder Ashley Cardozo and junior forward Marli Niederhauser, who tallied three goals apiece. Additionally, 11 different players recorded an assist, led by Cardozo and senior midfielder Kami Warner with four each.

- Cardozo continued to secure her place in the career record books. With a three-assist outing against Air Force, she became the program record-holder with 21 career assists, passing former Aggie Wesley Hamblin (2014-17). Her three assists in a game also tied the program's single-game record. Cardozo also climbed the ranks to be tied for second-all time in game-winning goals with 10, and is third all-time in shots on goal with 96.
- Utah State posted a 4-1-0 record in home matches, the first time an Aggie team finished undefeated at home since the 2011 season.
- The Aggies closed out the season by winning each of their final three games, outscoring opponents (Air Force, Colorado State and Wyoming) by a combined scored of 7-1 in those contests.
- On May 24, 2021, Manny Martins was named as the fourth head coach in Utah State soccer history.
- Utah State had 25 soccer players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while 14 players were named MW Scholar-Athletes.

GYMNASTICS

- Utah State enjoyed one of its finest seasons in program history as the Aggies competed in their 26th NCAA Regional Championship, including their first since 2017, tying for third. USU ended the year ranked No. 25 in the nation, their best finish since finishing 15th in 1999.
- Utah State senior Mikaela Meyer was named the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference co-Vault Specialist of the Year, and earned firstteam accolades on the event as she averaged 9.838 on vault, which ranks second all-time in school history. Two other Aggies earned firstteam all-MRGC honors, as senior Autumn DeHarde averaged 9.809 (tied for fifth all-time) on the vault, and senior Leighton Varnadore averaged 39.144 in the all-around, while also earning second-team all-MRGC honors on the vault with an average of 9.809.
- The Aggies scored 49 or better on beam in nine straight meets, which sets a school record, and averaged 49.032 on the event, which ranks second all-time in school history. Utah State finished the season with a team beam NQS of 49.263, which tied for 16th in the nation. Utah State recorded three of its top beam scores in school history in 2021 with a 49.400 (third) at the Denver tri meet, a 49.275 (tied for fifth) against Southern Utah and a 49.225 (tied for eighth) at Southern Utah.
- DeHarde posted top-five all-time averages on both the beam and the floor. Her average of 9.883 on beam ranks second all-time in school history, while her average of 9.864 on the floor ranks fifth in school history.
- Utah State recorded three of its best all-time team scores in school history this season with a 196.775 (third) at the Denver tri meet, a 196.500 (fifth) at Utah and a 196.250 (seventh) at Boise State.
- Utah State had 16 gymnasts earn academic all-Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference honors

SOFTBALL

- Utah State concluded the 2021 season with an overall record of 14-30, including a 4-17 mark in Mountain West play to finish ninth in the conference standings.
- Three Aggie players earned their way on to all-Mountain West teams, led by freshman second baseman Zaia Castruita, who was named to the league's first-team after ranking seventh in the conference with a .373 (19-of-51) batting average against MW opponents. She hit two doubles, one triple and one home run, scoring 10 runs and batting in nine. Senior third baseman Kennedy Hira and senior outfielder Stephanie Reed each earned second-team honors as well.
- Utah State hit three grand slams this season, the most by an Aggie team in program history. Hira hit the first with a walk-off grand slam against Fresno State. USU then recorded two grand slams in the same week, as junior shortstop Lexi Orozco hit one at Utah Valley and Castruita had one against San Diego State.
- Orozco and Junior first baseman/catcher Gabriella Jimenez each earned a spot on the Utah State single-season home run record list with 10 home runs each, tied for sixth on the list. That mark was also tied for third amongst Mountain West players this season. Orozco now has 27 career home runs for USU, tied for third all-time in program history.
- In Utah State's win over Montana, the Aggies hit six home runs, setting a single-game record for the program, That surpassed the previous record of five that was done four times, most recently on May 7, 2015. Jimenez hit three of those home runs, which tied the individual singlegame home run record.
- Utah State had 18 softball players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while 11 players were named MW Scholar-Athletes. Additionally, 19 players were named Joe E. and Elma Whitesides Scholar-Athletes.

TRACK & FIELD

- Utah State had 12 athletes earn all-Mountain West honors at the MW Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Clovis, California. Senior Kyle Morris was the only Aggie athlete to capture an individual event title, as he placed first in the javelin with a throw of 65.36 meters (214-5) on his first attempt of the competition. This marked the fifth-straight title for USU athletes in the event, and was the fifth all-conference accolade of Morris' career.
- The Utah State men placed third as a team at the MW Outdoor Championships with 107 points, while the Aggie women finished seventh as a team with 46 points.
- Ten Aggies competed at the NCAA West Preliminary Championships in College Station, Texas. The prelim meet was highlighted by the performance of senior thrower Maia Garren, who competed in both the shot put and discus. Her throw of 16.07 meters (52-8.75) in the shot put was good for 17th place, and ranks third all-time in school history. Morris also competed in two throwing events, placing 34th in the javelin with a throw of 59.97 meters (196-9) and 36th in the shot put with a throw of 16.99 meters (55-9).
- Senior distance runner Luke Beattie posted a pair of top-5 all-time marks, including a program-record time of 28:33.45 in the 10,000 meters, and a time of 13:44.92 in the

5,000 meters, which ranks second all-time in school history. Overall, Aggie men set four of the top-6 program all-time marks in the 5,000-meters this season.

- Four Aggie women set marks that rank in the top-3 in program history this season. Senior Karen Christensen recorded a time of 2:08.91, second in program history, while senior Katie Haviland ran the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 10:17.39, which also ranks second all-time. Junior Mica Rivera's time of 35:20.27 in the 10,000-meters ranks third in school history. In the field, graduate student Audrey Garrett recorded a leap of 1.80 meters (5-10.75) in the high jump, the second-best all-time mark.
- Utah State did not compete as a team in the indoor track and field season, which was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Utah State had 96 track & field athletes earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while 73 athletes were named MW Scholar-Athletes.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Utah State finished the season with a 7-13 overall record, including a 2-8 conference mark.
- The Aggies had two players earn all-Mountain West honors, as sophomores Carolina Millan and Zara Ryan were both recognized by the league for the first time in their careers, both being named to the all-Mountain West singles team.
- Millan posted a 3-4 record in MW singles action this season, playing primarily in the No. 1 position. All three wins came in straight sets, two of which came over other all-conference honorees. Playing mostly at No. 2 singles, Ryan also went 3-4 against conference opponents this season. Two of her three wins came in straight sets, while she clinched the third in extra games.
- Utah State had seven players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while four players were named MW Scholar-Athletes. Additionally, USU had five ITA Scholar-Athletes and was named an ITA all-Academic team.

MEN'S TENNIS

- Utah State finished the 2021 season with a 12-8 overall mark, including an 8-2 record at home and a 3-4 mark in conference play. The Aggies' 12 wins quadrupled their total from the previous season.
- Three Aggie players earned all-Mountain West honors, including fifth-year Sergiu Bucur and senior Felipe Acosta, who were named to the all-conference singles team, while the duo of Acosta and sophomore Javier Ruiz received doubles accolades. Bucur became the fourth player in USU history to earn all-conference honors three or more times.
- Bucur held the No. 1 singles position for the Aggies all season, posting a 1-3 record against MW opponents, while three contests were left unfinished. Overall on the season, Bucur went 8-8 in singles play.

- Utah State had six players earn academic all-Mountain West honors, while four players were named MW Scholar-Athletes. Additionally, USU had four ITA Scholar-Athletes and was named an ITA all-Academic team.

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ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

| | 2021 Budget | 2021 Actuals | Variance B(W) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| REVENUE | | | |
| Institutional Support | 12,503,470 | 14,769,142 | 2,265,672 |
| Indirect F&A (In/Out) | 1,900,000 | 1,900,000 | - |
| Aggies Sports Properties Sponsorship | 966,000 | 475,452 | (490,548) |
| Pepsi Pouring Rights | 200,000 | 144,929 | (55,071) |
| NCAA/Mountain West/TV | 6,527,500 | 5,251,789 | (1,275,711) |
| Student Fees | 5,000,000 | 5,636,200 | 636,200 |
| Football | 4,980,000 | 656,512 | (4,323,488) |
| Basketball | 900,000 | 220,021 | (679,979) |
| Development - Big Blue/Merlin Olsen | 1,700,000 | 1,792,234 | 92,234 |
| Marketing Trade (In/Out) | 250,000 | 184,359 | (65,641) |
| Other Revenue | 535,000 | 1,290,492 | 755,492 |
| IHC Contractual Funding | 100,001 | 100,000 | (1) |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 35,561,971 | \$ 32,421,130 | \$ (3,140,841) |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Compensation | | | |
| Salary & Wages | 9,482,654 | 10,015,412 | (532,758) |
| Fringe Benefits | 3,901,469 | 4,125,298 | (223,829) |
| Compensation (Non-Benefited) | 631,250 | 468,750 | 162,500 |
| Total Compensation | \$ 14,015,373 | \$ 14,609,460 | \$ (594,087) |
| Sports Expenses | | | |
| Men's Varsity Sports Operating Expenses | 4,841,839 | 2,847,600 | 1,994,239 |
| Women's Varsity Sports Operating Expenses | 2,359,211 | 1,308,994 | 1,050,217 |
| Scholarship Expenses | 6,630,848 | 6,602,807 | 28,041 |
| Total Sport Expenses | \$ 13,831,898 | \$ 10,759,401 | \$ 3,072,497 |
| Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Administrative Operating Expenses | 5,554,267 | 4,401,250 | 1,153,017 |
| Indirect F&A (In/Out) | 1,900,000 | 1,900,000 | - |
| Marketing Trade (In/Out) | 250,000 | 184,359 | 65,641 |
| Total Administrative Expenses | \$ 7,704,267 | \$ 6,485,609 | \$ 1,218,658 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 35,551,538 | \$ 31,854,470 | \$ 3,697,068 |
| NET REVENUE/(LOSS) | 10,433 | 566,660 | 556,227 |



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2020-2021



October 8, 2021



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Reporting Period: 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

A. OVERVIEW

1. Honors Mission and Leadership

The University Honors Program trains a diverse community of tomorrow's leaders by engaging them in civil discourse, research and creative projects, and local and global humanitarian work. The program embodies Utah State University's land-grant mission to prioritize academics, foster diversity of thought and culture, and serve the public through learning, discovery, and engagement. The university therefore guarantees the program adequate infrastructure and resources, including an appropriate budget and faculty, staff, and administrative support, and commits to building and sustaining a robust Honors Program at the heart of the USU Aggie experience.

In keeping with USU's land-grant mission, the program aims to recognize and develop the potential of students to become future change agents, even when students do not yet see that potential in themselves. Our vision is to build an increasingly rich and diverse community of students, faculty, alumni, staff, and stakeholders who represent the best that Utah State University has to offer.

The 2020-2021 fiscal year marked the seventh year of the University Honors Program under the leadership of Dr. Kristine Miller, whose role as Director began on July 1, 2014. Her creative, collaborative development of this university-wide Honors Program, publications and presentations on Honors education, and service on the Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Honors Council has established USU as a national leader in Honors education. During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, Dr. Miller's title changed to "Executive Director," and 10% of her role shifted from teaching in the Department of English to pedagogical administration in the University Honors Program, resulting in a 75% commitment to Honors administration and a 25% commitment to her duties as a tenured Professor of English.

2. Personnel

In addition to the Executive Director, the Honors Program employs three 1.0 FTE professional staff positions: the Academic Advisor, Program Coordinator, and Program Assistant. See Table A-1 for a list of personnel employed during the reporting period.

Table A-1. Utah State University Honors Program personnel during FY 2020-2021.

| Position | Name | FTE | Dates in Role |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Executive Director | Dr. Kristine Miller | 1.0 ^a | 07/01/2014 – present |
| Academic Advisor Senior | Amanda Adison | 1.0 | 10/01/2019 – present |
| Program Coordinator II | Andreas Leidolf | 1.0 | 04/01/2018 – present |
| Program Assistant III | Justina Adams | 1.0 | 01/27/2020 – 12/06/2020 |
| | Jennifer Cortez | 1.0 | 2/01/2021 – present |

^a In this period, Dr. Miller's appointment to the Honors Program accounted for 75% of her role at USU, with 25% allocated to the Department of English for her position as Professor of English.



The Creative Resilience of USU Honors



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B. CREATIVE RESILIENCE

Over the course of FY 2020-2021, the University Honors Program's "Dare to Know" became far more than an intellectual or academic challenge: the program dared—and empowered—students, faculty, alumni, staff, and stakeholders to connect and engage with one another, despite the difficult circumstances of a global pandemic continuing into its second year. By the end of FY 2019-2020, Honors, like other USU units, had made the transition to virtual delivery of course content, programming, and student-support services. The program demonstrated its maturity, stability, and resilience by continuing to produce the highest caliber outputs, outcomes, and impacts, as demonstrated in last year's annual report.

FY 2020-2021 put the program's strength and resilience to the test with what became a full year of distanced work and collaboration; virtual advising and student-support services; and Zoom and Canvas delivery of academic content and curricular, professional, and social programming. Honors rose to these challenges with creativity and compassion, building a highly productive year with 1) a stable and resilient continuation of our program's essential activities and core programming, including two signature annual Honors Program events; 2) two innovative, high-impact new programming series (*Honors Dare to Care* and *The Honors Passion Project*) designed to promote student and stakeholder engagement and community-building; and 3) imaginative and transformative planning for the future, which culminated in the development of an ambitious three-year Honors strategic plan and included the establishment of a statewide Honors pilot and the tuning of the Honors holistic admissions process to institutional values of access and inclusion—values at the heart of both last year's annual report and the program's new strategic plan.

Stability and Resilience

The University Honors Program's stability and resilience in FY 2020-2021 are visible in almost all relevant metrics of program performance. The following key metrics demonstrate the health and maturity of USU Honors, even as the COVID-19 pandemic entered its second year:

- A stable student population of 666 participants
- A stable graduation rate, with 40 students—corresponding to 25% of the 2017 first-year cohort—completing all program requirements and graduating with University Honors in 2020-2021
- Continued broad faculty and staff engagement across all of USU's eight colleges and from 43 academic departments and programs
- Expansion of Logan-campus partnerships
- A 15% increase in this year's applicant pool to 442 first-year students, despite the suspension of in-person recruiting
- Record enrollment in Honors *Connections* (99% of incoming students participating in seven sections), despite the suspension of in-person Honors orientation
- Completion of 676 Honors advising appointments, all of them virtual
- A broadened donor base and a 10% increase in gifts this year

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- A total of 20 HONR-prefix courses or departmental Honors sections, matching the previous year's record high
- Significant expansion (+60%) of our successful, high-impact Honors Book Labs, all of which met by Zoom this year
- Successful implementation of 25 Honors co-curricular events (+130%), primarily under the umbrella of two innovative new series of programming
- Continued professional development and financial support of Honors student employees, with a 10% increase in funds allocated
- A 25% increase in scholarship funds awarded, with a further 20% increase in commitments to students for the next fiscal year
- A stable number of Honors student conference presentations this year, despite limitations on travel, with 95 Honors students delivering 94 virtual oral and poster presentations
- A 20% increase in optional transcript designations (University Honors, Undergraduate Research, Global Engagement Scholar) awarded to Honors students

More specifically, the University Honors Program demonstrated its continued stability and resilience by bookending FY 2020-2021 with two high-profile signature events, both of which were held virtually for the first time: the 45th Annual Honors Last Lecture and the Honors Medallion Ceremony, a celebration of the year's Honors graduates. Both events were well attended and enthusiastically received by participants, and both demonstrated the health and maturity of the USU Honors Program during a particularly challenging time.

The 45th Annual Honors Last Lecture: "After the Vaccine: The United States Discovers Public Health"—As in previous years, Honors students nominated, interviewed, and selected candidates for the distinction of 2020 Honors Outstanding Professor. Soon after the students selected Dr. Seth Archer from the USU Department of History for this distinction, the Honors Program made the decision not only to deliver the 45th Annual Last Lecture as a Zoom webinar, but also to use the technology to enhance the event. Dr. Archer pre-recorded his lecture, "After the Vaccine: The United States Discovers Public Health," in USU's Russell/Wanlass Performance Hall, the established site of the Honors Last Lecture since 2013. After the broadcast on October 21, 2020 (Figure B-1), the event concluded—for the first time in its 45-year history—with a live question-and-answer session. Moderated by Dr. Kerin Holt of the Department of English, the Q&A was a fitting and engaging conclusion to a classic Last Lecture delivered in a novel format and setting. Attended by an audience of 180, many of whom stayed and submitted questions to the Q&A, the lecture reached a broad audience of Honors students, faculty, alumni, administrators, friends, and stakeholders.

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Figure B-1. Dr. Seth Archer (History), 2020 Honors Outstanding Professor, delivers the 45th Annual Honors Last Lecture via Zoom webinar.

The recognizable venue of the Russell/Wanlass Performance Hall, along with the addition of a live Q&A, demonstrate not only the stability and resilience but also the creativity and resourcefulness of the University Honors Program. A clear benefit of this year's approach was its accessibility to a broad audience in real time: friends, alumni, students, and faculty tuned in from around the country for this special event, and all had the opportunity to engage directly and meaningfully with the speaker. Furthermore, this 2020 model gave the program both confidence and flexibility in planning for an in-person 46th Annual Last Lecture in 2021: with the rise of the Delta variant in September, the University Honors Program was able to pivot quickly and seamlessly to this tested Zoom-webinar format, knowing that we could once again deliver a first-rate event.

The 2021 Honors Medallion Ceremony—On May 4, 2021, the University Honors Program was proud to showcase our 2020-2021 graduates at the annual Honors Medallion Ceremony, delivered for the first time as a live Zoom webinar with over 200 attendees. Beginning with a slideshow highlighting each graduate's accomplishments and future plans, the event featured students and their faculty mentors, with professors reading the titles of their students' capstone projects and then "presenting" Honors medallions in fun, creative exchanges between pinned Zoom windows. With the help of Honors staff behind the scenes, each mentor-mentee pair thus enjoyed a moment in the spotlight, and—just as would have occurred at an in-person event—each USU college then shared a brief celebration on the virtual stage, allowing students, faculty, and college administrators to cheer visibly and audibly for their Honors graduates (Figure B-2), as friends, families, peers, professors, and staff celebrated in the chat.

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Figure B-2. Graduates, faculty, and administrators from USU's College of Science celebrate the accomplishments of their 2020-2021 graduates on the virtual Zoom stage.

Following introductory congratulations from USU Provost Frank Galey and Vice Provost Paul Barr, Dr. Jodie Barker Ream delivered the 2021 Honors Alumni Keynote address. A 2009 USU Honors graduate with a physics major and minors in mathematics and classics with a Latin emphasis, Dr. Ream is a space plasma physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she contributes to NASA's Psyche Mission on the team investigating the asteroid's remnant magnetization. Dr. Ream's talk emphasized the impact of an Honors education on her everyday life. For her, Honors offered more than just a useful set of skills: the program helped her to develop a confident, proactive mindset and to seize every professional opportunity. Dr. Ream's story resonated with both our graduates and current Honors students. One first-year student told Honors, "This event was special because it changed how I define the Honors community. Both graduating students and alumni are still part of the community." The student concluded, "Attending this event made me want to take advantage of my time in Honors and do my best to succeed now and after I graduate. I'm happy to be part of USU Honors!"

Like the virtual 45th Annual Honors Last Lecture in the fall, the spring Honors Medallion Ceremony in FY 2020-2021 demonstrated the stability and resilience of a program committed to delivering its signature events during a global pandemic. Perhaps even more importantly, both events highlighted the program's creative approach to community-building in a time of isolation. In FY 2019-2020, the Honors Program reacted quickly and positively to the pandemic restrictions that affected USU's graduation ceremonies, sending each graduate a personal letter from the Honors Program Executive Director,

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coordinating with the Registrar's office to include Honors graduation certificates and medallions in USU's mailed graduation boxes, and creating a celebratory slideshow for our graduates, many of whom also agreed to be featured on Honors social media. With more time to plan and consider the needs of our students, faculty, friends, and families in FY 2020-2021, the Honors team decided to use Zoom technology to expand our audience and foreground the Honors Aggie family that includes current students, recent graduates, and alumni. The virtual Honors Medallion Ceremony created the sense of belonging and support that matters most to our students: they experienced the fact that Honors Aggies are forever and felt the ongoing support of faculty, staff, friends, and family. Recognizing that our community extends well beyond the physical space of our usual ceremony venue in the Taggart Student Center, the Honors Program embraced the necessity of distance to make that community more visible.

Creativity and Compassion

Priorities for the University Honors Program in FY 2020-2021 were to promote personal well-being and build a sense of community for the nearly 700 Honors students attending classes online and via Zoom in Logan, throughout Utah, and across the United States. To meet those challenges, the Honors team created, planned, and implemented a series of innovative new programs designed to guide students in practicing self-care, caring for others in their community, and connecting more closely with alumni, friends, and partners in our Honors Aggie family. The program's imaginative approach to building community and empowering students in FY 2020-2021 made concrete, measurable progress in support of students not physically on the Logan campus, an area for growth described in the University Honors Program's 2019-2020 annual report.

Honors Dare to Care—Planning for this series began in Summer 2020, with the goal of establishing a year-long set of meaningful events to launch in Fall 2020. The *Honors Dare to Care* series included 16 events that engaged 177 students in conversations with peers, faculty, and staff on topics such as voting and civic responsibility, fighting implicit bias, acting an upstander, working to combat racism, and practicing physical and mental self-care. In planning and implementing this important program, Honors established new partnerships with several USU programs and offices, including the Center for Persons with Disabilities, the USU Inclusion Center, and the Office of Equity. The dare to students in this series was a challenge to engage in difficult conversations with peers and professionals in the Aggie community—and thus to contribute to the common good. Recognizing that a challenge may have been more than some students could accept in last year's circumstances, the program changed the name of this series to *Honors Cares* and shifted the focus to helping, rather than challenging, students in Fall 2021. The decision to move compassion for students to the heart of this programming demonstrates not only the program's ongoing engagement of the Honors community but also its creative, dynamic approach to facilitating such engagement.

The Honors Passion Project—In Fall 2020, the Honors Program also introduced *The Honors Passion Project*, an inspiring series of virtual lunchtime conversations with Honors friends and alumni about their passions, pastimes, and pursuits beyond the workplace.

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Honors students joined these popular monthly Zoom events to learn more about the passions that drive our friends and alumni, whose interests this year ranged from large-scale LEGO builds (Grant Holyoak, '16) to sculpture and math (Dr. Lawrence Cannon) to digital humanities mapping (Corey Clawson, '09) to the history of dogs (Erin Butikofer, '20). One highlight of this series came in October 2020, when Honors alumna Erica Hawvermale (Cultural Anthropology, '17) shared her very creative passion project in a presentation entitled, "Anthropologist by Day, Mandalorian by Night." Hawvermale's engaging talk focused on the joy of making her own *Star Wars* costumes and wearing them in volunteer activities such as lightsaber performances at children's hospitals and readings at local libraries (Figure B-3).



Figure B-3. Honors alumna Erica Hawvermale (Cultural Anthropology 2017) reads in character at a virtual *United Through Reading* event.

Like the signature events that expanded Honors community with the creative use of Zoom, this innovative program connected Honors Aggies across the country. Through their presentations for *The Honors Passion Project* this past year and their ongoing work in the Honors alumni mentoring programs, our alumni model how to build a balanced life, care for oneself, connect compassionately with others, and make positive impacts on one's community. More broadly, the continued engagement of these alumni with USU Honors shows our students that Honors Aggies truly are forever and that the Honors community cares deeply about each of its members.

Imagination and Transformation

Despite a challenging year that focused Honors resources on an uncertain and dynamic present, the Executive Director led the Honors staff in FY 2020-2021 to imagine and plan

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for the program's future. In keeping with national trends in higher education generally and Honors education specifically, Dr. Miller prioritized inclusive admissions and support for students, and she engaged Honors staff with the Honors Faculty Advisory Board, USU Admissions, and the USU Statewide Task Force to revise Honors admissions requirements and messaging, coordinate test-optional admissions at the institutional and programmatic levels, and create a USU Honors Statewide Pilot on the Brigham City, USU Eastern-Price and Uintah Basin campuses. These priorities, along with the work accomplished over the past year, helped shape a three-year strategic plan that will reinforce the program's strengths and transform ideas about its limits (Figure B-4).

USU Honors 2021-2024 Strategic Plan—This ambitious plan clearly articulates the University Honors Program's mission and vision and commits the Honors community to a comprehensive action plan focused on four key goals:

- Program assessment, review, and planning
- Honors access and inclusion
- Structured retention of student participants
- Community engagement within Honors and between our program and the community

Imagined and drafted by the Executive Director in collaboration with university administration, the Honors Faculty Advisory Board, and the Honors Program staff, this document will guide programmatic decision-making and resource allocation over the next three years. We are proud of our work over the past year and ready for the challenges to come.



Figure B-4. The USU Honors Program 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.



Honors by the Numbers



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C. PARTICIPANTS

In FY 2020-2021, the USU Honors Program:



Served an Honors student population of **666** students—61% of whom were female—from **all eight** of USU's colleges, **43 of 54** USU departments, and **92 of 115** academic majors.



Recruited **192 new first-year** and **20 current/transfer** students to the program from a pool of **465 applicants**.



Graduated 40 students with University Honors.



Involved **188 USU faculty** and staff from **43 departments/programs** in teaching and other academic activities, including mentoring, advising, service, and assessment.



Engaged with **662 Honors alumni** through an annual newsletter, regular messaging, and alumni-student programming and mentoring.

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1. Student Participants

In FY 2020-2021, the Honors Program served a population of 666 students—409 female (61%)—making up 5% of the undergraduate student population on USU’s main Logan campus. Compared to this USU main-campus population, a smaller percentage (7%) of Honors students identified as belonging to an underrepresented racial or ethnic minority (URM) or as being first-generation college students (8%, Table C-1). Among current and transfer students admitted to the program, URM students make up a larger proportion, which matches the percentage on USU’s Logan campus. These data suggest the important role of USU faculty in identifying and recruiting outstanding performers as Honors students after they reach USU.

Table C-1. Demographics of USU Honors Program and USU Logan campus general student population for FY 2020-2021.

| | Total # | Male (%) | Female (%) | URM ^a (%) | 1 st Gen (%) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Honors Population | 666 | 257 (39%) | 409 (61%) | 44 (7%) | 55 (8%) |
| <i>USU Comparison^b</i> | 13,934 | 6,863 (49%) | 7,071 (51%) | 1,344 (10%) | 2,513 (18%) |
| First-year Honors | 192 | 81 (42%) | 111 (58%) | 10 (5%) | 17 (9%) |
| Honors Current/Transfer | 20 | 8 (40%) | 12 (60%) | 2 (10%) | 0 (0%) |
| <i>USU Comparison^b</i> | 3,610 | 1,601 (44%) | 2,009 (56%) | 339 (9%) | 575 (16%) |
| Honors Graduates | 40 | 13 (33%) | 26 (65%) ^c | 4 (10%) | 3 (8%) |
| <i>USU Comparison</i> | <i>-^d</i> | <i>-^d</i> | <i>-^d</i> | <i>-^d</i> | <i>-^d</i> |

^a Includes students self-identifying as Hispanic/Latinx, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

^b Logan campus only, four-year/Bachelor degree-seeking students only.

^c One student identified as non-binary.

^d Data unavailable.

The largest number of Honors students in one college (156) once again came from USU’s College of Science (CoS), making up 23% of the Honors student population, a small increase from last year. This percentage is only slightly higher than that in the College of Engineering (ENGR, 20%), with the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services (CEHS), the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHaSS), and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business (HSB) all accounting for 12-15% of the Honors student population. As in previous years, the smallest percentages of Honors students come from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (CAAS, 7%), the Caine College of the Arts (CCA, 4%) and the S.J. and Jessie

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E. Quinney College of Natural Resources (QCNR, 3%, Figure C-1A), although all three colleges increased their Honors student participation by 1-2% over the previous reporting period.

Figure C-1B shows the student breakdown by college for USU's general student population on the Logan campus. The most notable discrepancy between that general population and Honors is a substantially larger proportion of undeclared students in the general population, which complicates a potential comparison. Still, the Honors student population appears to consist disproportionately of students who have settled on a major, with students from ENGR and CoS noticeably overrepresented, and students from CAAS significantly underrepresented. Compared to previous reporting periods, Honors participation from CEHS more closely matches the percentage of CEHS students on the Logan campus overall.

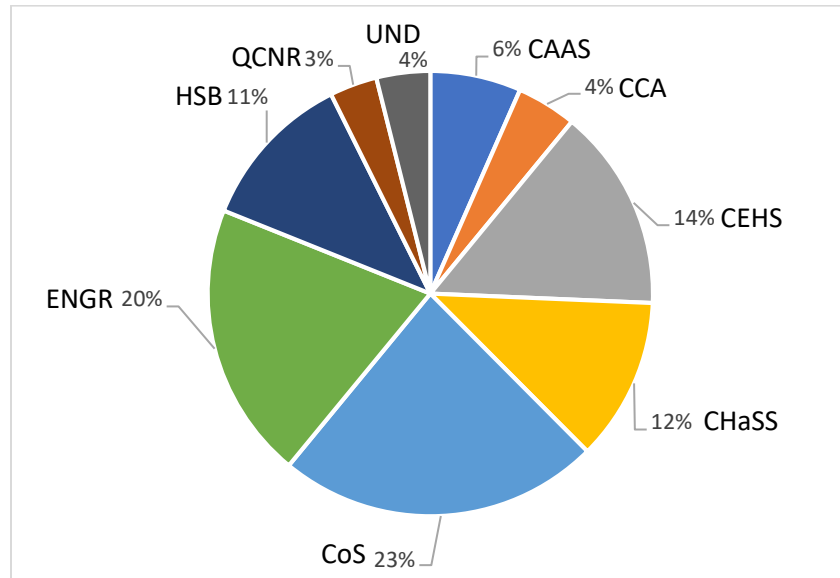
Student participants in the Honors Program represented 43 academic departments or programs (USU: 54) and 92 majors (USU: 115).

This year, Honors welcomed 192 first-year students, a 10% decrease from FY 2019-2020. The proportions of male and female Honors first-years are still skewed markedly toward female students when compared to the incoming student population on USU's Logan campus (Table C-1), albeit significantly less so than in previous years. It is important to note that Honors has developed intentionally inclusive admissions processes. Nevertheless, although students identifying as belonging to a URM made up 11% of students who were offered admission to Honors—a number that exceeds the percentage of URM students among the incoming AY 2020-2021 class on USU's Logan campus—fewer of those students accepted their place in Honors. As a result, URM students made up only 5% of the incoming first-year cohort in Honors.

The Honors Program graduated 40 students this year, representing 6% of the total Honors student population and 25% of the 2017 first-year cohort that would graduate within four years in 2021 (Table C-1, Table H-1, Figure G-1), roughly on par with previous years. Two-thirds of this year's graduates were female (Table C-1), which is a change from the previous reporting period, when a plurality of our graduates were male, but consistent with long-term trends in our program. For a comparison of the Honors Program's completion rate over time, see Figure G-1.

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(A) Honors



(B) USU

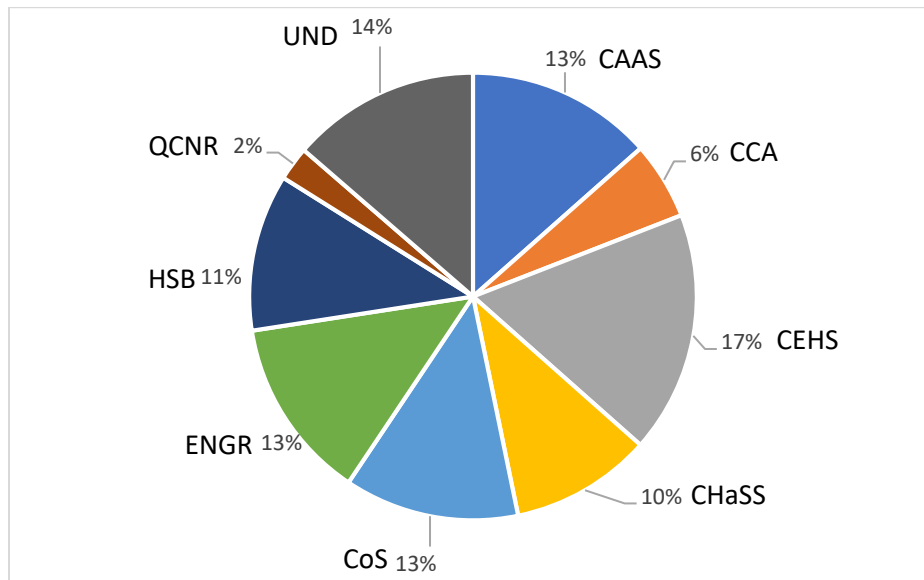


Figure C-1. FY 2020-2021 Honors (A) and USU Logan Campus (B) student population by college: CAAS = College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; CCA = Caine College of the Arts; CEHS = Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services; CHaSS = College of Humanities and Social Sciences; CoS = College of Science; ENGR = College of Engineering; HSB = Jon M. Huntsman School of Business; QCNR = S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources; UND = Undeclared

C. PARTICIPANTS

2. Faculty and Staff Participants

In FY 2020-2021, Honors actively engaged 188 USU faculty, staff, and graduate mentors/instructors in teaching and related academic activities, including mentoring, advising, assessment, and other service work (Table H-2). While that number represents a significant decline from a three-year high of 250 in fiscal year 2019-2020, such a decline is perhaps to be expected, given the limitations on engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As in previous years, faculty and staff engaged with the full spectrum of Honors activities, including teaching Honors courses (Tables E-4, E-5) or USU 1010 *Connections* sections (Table E-3); leading Honors Book Labs (Table E-6); working with students on Honors Mentoring Agreements and capstone projects; guiding national scholarship applicants; serving as Departmental Honors Advisors (DHA, Table H-3); reviewing admissions and scholarship applications; engaging in program evaluation and assessment by serving on the Honors Faculty Advisory Board (Table H-4); and helping to expand the reach of Honors through service on the Honors Statewide Campus Task Force (Table H-5).

Almost half of these faculty and staff members participated in more than one category of engagement with the Honors Program. Faculty/staff participants included 51% women, and the group was once again comprised predominantly of early-career faculty, with 71 (38%) at the Assistant Professor rank, a fact that continues to illustrate the perceived value of Honors engagement for professional development and career advancement. Honors-engaged faculty belonged to 43 departments or other academic units from all eight USU colleges and USU Libraries. The highest number of faculty involved with Honors was from CHaSS (29%), followed by CoS (14%). The proportion of faculty from the remaining six colleges ranged from 5-13% (Figure C-2).

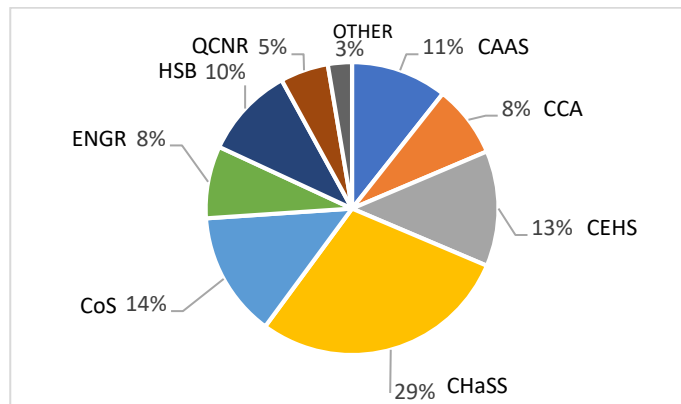


Figure C-2. FY 2020-2021 Honors-engaged faculty, staff, and graduate mentors/instructors by college: CAAS = College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; CCA = Caine College of the Arts; CEHS = Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services; CHaSS = College of Humanities and Social Sciences; CoS = College of Science; ENGR = College of Engineering; HSB = Jon M. Huntsman School of Business; QCNR = S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources.

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3. Alumni Participants

The Honors Program draws on the professional expertise and positive attachment of a cohort of 1,174 alumni, 712 of whom are female (61%). During FY 2020-21, the program actively engaged with 47 (4%) former Honors Aggies in the Honors Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP); additionally, 41 of our alumni (4%) participated in the Ask an Honors Alum program initiated in April 2020 in response to the pandemic and the transition to remote course delivery in spring semester. A further 18 alumni participated in our new Honors Alumni Connect program, an introduction and gateway experience to alumni mentoring for first- and second-year Honors students who might eventually participate in the AMP. In addition, three alumni shared passions and hobbies with students in virtual meetings as part of our new series, *The Honors Passion Project*. The program communicated with the entire Honors alumni community through the USU Honors Program's Annual Newsletter, which was delivered to 662 email addresses.

With the help of USU Alumni Relations, we were able to improve the quality and information content of our alumni database during this fiscal year. Figure C-3 provides for the first time a complete breakdown of Honors alumni by time since graduation: 19% of these alumni are recent graduates (<5 years), 20% are early-career professionals (5-10 years), and 61% are mid/late career professionals (>10 years).

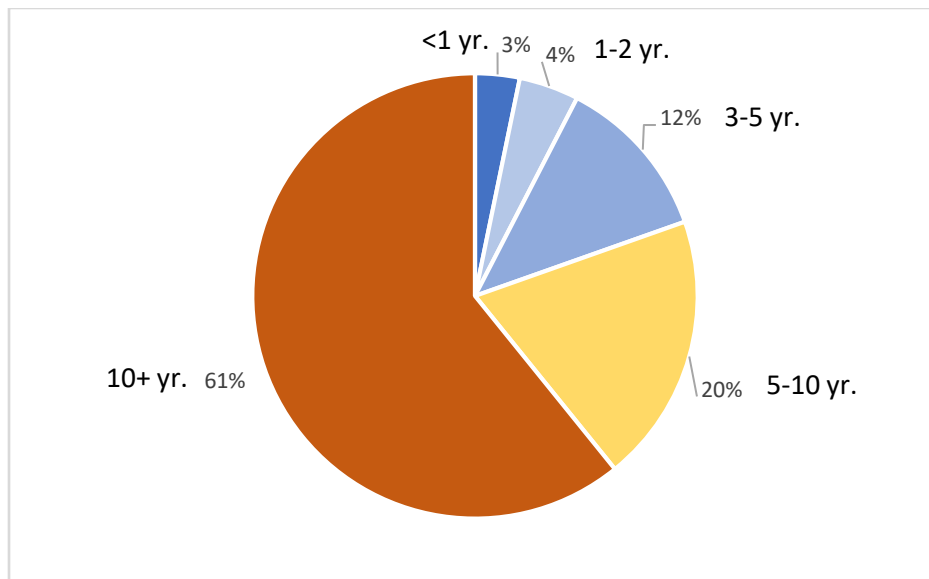


Figure C-3. Time since USU graduation of USU Honors alumni in FY 2020-2021, along with a breakdown of percentages of each demographic group in the total Honors alumni population.

D. PARTNERS

In FY 2020-2021, the USU Honors Program:



Partnered with **26 USU** and **11 non-USU partners** from a wide range of offices and organizations in the local and national communities.



Maintained memberships in **six professional organizations**.

The Honors Program enters into productive, mutually beneficial partnerships on campus and within the wider local, national, and global communities with the aim of creating opportunities for students and faculty, advancing best educational practices, and extending the footprint and impact of USU Honors beyond the boundaries of our program.

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Ongoing Partnerships:

Aggie First Scholars—Honors has worked with Aggie First Scholars to identify Honors/first-generation student overlap and has used that information to inform both future recruiting and retention efforts and shared programming.

Aggies Think Care Act—Honors is a member of the ATCA committee. The Executive Director represents the program at monthly meetings and shares updates to help foster collaboration on inclusive programming between academic and student-services units.

Allies on Campus—The Honors Program Executive Director, Coordinator, Academic Advisor, and Program Assistant have completed Allies training.

Center for Anticipatory Intelligence—The Honors Program collaborated with the CAI to plan and implement an informational recruiting session for Honors students via Zoom.

Center for Community Engagement—Honors continued its productive collaboration with CCE to help earn the Carnegie Community Engaged Institution designation for USU, to promote the Community-Engaged Scholar transcript designation, and to secure community-engaged learning (CEL) designations on select Honors courses. The program also took initial steps toward advertising, tracking, and managing Honors community-engaged activities through the new AggiePulse platform.

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Center for Student Analytics—Center staff mentored an Honors student contract in FY 2020-2021. The Honors Program Executive Director and Coordinator collaborated with CSE staff in an analysis of Honors retention trends.

Department of Plants, Soils, and Climate—Honors collaborated with Plants, Soils, and Climate professor Dr. Steve Young to implement a year-long Honors Integrated Research Experience for Undergraduates (HIREU), developed in FY 2018-2019 and focused on invasive plant ecology and management. This program was discontinued in Spring 2021 when Dr. Young left USU.

Dining Services—Honors Professor Rebecca Charlton and her HONR 1350 (“Media Messages in Health and Nutrition”) students collaborated with Dining Services to develop strategies for reducing food waste on campus.

Housing and Residence Life—Honors partnered (including recruiting, Resident Assistant (RA) staff training, and programming) with Housing and Residence Life to provide theme housing for Honors students.

Institute of Government and Politics—Honors collaborated with IOGP to place students in internships and to discuss development of a new student-leadership program.

Latinx Cultural Center—Honors publicized LCC events, supported student speakers, and worked to recruit Latinx students this year.

Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art—Honors partnered with NEHMA in beta-testing a series of virtual art-themed escape rooms to support student engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Director also contributed a letter of institutional partnership and support as part of an external grant proposal by NEHMA.

Office of Admissions—The Executive Director and staff continued to work with USU Admissions to refine a targeted recruitment plan for Honors, coordinate the recruitment of high-ability students across colleges, and train ambassadors and tour guides to incorporate information about Honors into their scripts and tours. The Executive Director also served on the steering committee of the President’s Undergraduate Admissions Placement Exam Task Force.

Office of Analysis, Assessment, and Accreditation—The Executive Director collaborated with staff from AAA in an analysis of the effects of high school AP credit on Honors persistence and retention.

Office of Global Engagement—The Honors Program collaborated with the OGE in the coordination and implementation of the Global Engagement Scholar transcript designation and began the transition of designation oversight to OGE. Honors and OGE continued their collaboration in the implementation of an Honors Integrated Research Experience for Undergraduates (HIREU), which included a study-abroad component. This program was discontinued in Spring of 2021 when lead instructor Dr. Steve Young left USU.

Office of Research—Honors continued to work with the OR to recruit and admit Undergraduate Research Fellows (URF), participate in URF programming and cohort activities, coordinate research funding matches with Undergraduate Research and

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Creative Opportunities (URCO) grants, and develop and model best practices for research mentoring at USU.

Statewide Campuses—Honors partnered with Statewide Campuses to assemble a task force of Honors and Statewide faculty and staff. The task force continued to explore the feasibility and strategy of expanding Honors statewide and developing and implementing a pilot program.

Student Orientation and Transition Services—Honors staff coordinated with Aggie Orientation staff to publicize the value of Honors to incoming Honors and non-Honors students. Honors also collaborated with SOTS and the faculty *Connections* committee to staff and identify peer mentors for Honors *Connections* sections, train faculty and peer mentors, make participation in this transition-to-college program mandatory for all first-year Honors students, and tune the *Connections* curriculum to high-ability students' needs.

University Libraries—Honors staff worked with reference librarians to archive Honors student capstone projects through Digital Commons. The program also coordinated with the library to maintain an Honors study room and equipment.

University Marketing and Communications (UMAC)—The Honors Program Executive Director and staff worked with UMAC to create a targeted recruitment plan for Honors, to identify and market USU's educational strengths to high-ability students, and to highlight Honors student success stories for USU marketing campaigns.

Utah State University Student Association—Honors worked with the USUSA Student Advocate Vice President on organizing a "USU Votes" panel for Honors students.

Writing Center—Honors Program staff collaborated with the Writing Center Director to recruit and hire Honors Writing Tutors.

New Partnerships:

Center for Persons with Disabilities—Honors collaborated with the CPD Executive Director on piloting a Laughter Yoga program for Honors students, resulting in the formation of the Honors Laughter Club, which met weekly throughout much of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Inclusion Center—Honors collaborated with the Inclusion Center's Program Coordinator for Multicultural Student Programs to organize an anti-racism workshop and follow-up conversation for Honors students.

Office of Equity—Honors collaborated with the Prevention Specialist to host Upstanding and Implicit Bias training for Honors students.

Utah State University Athletics—The Honors Executive Director and Academic Advisor developed and delivered a presentation for advisors in USU Athletics so that they could encourage talented athletes to apply to Honors.

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2. Non-USU Partners

The following individuals or organizations mentored USU Honors students in projects for Honors Mentoring Agreements (* = new partner for FY 2020-2021):

- AmeriCorps, Washington, D.C.*
- Cache County Public School District, Logan, UT*
- Cache Valley Bank, Logan, UT*
- Koteve Ltd., Dublin, Ireland*
- Nottingham University, Nottingham, UK*
- Open Sesame, Portland, OR*
- United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- Utah County Children's Justice Center, Provo, UT*
- Utah-Moldova Business Partnership*
- Willow Park Zoo/Zootah, Logan, UT
- Zions Bank, Logan, UT*

3. Professional Affiliations and Engagement

The Honors Program maintains active affiliations with the following organizations:

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Council on Honors Education (APLUCoHE)—The Executive Director joined this new group of Honors deans and directors from public and land-grant institutions in FY 2020-2021.

Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU)—The Honors Program maintained its affiliation with other Honors educators in HERU in FY 2020-2021.

National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA)—The Honors Program maintained its membership in NAFA in FY 2020-2021.

National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)—The Honors Program maintained its membership in NCHC in FY 2020-2021. The Executive Director began a three-year term on the NCHC Board of Directors; published a book, *Building Honors Contracts: Insights and Oversights*, in the NCHC monograph series; published an essay entitled "Honors and the Curiouser University" for *JNCHC: The Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*; and continued to serve as co-chair of the NCHC Advocacy Committee and member of the NCHC Publications Board. Dr. Miller also attended the 2020 NCHC Annual Conference, which was held virtually.

NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising—The Honors Program maintained its membership in NACADA in FY 2020-2021.

Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC)—The Honors Program maintained its membership in WRHC in FY 2020-2021 and offered registration support to student and faculty presenters for the 2021 WRHC Conference, a one-day virtual event hosted by Southern Utah University.

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ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES: Honors holistically reviewed **442 applications** with the help of **80 faculty** and **17 student** reviewers and admitted **166** incoming **first-year students** to the program, **99%** of whom participated in Honors *Connections*.

Honors provided professional and peer advising to its student population of 666 in **676 advising appointments**.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS: Honors offered and/or financially supported **8 HONR-prefix courses**, **12 Honors sections** of departmental courses, and **40 Honors Book Labs**.

Honors students completed **32 Honors Mentoring Agreements**, **40 Honors capstones**, and attended and reflected on **601** virtual **co-curricular** events.



ENGAGEMENT: Honors designed **two innovative new program series**, *Honors Dare to Care* and *The Honors Passion Project*, and virtually delivered **25 events** to **555 student participants**.



PROFESSIONALIZATION: Honors engaged **42 students** in formal **mentoring** with its alumni and provided professional development to **15 student employees**.

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ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Defined as the annually recurring tasks that sustain the long-term health of the University Honors Program, our essential activities provide critical services to current and prospective students.

1. Recruiting

Honors staff and student volunteers participated in 10 virtual recruiting events during FY 2020-2021 (Table E-1), engaging 57 incoming and prospective students in conversations about the benefits of the USU Honors Program. The virtual nature of recruiting in this reporting period resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of students engaged. (The program engaged with 862 incoming and prospective students in FY 2019-2020.)

Table E-1. Honors Program virtual recruiting events during FY 2020-2021.

| Event Name | Location | Date | Staff | Volunteers | Students Contacted | | Family Contacted | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|------------|--------------------|---|------------------|-----|
| | | | | | I | P | I | P |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 10/07/2020 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 10/14/2020 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 10/21/2020 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 10/28/2020 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 11/11/2020 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 11/18/2020 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 4 | N/A | N/A |
| True Blue Days: Academic Exploration | Virtual | 11/20/2020 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 12/02/2020 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 12/09/2020 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| USU Virtual Open House | Virtual | 01/06/2021 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | N/A | N/A |

2. Admissions

The USU Honors Program received 442 first-year applications during FY 2020-2021, a 14% increase over the previous reporting period (Table E-2). The average high school GPA of applicants was 3.90; the average ACT score for those students who chose to provide one as part of USU's test-optional admissions process was 29.0.

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These scores are slightly but noticeably lower than in the previous reporting period and may reflect our programmatic recruiting decision to emphasize mindset over academic scores. From this applicant pool, Honors invited 354 students to join the program (80% of applicants, compared to 84% of applicants in the previous reporting period). Accepted students had slightly higher scores across the board than those denied admission (GPA = 3.91, ACT = 30.0 for admitted students, compared to GPA = 3.77, ACT = 25.1 for non-admitted students), which is lower for both sets of scores and for both groups than last year.

Of the 354 students accepted into the program, 151 either did not respond to our invitation or declined their place. While not all students who declined provided reasons for the choice, most who did so indicated that they planned to attend another institution. The admissions process resulted in a first-year class for FY 2021-2022 of 203 students (+6%), of whom 37 deferred their enrollment (Table E-2).

Compared to the previous year, our program saw an increase in the percentage of applicants who self-identified as URM (10%, +1%) or first-generation college students (7%, +1%, Table E-2). Our holistic and inclusive admissions process once again assured that these students' applications were given due consideration, resulting in 91% of URM applicants and 86% of first-generation student applicants being offered a place in Honors; however, only half of both URM and first-generation admitted students accepted the invitation.

Honors also received 23 complete applications from current USU and transfer students during this reporting period. From that pool, 21 were offered admission, with all but one accepting their place in the program. These students are typically identified and referred by faculty as outstanding performers once at USU or at their previous institutions.

Table E-2. Demographics of FY 2020-2021 Honors applicant and admission pools.

| Category | Total | Male (%) | Female (%) | Non-Binary (%) | URM ^a (%) | 1 st Gen (%) |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| First-year Applicants | 442 | 159 (36%) | 281 (64%) | 2 (>1%) | 44 (10%) | 29 (7%) |
| <u>Accepted</u> | 354 | 126 (36%) | 226 (64%) | 2 (>1%) | 40 (11%) | 25 (7%) |
| <i>Admitted</i> | 166 | 45 (27%) | 119 (72%) | 2 (1%) | 21 (13%) | 13 (8%) |
| <i>Deferred</i> | 37 | 32 (86%) | 5 (14%) | 0 | 3 (8%) | 3 (8%) |
| <i>Declined</i> | 151 | 49 (32%) | 102 (68%) | 0 | 16 (10%) | 9 (6%) |
| <u>Not Accepted</u> | 88 | 33 (38%) | 55 (62%) | 0 | 4 (4%) | 4 (4%) |
| Current/Transfer Applicants | 23 | 8 (35%) | 15 (65%) | 0 | 3 (13%) | 0 |
| <i>Accepted</i> | 21 | 8 (38%) | 13 (62%) | N/A | 2 (10%) | N/A |
| <i>Admitted</i> | 20 | 8 (40%) | 12 (60%) | N/A | 2 (10%) | N/A |

^a Includes students self-identifying as Hispanic/Latinx, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

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3. Orientation

During the pandemic, orientation activities were significantly reduced. With the help of Honors staff and student volunteers, our program developed an orientation video featuring a presentation by the Executive Director, which we made available on the Honors website and sent by email to incoming first-year students; this video was viewed 236 times. Additionally, we conducted an Orientation Q&A session on Instagram, in which a recent Honors graduate answered 22 questions from incoming first-year students. This Q&A reached 169 users.

4. Honors *Connections*

Honors again collaborated with USU *Connections* to provide a meaningful transition-to-college experience for 164 incoming first-year Honors students, 99% of the incoming Honors cohort (USU comparison: 61%). All seven *Connections* sections had Honors student peer mentors assigned to them, giving new students both Honors faculty and student guides as they began their time at USU (Table E-3).

Table E-3. USU *Connections* Honors sections taught during FY 2020-2021.

| Section Number | Instructor | Peer Mentor | Enrollment |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 082 | Dr. Elizabeth Vargis ^a | Aubrey Felty ^a | 24 |
| 083 | Dr. Lee Rickords | Clara Alder | 22 |
| 084 | Dr. Breanna Studenka | Jamie Butikofer | 24 |
| 085 | Dr. David Richter | Abby Butikofer ^a | 24 |
| 086 | John Ferguson ^a | Andy Nguy | 23 |
| 087 | Dr. Shannon Peterson ^a | Lauren Pack ^a | 23 |
| 088 | Dr. Stephen VanGeem ^a | Riley Conover | 24 |

^a FY 2019-2020 Honors *Connections* instructor or peer mentor.

5. Theme Housing: Honors House

Honors once again collaborated with USU Housing and Residence Life to provide theme housing for up to 96 Honors students in Building C of the Living Learning Community complex. All floors are staffed by Resident Assistants who are also Honors students and who receive specialized training from Honors staff so that they can more effectively engage and support Honors residents.

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6. Advising and Mentoring

The Honors Program's Academic Advisor and peer advisors completed 676 advising appointments during FY 2020-2021, all of them virtually. Honors requires advising each semester, and the program ties this requirement to good standing and priority registration to ensure compliance. The distribution of appointments by month is shown in Figure E-1. Not surprisingly, the bulk of advising takes place in late fall, as students prepare to register for spring classes, and in late spring, as students approach graduation and registration for the following fall semester. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that advising is a year-round activity.

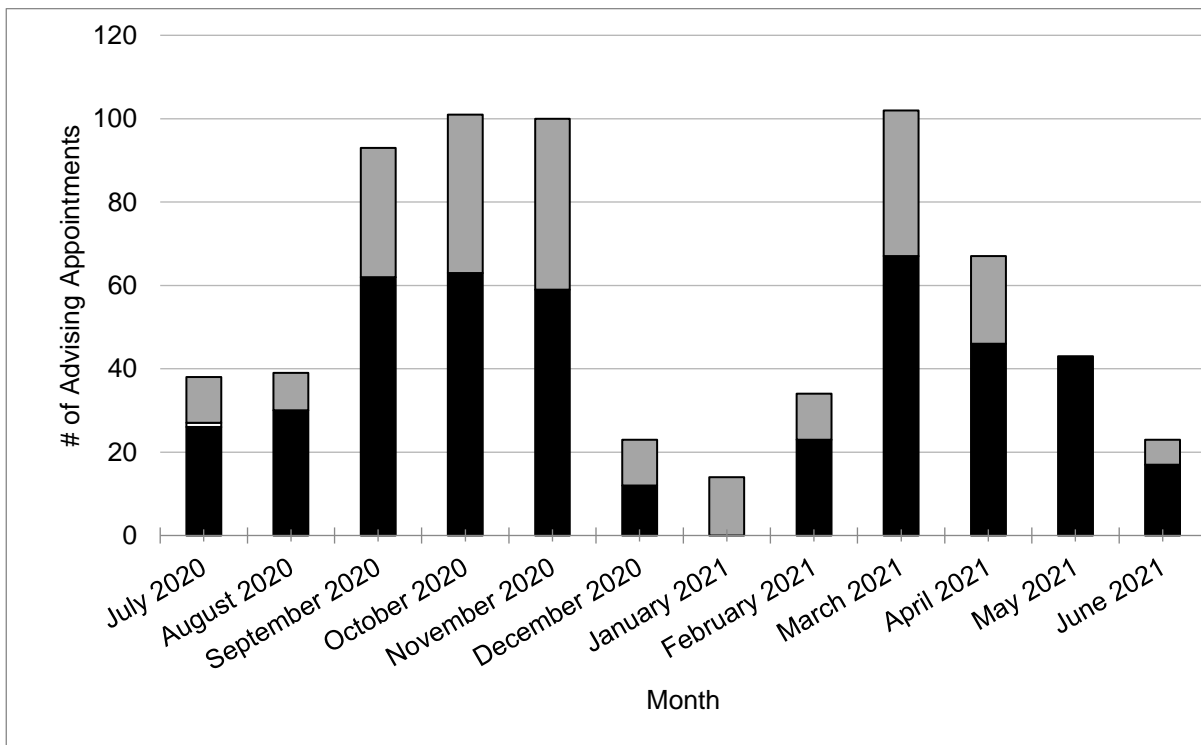


Figure E-1. Honors academic advising appointments by month during FY 2020-2021. Black = Academic Advisor appointments; grey = peer advisor appointments.

7. Website

The Honors website (honors.usu.edu) continues to be one of the program's key modes of communication with prospective and current students, faculty, alumni, and stakeholders. In addition to providing information about mission and goals, Honors requirements, and student opportunities, the website highlights student and alumni achievements and thus promotes positive attachment to the program. The website serves as a portal for students submitting admissions applications, applying for leadership positions and funding, and scheduling advising appointments and or faculty applying to teach in Honors and requesting documentation of faculty work for promotion and tenure.

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During FY 2020-2021, the Honors website received 61,139 page views (+3% over FY 2019-2020) in 21,339 visits (+72%) by 13,765 visitors (+11%), with an average session duration of 5:37 minutes (+46%). After the Honors Program's home page, the five top-viewed pages were the first-year application page (7,155 views), application home page (6,534 views), Honors Book Labs page (5,145 views), "What is Honors?" page (3,673 views), and Honors courses page (3,350 views).

8. Development

During FY 2020-2021, the Honors Program worked once again with USU Advancement and Alumni Relations to create messaging for USU's annual mail and "A Day of Giving" campaigns. The program also developed and sent an electronic annual newsletter to Honors alumni.

Program staff facilitated communication between Honors student scholarship winners and the donors who supported them. In addition, Honors timed the mailing of its annual holiday card to alumni and stakeholders with the university's annual year-end giving campaign, contacting current and former students' parents as well as Honors alumni. As a result of these development and fundraising activities, the program received 86 gifts (+59%) from 48 donors (+82%), totaling \$30,685 (+10%).

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The Honors curriculum features four types of core activities that build students' portfolios of completed work and reflection as they progress toward Honors graduation. These activities include Honors coursework, Honors-in-Practice applied learning, required Honors capstone projects, and attendance at and reflection upon academically oriented co-curricular events on campus, virtually, and in the community. The embedded reflection at each stage of the curriculum ensures that every Honors student can clearly articulate the value and trajectory of their academic experience in college. The development of a self-aware personal and professional narrative defines the Honors educational experience at USU.

9. Honors Courses

Honors Introductory Experiences (USU GE Breadth)—In FY 2020-2021, Honors funded the teaching of six Honors Introductory Experience courses, all of which were taught for the first time in a three-year rotation after having been proposed, reviewed, and accepted in the previous year. Enrolling a total of 147 students, these courses met a range of USU GE Breadth requirements (Table E-4), including Humanities (BHU), Creative Arts (BCA), Social Sciences (BSS), and Life Sciences (BLS). Specially selected by both the Honors Faculty and Student Advisory Boards as outstanding experiential-learning opportunities, these courses featured hands-on interdisciplinary learning designed primarily for first-year Honors students. With enrollments capped at 25, the classes also allowed for meaningful mentoring interactions between faculty and students.

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Honors Think Tanks (USU GE Depth)—In FY 2020-2021, Honors offered two team-taught, cross-disciplinary Think Tank courses: one was previously taught in FY 2019-2020, and the other was a new course. Each Think Tank combined coursework that met both USU’s GE Depth Humanities/Arts (DHA) and Social Sciences (DSS) requirements. These two Think Tank courses allowed 48 Honors students to earn their choice of DHA or DSS credit while enjoying an innovative, interdisciplinary, team-taught approach to USU’s GE requirements (Table E-4).

Table E-4. Honors Introductory Experiences and Think Tanks taught during FY 2020-2021.

| Course Number | Course Title | Term | USU Gen Ed | Instructor(s) | Enrollment |
|----------------|--|-------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| HONR 1320 | <i>Revolution! Reacting to the Atlantic Revolutions</i> | Fall 2020 | BHU | Dr. Julia Gossard | 25 |
| HONR 1330 | <i>Dogs in Art</i> | Fall 2020 | BCA | Dr. Laura Gelfand | 25 |
| HONR 1340 | <i>Populism, Movements, and Parties</i> | Fall 2020 | BSS | Dr. Steffen Blings | 25 |
| HONR 3020/3030 | <i>How to Lie with Statistics: Gender Narratives in the Media</i> | Fall 2020 | DHA (CI, SL)/DSS (QI, SL) | Dr. Candi Carter Olson/Dr. Erin Hofmann | 15 (DHA) 9 (DSS) |
| HONR 1320 | <i>A History of Writing</i> | Spring 2021 | BHU | Dr. Joyce Kinkead | 25 |
| HONR 1330 | <i>Queer Manga: LGBTQ Stories, Histories, and Cultures Through Visual Expression</i> | Spring 2021 | BCA | Raymond Veon | 22 |
| HONR 1350 | <i>Media Messages in Health and Nutrition</i> | Spring 2021 | BLS | Rebecca Charlton | 25 |
| HONR 3020/3030 | <i>Health, Society, and Culture: Past and Present</i> | Spring 2021 | DHA (CI)/DSS (CI) | Dr. Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde/ Dr. Seth Archer | 12 (DHA) 12 (DSS) |

Departmental Honors Sections—In addition to GE courses chosen through a competitive committee review process and taught by select Honors faculty, students can enroll in Honors sections of required courses in some disciplines (Table E-5). As in the previous year, these sections were offered by the College of Engineering and the Departments of Biology; English; Kinesiology and Health Science; Mathematics and Statistics; and Plants, Soils, and Climate. A new addition to the line-up of departmental

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Honors sections this year was a course focused on careers in government and public service offered by the Department of Political Science and taught by Honors alumnus Neil Abercrombie, Vice President for Federal and State Relations. Collectively, Honors sections of departmental courses offered in FY 2020-2021 enrolled a total of 175 Honors students.

Table E-5. Honors sections of departmental courses taught during FY 2020-2021.

| Course Number | Course Title | Term | Instructor(s) | Enrollment |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BIOL 1615 (H) Section 001 | <i>Biology I Laboratory</i> | Fall 2020 | Lauren Lucas | 23 |
| ENGL 2010 (H) Section M22 | <i>Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode</i> | Fall 2020 | Dustin Crawford | 23 |
| ENGL 2010 (H) Section M53 | <i>Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode</i> | Fall 2020 | Mary Ellen Greenwood | 23 |
| MATH 1220 (H) Section MW8 | <i>Calculus II</i> | Fall 2020 | Dr. Brent Thomas | 18 |
| PE 1063 (H) Section 004 | <i>Honors Strength and Conditioning</i> | Fall 2020 | Jon Carey | 15 |
| POLS 4890 (H) Section 003 | <i>Careers in Government</i> | Fall 2020 | Neil Abercrombie | 7 |
| PSC 4900 (H) Section 011 | <i>Introduction to Invasive Plants Research</i> | Fall 2020 | Dr. Steve Young | 5 |
| BIOL 1625 (H) Section 001 | <i>Biology II Laboratory</i> | Spring 2021 | Lauren Lucas | 24 |
| ENGL 2010 (H) Section 042 | <i>Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode</i> | Spring 2021 | Lianna Manibog | 9 |
| ENGL 2010 (H) Section LWC | <i>Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode</i> | Spring 2021 | Cree Taylor | 12 |
| ENGR 3080 (H) Section 001 | <i>Technical Communication for Engineers</i> | Spring 2021 | Melissa Scheaffer | 5 |
| MATH 2210 (H) Section LW2 | <i>Multivariable Calculus</i> | Spring 2021 | Dr. Brent Thomas | 11 |

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10. Honors in Practice (HIP)

USU has developed an innovative system that awards Honors points for completion of the Honors curriculum. Rather than taking additional credits, students can fulfill GE requirements and apply academic knowledge with a range of high-impact activities, including research, creative work, professional-development programs, and community or global engagement. Students then document and reflect on that work for points that demonstrate how they have enhanced the required work of their major(s).

Honors Mentoring Agreements (HMA)—These formal agreements between students and faculty propose and document completion of mentored Honors work outside the classroom. Every agreement requires students to document at least 20 hours of mentored experiential learning beyond the classroom, and each is overseen by a faculty mentor, a Departmental Honors Advisor (faculty), and the Honors Program Executive Director. These experiences can include research, creative work, study abroad, internships, service projects, or Honors Excel (graduate) courses taken with faculty and departmental permission. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 28 Honors students pursued or completed 32 HMAs in FY 2020-2021, engaging with 23 USU faculty and 8 non-faculty, non-USU mentors in the process.

Honors-in-Practice Programs—In addition to student-faculty structured mentoring agreements, the Honors Program itself structures some HIP experiences for its students. Students earn points over the course of a year in these Honors-run programs, which include the Honors Alumni Mentoring Program, the Honors Leadership Academy, and service on the Honors Student Advisory Board. For the first time in FY 2020-2021, our program also offered a semester-long structured experience to introduce first- and second-year students to alumni mentoring: Honors Alumni Connect.

Honors Book Labs—A short-term version of an Honors HIP program, this curricular innovation allows faculty and Honors students the opportunity to read and discuss books in small cross-disciplinary groups (no more than five students per lab). The labs meet four times for an hour per week in the second through fifth weeks of each term. Faculty and students alike enjoy the opportunity to talk with people outside their disciplines about books of mutual interest, without grades or faculty evaluation of students (Honors awards points based on student reflections). Faculty have led these labs as teams, taken field trips, invited guest speakers, or tied their labs to a campus speaker series.

Faculty from 22 academic departments across six colleges led 40 Book Labs serving 195 students in FY 2020-2021 (Table E-6). Honors increased both the overall number of Book Labs (+60% over the previous reporting period) and the times in which they were available (for the first time, Book Labs were offered throughout the summer), with the aims of building community and increasing engagement among our Honors student and faculty populations, particularly since a great deal of programming was cancelled or postponed during the pandemic. Honors supports this high-impact learning experience by hosting showcases that introduce the next term's labs, purchasing books for all participants, and evaluating student reflections for Honors points after each term.

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In FY 2020-2021, a virtual Spring Book Lab Showcase was held on November 17, 2020, and a summer/fall virtual showcase was held April 14, 2021, both via Zoom webinar.

Table E-6. Honors Book Labs conducted during FY 2020-2021.

| Book Title | Term | Faculty Leader(s) | Students |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| <i>No Game for Boys to Play: The History of Youth Football and the Origins of a Public Health Crisis</i> (by Kathleen Bachynski) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Chris Babits | 5 |
| <i>The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson</i> (Edited by Brooks Atkinson with an introduction by Mary Oliver) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Mitchell Colver | 5 |
| <i>White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism</i> (by Robin DiAngelo) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Ryan Seedall | 5 |
| <i>Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space</i> (by Amanda Leduc) | Summer 2020 | Raymond Veon | 5 |
| <i>The Housekeeper and the Professor</i> (by Yoko Ogawa) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Karin DeJonge-Kannan | 5 |
| <i>Monster</i> (by Walter Dean Myers) | Summer 2020 | Rebecca Charlton | 5 |
| <i>Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know</i> (by Malcolm Gladwell) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Debra Monson | 5 |
| <i>The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism</i> (by Naoki Higashida; translated by KA Yoshida and David Mitchell) | Summer 2020 | LoraLynn Allen | 5 |
| <i>Dark Mirror: Edward Snowden and the American Surveillance State</i> (by Barton Gellman) | Summer 2020 | Dr. Alexa Sand and Briana Bowen | 5 |
| <i>Denying to the Grave</i> (by Sara E. Gorman and Jack M. Gorman) | Summer 2020 | Prof. Denise Stewardson | 4 |
| <i>True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News</i> (by Cindy L. Otis) | Fall 2020 | Briana Bowen | 5 |
| <i>The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming</i> (by David Wallace-Wells) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Mirella Meyer-Ficca | 5 |
| <i>Slow Looking: The Art and Practice of Learning Through Observation</i> (by Shari Tishman) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Donna Brown | 5 |
| <i>Educated: A Memoir</i> (by Tara Westover) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Victoria Grieve | 5 |
| <i>Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think</i> (by Hans Rosling) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Breanna Studenka | 5 |

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| Book Title | Term | Faculty Leader(s) | Students |
|---|-------------|--|----------|
| <i>Wolfpack: How to Come Together, Unleash Our Power, and Change the Game</i> (by Abby Wambach) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Rose Judd-Murray | 5 |
| <i>Finders Keepers: A Tale of Archaeological Plunder</i> (by Craig Childs) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Molly Cannon | 5 |
| <i>Gay Life and Culture: A World History</i> (Edited by Robert Aldrich) | Fall 2020 | Raymond Veon | 4 |
| <i>The Light Between Oceans</i> (by M.L. Stedman) | Fall 2020 | Prof. Marlene Graf | 5 |
| <i>Stereotyping Religion: Critiquing Clichés</i> (by Brad Stoddard and Craig Martin) | Fall 2020 | Dr. Karin DeJonge-Kannan | 5 |
| <i>The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture</i> (by Wendell Berry) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Anastasia Thayer | 5 |
| <i>Where the Past Begins</i> (by Amy Tan) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Jasmine Chen and Dr. Ekaterina Arshavskaya | 5 |
| <i>Why We Can't Wait</i> (by Martin Luther King, Jr.) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Patrick Mason | 5 |
| <i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning</i> (by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Debra Monson | 5 |
| <i>The Bear River Massacre: A Shoshone History</i> (by Darren Perry) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Timothy Chenette | 5 |
| <i>Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist</i> (by Judith Heumann and Kristen Joiner) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Brittan Barker | 4 |
| <i>Brothel Boy and Other Parables of the Law</i> (by Norval Morris) | Spring 2021 | John Ferguson | 5 |
| <i>Denying to the Grave</i> (by Sara E. Gorman and Jack M. Gorman) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Rose Judd-Murray | 5 |
| <i>The Fairy Tales of Hermann Hesse</i> (by Hermann Hesse; translated by Jack Zipes) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Mitchell Colver | 5 |
| <i>Homosexuality and Civilization</i> (by Louis Crompton) | Spring 2021 | Raymond Veon | 5 |
| <i>Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment</i> (by Sandra Steingraber) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Mollie Murphy and Dr. Mehmet Soyer | 5 |
| <i>My Grandmother's Hands</i> (by Resmaa Menekam) | Spring 2021 | Dennise Gackstetter | 5 |

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Table E-6. Continued.

| Book Title | Term | Faculty Leader(s) | Students |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|----------|
| <i>Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland</i> (by Patrick Radden Keefe) | Spring 2021 | Dr. Shannon Peterson | 5 |
| <i>Algorithms to Live By: The Computer Science of Human Decisions</i> (by Brian Christian and Tom Griffiths) | Summer 2021 | Dr. Mario Harper | 5 |
| <i>Caste: The Origins of our Discontent</i> (by Isabel Wilkerson) | Summer 2021 | Dr. Vijay Kannan | 5 |
| <i>Finding Motherland: Essays about Family, Food, and Migration</i> (by Helen Thorpe) | Summer 2021 | Rebecca Charlton | 5 |
| <i>Parenting to a Degree: How Family Matters for College Women's Success</i> (by Laura T. Hamilton) | Summer 2021 | Dr. Gabriele Ciciurkaite | 5 |
| <i>Reaganland: America's Right Turn, 1976-1980</i> (by Rick Perlstein) | Summer 2021 | Dr. Chris Babits | 4 |
| <i>Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America</i> (by Ibram X. Kendi) | Summer 2021 | Raymond Veon | 5 |
| <i>The Power of Experiments: Decision Making in a Data-Driven World</i> (by Michael Luca and Max H. Bazerman) | Summer 2021 | Dr. Aaron Brough | 4 |

11. Honors Capstone Projects

Honors continued a very successful one-credit/one-point capstone preparation course (HONR 3900) that allows students to study and reflect upon previous capstone proposals and projects in their disciplines. Taught by Honors Executive Director Dr. Kristine Miller, this course asks students to examine prior capstone projects and proposals, draft ideas for their own projects, talk with peers about these ideas, meet with faculty to develop the ideas, and submit capstone proposals in preparation for their own required Honors capstone projects. Offered in fall, spring, and summer, this course served 57 students in FY 2020-2021.

To provide ongoing support to Honors students working on their capstone projects, Honors continued the Capstone Support Group, instituted in FY 2017-2018 as a series of inspirational and logistical meetings tied to a set of reference materials in Canvas. Students met six times over the course of the academic year, with program staff facilitating conversations focused on students sharing capstone projects, reporting on progress, hearing from recent Honors graduates, and receiving guidance on capstone formatting.

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Fifty-four faculty mentored 61 Honors students working on capstone projects this year. Forty of these students completed capstones and graduated with Honors during FY 2020-2021 (Table H-1); the remainder are ongoing. Spring 2021 Honors graduates Kirsten Barker (Music Performance) and Christian Lange (Physics) each received the Joyce Kinkead Outstanding Honors Capstone Award, which carries a \$500 cash prize.

12. Co-curricular Engagement

Honors students participate in, reflect upon, and earn Honors points for attending co-curricular events on and off campus. In FY 2020-2021, 245 Honors students (+12% from the previous reporting period) submitted 601 co-curricular reflections (+19%) for Honors points after attending virtual events.

In its weekly co-curricular messaging to students, Honors advertised a total of 331 virtual co-curricular events, and the program itself hosted 25 such events (Table E-7), more than doubling the previous year's number. These Honors events included the 45th Annual Honors Last Lecture, delivered by Dr. Seth Archer from the Department of History virtually via a pre-recorded Zoom webinar and followed by a live Q&A moderated by Dr. Kerin Holt from the Department of English.

Table E-7. Co-curricular events organized by Honors during FY 2020-2021.

| Event | Date |
|--|------------|
| <i>The Honors Passion Project: "Everything is Awesome (Again!): Rejoining the LEGO Community as a Quarantined Adult"</i> | 9/8/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: USU Votes</i> | 9/17/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 9/23/2020 |
| <i>The Honors Passion Project: "Anthropologist by Day, Mandalorian by Night"</i> | 10/14/2020 |
| <i>45th Annual Honors Last Lecture: "After the Vaccine: The United States Discovers Public Health"</i> | 10/21/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: "Ghost Stories and the Value of Storytelling"</i> | 10/28/2020 |
| Spring Honors Book Lab Showcase | 11/17/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Gratitude Workshop</i> | 12/1/2020 |
| Medical School Q&A with Honors Alumnus Michael Hoggard | 12/2/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 2/17/2021 |
| <i>The Honors Passion Project: "Shapes of Beauty"</i> | 2/24/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Inclusion and Implicit Bias Virtual Workshop</i> | 3/2/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 3/12/2021 |
| <i>The Honors Passion Project: "Mysteries of Dog Breeds Unraveled"</i> | 3/17/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 3/19/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 3/26/2021 |

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Table E-7. Continued.

| Event | Date |
|---|-----------|
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: “Belonging: Human Connections and Building Inclusive Communities: A Workshop”</i> | 3/31/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 4/2/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: “Belonging: Human Connections and Building Inclusive Communities: A Panel Discussion”</i> | 4/7/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 4/9/2021 |
| <i>The Honors Passion Project: “Visualizing Queer Artistic Influence in the Age of Social Networks”</i> | 4/13/2021 |
| Summer and Fall Honors Book Lab Showcase | 4/14/2020 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Gratitude Workshop</i> | 4/15/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 4/16/2021 |
| <i>Honors Dare to Care: Honors Laughter Club</i> | 4/23/2021 |

ENGAGEMENT, ENRICHMENT, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

USU Honors does far more than administer an effective program and deliver desired outputs and outcomes. Many of the program’s resources are devoted to activities that engage our participants, enrich the Honors experience, and build community. FY 2020-2021 proved particularly challenging in this regard due to the exclusively remote nature of both our work and our delivery of programming and content. Despite these obstacles, the program both continued many of its signature community-building efforts in either their original or an altered form and created new, innovative, high-impact activities for our students and other stakeholders.

13. Weekly *Honors in the Know* Messaging

In FY 2020-21, Honors generated 66 email campaigns in MailChimp: 34 for students and 32 for Honors-engaged faculty and staff. Delivered each Monday morning, these weekly messages featured important program announcements, deadlines, and job/internship opportunities; summarized virtual Honors events and co-curricular activities across campus; and advertised contact information for program staff and peer advisors.

The student email was sent to an average of 684 recipients and had a 45% open and a 5.4% click rate, rates that are, respectively, almost three times the industry average for mail campaigns of this nature. The faculty email went to an average of 400 recipients, getting a 42% open rate, almost three times the industry average; the click rate was 2.3%, which is above industry average. Overall, the Honors Program’s weekly event emails reached 15,759 users and engaged a minimum of 1,497 at any given time.

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14. Annual Newsletter

As in previous years, the Honors Program generated an electronic “Year-in-Review” annual newsletter aimed at an audience of alumni and program stakeholders. The newsletter was emailed to 662 recipients and had a 34% open rate, slightly more than twice industry average. Of that potential readership, 1.1% clicked on embedded links to access secondary content referenced in the newsletter, which is comparable to industry average. However, it should be noted that the Honors Program Annual Newsletter contains far fewer clickable links than mail campaigns used by commercial or non-profit entities upon which that average is based, since almost all of the content is contained within the mail message itself.

15. Honors Holiday Card

As in previous years, the Honors Program sent a holiday card to our partners, stakeholders, alumni, faculty, and students (Figure E-2). Based on a design by Honors alumna Hannah Baldwin (Interior Design, '20), this digital greeting card was sent to 2,106 email addresses.



Figure E-2. 2020 Honors Holiday Card (design by Honors alumna Hannah Baldwin, Interior Design, '20).

16. Faculty-Student Socials

This opportunity for faculty-student networking and socializing was not offered during FY 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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17. New Series: *Honors Dare to Care*

This series of activities, new in FY 2020-2021, was designed to engage Honors students with both their community and the issues and topics that matter to the members of that community. Over the course of two terms, Honors held 16 events involving 170 students (Table E-7), with topics ranging from the positive healing power of laughter and story-telling to the importance of voter registration, from the value of expressing gratitude to the challenge of being an upstander and addressing implicit bias and racism.

18. New Series: *The Honors Passion Project*

A second new series, *The Honors Passion Project*, featured virtual lunchtime discussions with Honors alumni and friends about their passions, pastimes, or pursuits beyond work and academics. Over the course of two terms, Honors engaged three alumni and one friend and benefactor of Honors in four of these well-attended and well-received events on a variety of entertaining and inspirational topics (Table E-7), with an average participation of 18 students per event.

19. Honors Graduation Celebration

The 2021 Honors Medallion Ceremony was held virtually via a Zoom webinar available to graduates, faculty, friends, and family. The ceremony featured an Honors alumni guest speaker, Dr. Jodi Barker Ream (Physics, '09), along with representatives from the USU Provost's Office, all eight USU colleges, the Honors Faculty Advisory Board, and 29 of our 40 Honors graduates and their mentors from FY 2020-2021. The ceremony was also attended by an audience of 122 people.

20. Donuts with the Director

This morning meet-up with the program's Executive Director was not offered during FY 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

21. Honors Brain Break

This finals-week series of snacks and socializing was not offered during FY 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

22. Faculty Appreciation Social

Honors was unable to hold its traditional faculty appreciation social at the end of the spring semester because of COVID-19. In lieu of this annual event, the Executive Director expressed by email her deep appreciation for the many talented and passionate faculty from across the institution who supported both Honors and our students this year.

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PROFESSIONALIZATION

In addition to engaging curious students and equipping them with the academic skill to think critically and to communicate clearly, Honors prepares students for the next steps on their educational or career paths. The following comprehensive list of programming attests to the importance of professionalization in the USU Honors Program's curriculum. Anecdotal evidence suggests that these activities have been largely effective and are well received by both students and faculty.

23. Alumni Mentoring

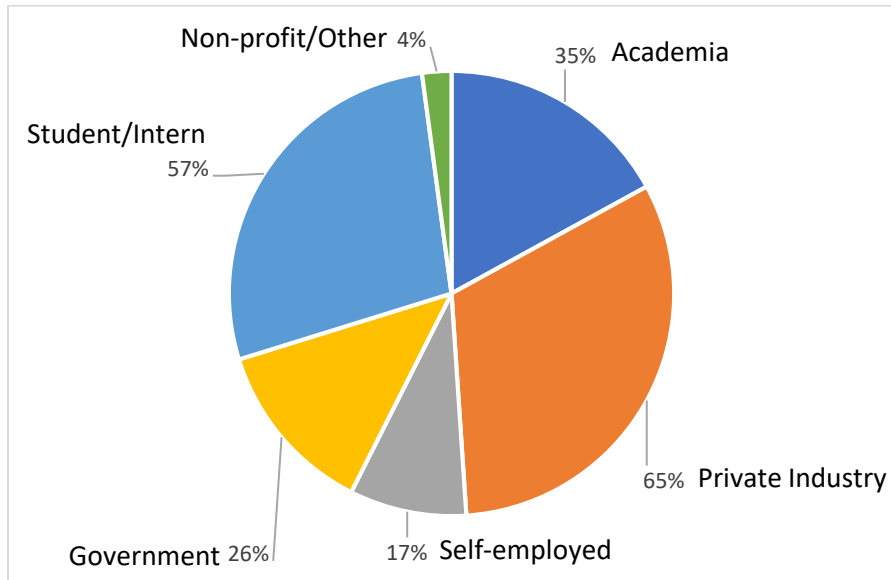
Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP)—In its sixth year, the highly successful Honors Alumni Mentoring Program once again paired current Honors students with successful alumni for a structured, collaborative, curriculum-based mentoring experience. In a departure from previous years, Honors limited participation in the program—with some exceptions—to students in their third and fourth years. This decision responded to a low completion rate among first- and second-year students in previous years, and it led to the creation of the introductory one-semester Honors Alumni Connect program, geared toward first- and second-year students.

After receiving 47 expressions of interest from alumni, Honors staff were able to match all 26 student applicants with 23 alumni mentors from different employment sectors and career stages (Figure E-3). Despite new limits allowing only students nearing the end of their undergraduate careers (Figure E-4), the percentage of students completing all program requirements (62%) was low (comparable to FY 2019-2020). While this result seems to suggest that the change in audience may not have had the desired effect, the circumstances of the pandemic complicate any interpretation of this data. Most importantly, student reflections on the experience suggest that those who completed the program had a highly impactful experience. As this program moves into its seventh year, the consistently high return rate of alumni to the program also indicates that the AMP continues to be a rewarding and meaningful experience for our mentors.

Honors Alumni Connect (HAC)—New in FY 2020-2021, this semester-long program took the place of the previous year's Ask an Honors Alum program, which allowed students to ask a question or hold a brief conversation on a topic of their choice with an Honors alum. Honors designed HAC as an introduction to alumni mentoring for first- and second-year Honors students and a gateway to the year-long Alumni Mentoring Program. Honors recruited 18 alumni in Fall 2020 and was able to match 11 of them with all 16 students who applied for the Spring 2021 inaugural run of the program. All 16 students, half of them in their first year and half in their second year, successfully completed the program. The curriculum consisted of three lightly structured conversations about the Honors experience, the importance of putting learning into practice outside of the classroom, and the value of graduating with Honors, and all students submitted a detailed final reflection on their experience as part of the program. Honors aims in the coming year to grow what appears to be a potentially engaging and productive program.

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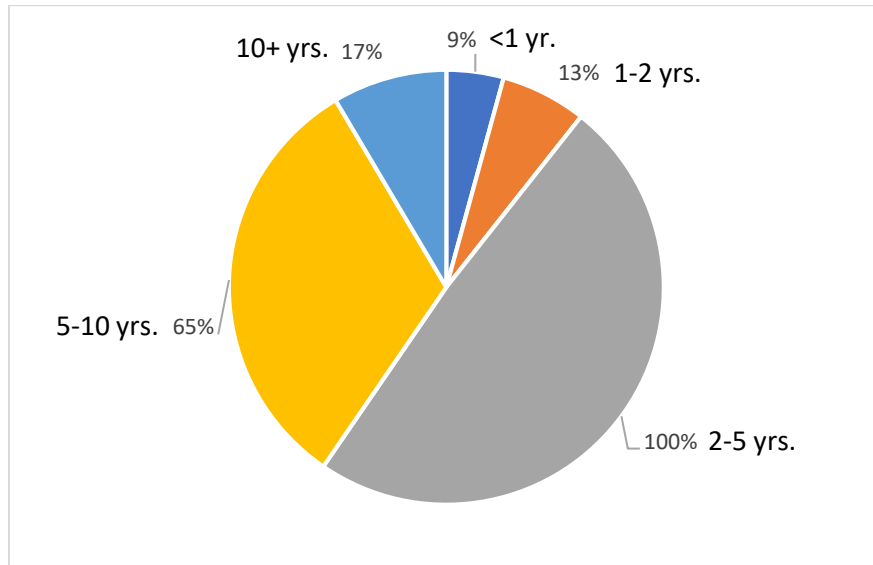


Figure E-3. Demographics of Honors alumni participating in the Alumni Mentoring Program during FY 2020-2021: (A) Employment sector; (B) Time since graduation.

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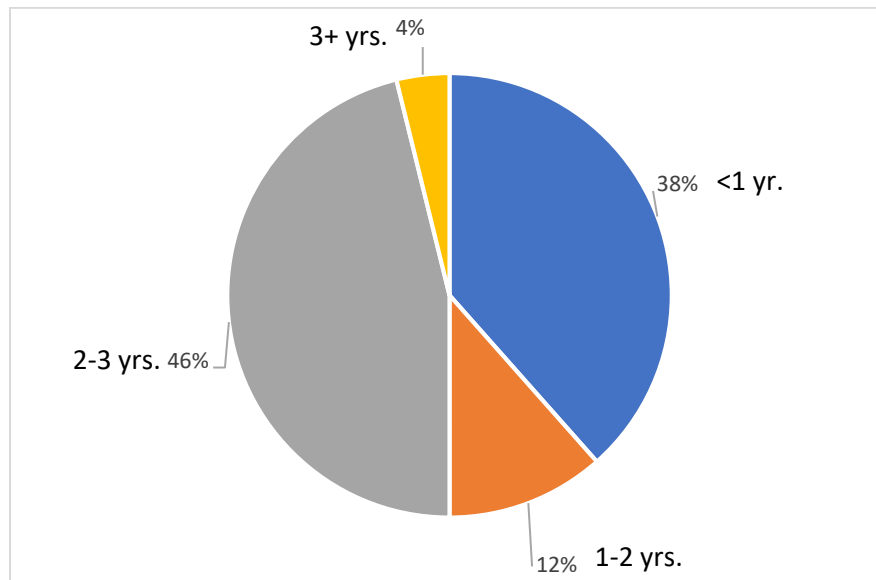


Figure E-4. Time left until graduation of 26 Honors student participants in the Alumni Mentoring Program during FY 2020-2021.

24. Meal with A Mentor

This opportunity for students to enjoy an Honors-sponsored one-on-one lunch with a respected mentor was not offered during FY 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

25. National Scholarship Mentoring and Application Support

The University Honors Program coordinates student applications to prestigious national scholarships and fellowships (with the exception of international scholarships like Fulbright and Boren, which are coordinated by the Office of Global Engagement). Honors-engaged faculty member Dr. David Peak from the Department of Physics once again conducted a Goldwater Scholarship “boot camp,” mentoring a select cohort of students in Fall 2020 and working with a faculty committee, including the Honors Executive Director, to review applications and to select four USU nominees from among six finalists. Of these four nominees (Ethan Ancell, Jonathan Mousley, Melissa Rasmussen, and Manuel Santana), two (Ancell and Santana) won Goldwater scholarships.

The Honors Program Coordinator, who coordinates fellowship advising in our office, provided mentoring and logistical support for USU’s nomination of two Truman nominees, Madeleine Alder and Emilee Matheson.

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26. Student Employment

Undergraduate Teaching Fellows (UTF)—With dedicated support from the Office of the Provost, the Honors Program once again selected UTFs to assist in each of its HONR-prefix courses. Six Honors students were hired and assigned to these courses, based on faculty recommendations and a competitive application process (Table E-8). In addition to the standard trainings for all USU employees, these students received valuable training, mentoring, and professional development in the areas of peer mentoring, instructional technology and Canvas, and identification of students of concern.

Table E-8. Honors Undergraduate Teaching Fellow (UTF) appointments in FY 2020-2021.

| UTF Name | Course Number | Course Title | Semester |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| Wilson, Keith | HONR 1320 | <i>Revolution! Reacting to the Atlantic Revolutions</i> | Fall 2020 |
| Brock, Olivia | HONR 1330 | <i>Dogs in Art</i> | Fall 2020 |
| Dixon, Isaac | HONR 1340 | <i>Populism, Movements, and Parties</i> | Fall 2020 |
| Oliver, Alicia | HONR 3020/3030 | <i>How to Lie with Statistics: Gender Narratives in the Media</i> | Fall 2020 |
| Stringham, Samantha | HONR 1320 | <i>A History of Writing</i> | Spring 2021 |
| Clarkson Heaps, Corinne | HONR 1350 | <i>Media Messages in Health and Nutrition</i> | Spring 2021 |
| Dixon, Isaac | HONR 3020/3030 | <i>Health, Society, and Culture: Past and Present</i> | Spring 2021 |

Peer Advisors—Honors matched a monetary commitment from the Office of the Provost to provide two peer advisor positions for our program. The program decided to hire five Honors students for these positions in FY 2020-2021 (Table E-9). In addition to the standard trainings for all USU employees, these peer advisors benefitted from valuable mentoring, training, and professional development in student advising, Box usage, and Canvas navigation from the Honors Academic Advisor. Peer advisors kept regular virtual office hours to assist in Honors student advising and peer mentoring, providing 825 hours of support to our students.

Peer Tutors—Honors did not offer peer tutoring in FY 2020-2021 due to the remote nature of our program's operations. Instead, Honors students were referred to institutional resources available through the Writing and Math and Statistics Tutoring Centers, which were able to move their activities online to deliver tutoring support to students.

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Table E-9. Honors Peer Advisor appointments during FY 2020-2021.

| Name | Semester(s) | # of Advising Hours |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Brawand, Marina | Spring 2021 – present | 65 |
| Marz, Gabby | Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 | 195 |
| Ottley, Carter | Spring 2021 – present | 100 |
| Palmer (Pack), Lauren | Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 | 245 |
| Sorensen, Natalia | Summer – Fall 2020 | 220 |

Office Assistants—Honors employed two Honors students (Trinda (Jensen) Hyde, Madison (McArthur) Aller) as Office Assistants to support our professional staff in their remote work.

Honors Postgraduate Fellow—Newly created in FY 2019-2020, this position benefited both the Honors Program and a recent graduate and thus continued this year. Honors intends the role as a professional bridge for recent Honors graduates, and the Honors Postgraduate Fellow works closely with the Executive Director and Honors staff on collaborative projects, including writing and editing of blog posts, website content, and email campaigns; construction, implementation, and analysis of surveys; editing and building of Canvas content; and planning of student-engagement and cohort-building activities. Two recent graduates served in this role during FY 2020-2021: Emma Hallock (English, '20) and Savannah Daines (Human Biology, '21).

27. Student Leadership

Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB)—Honors contributed to the professional development of eight students (Table H-6) by inviting them to represent their colleges on the HSAB. These representatives enjoyed leadership activities such as recruiting for Honors; participating alongside faculty in the Honors admissions process for incoming students; developing programming, events, and community-engagement activities for Honors students; and consulting with the Executive Director on the Honors curriculum, including review of new Honors course proposals.

In a departure from previous years, the program assigned four distinct roles (Honors Ambassador, Peer Educator, Community Builder, and Publicist) to each of four pairs of HSAB members, asking them to innovate, plan, and implement/lead activities related to that role over the course of the year.

The Honors Ambassador role focused on sharing the value of Honors with students who have not yet applied to the program. The Honors Peer Educator role consisted of sharing the value and requirements of Honors with students who are already part of the program. The Honors Community Builder role was designed to facilitate creation of social bonds and a sense of community among students who are already part of the

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program. The Honors Publicist role focused on developing, reviewing, and distributing social media content with an intentional and logical communications plan. These four roles align with the curricular areas of focus introduced to first- and second-year students in our Honors Leadership Academy.

Service on HSAB is integrated into the Honors curriculum as Honors-in-Practice work, allowing board members to earn three Honors points upon documentation in the Canvas course-management system of mandatory engagement in Honors social and recruiting activities, completion of their assigned HSAB role, and submission of a comprehensive reflection about how their HSAB experience met Honors learning outcomes. Invited students may earn an additional 1.5 points by repeating the HSAB experience for a second year, an opportunity that ensures continuity and preservation of institutional knowledge and memory on the HSAB. One student member returned to the board to serve a second year in this reporting period. Similarly, one first-year board member in FY 2020-2021 agreed to serve a second term in FY 2021-2022.

Last Lecture Committee—Honors invited seven students to serve on the selection committee for the 2021 Honors Outstanding Professor (Table H-7), a process that became necessary when Dr. David Brown of the Department of Mathematics, who was initially chosen for this honor, had to defer his presentation to 2022. The student-run committee was responsible for soliciting nominations of outstanding faculty from their Honors peers, reviewing those nominations, choosing finalists to interview, conducting those interviews, and selecting the 2021 Honors Outstanding Professor. This year's award went to Dr. Timothy Chenette from the Department of Music in the Caine College of the Arts, who will record and deliver virtually with live Q&A the 46th Annual Honors Last Lecture on November 3, 2021.

Honors Leadership Academy (HLA)—Now in its second year, the HLA is a program designed for first- and second-year students who aspire to be future leaders—in Honors and beyond. Pursuing a year-long curriculum, participants are trained in four key areas:

- Honors Ambassador—learning and sharing Honors benefits with others
- Honors Peer Educator—learning and showing peers how to navigate Honors requirements
- Honors Community Builder—joining and creating Honors community
- Honors Publicist—following and promoting Honors in social and other media

All 32 students who applied for this program in Fall 2020 were admitted into the academy. Of this group, 16 completed all program requirements (Table H-8); collectively, they form a talented and engaged pool from which Honors (and the institution more broadly) can draw future student leaders for service as ambassadors, peer mentors, and advisory board members.

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28. Thank-a-thon

As in previous years, Honors used the occasion of the end of the semester to encourage students to write thank-you notes to faculty, staff, alumni, and donors who made a difference in their lives. The importance and power of expressing gratitude is a recurring theme in the Honors Program's preparation of students for the next stage of their educational and career paths. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the fall and spring events were held virtually, and students were encouraged to express their gratitude by email.

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In FY 2020-2021, Honors distributed almost 35% of its spendable (non-salary) budget to student participants in the form of scholarships and awards, research funding, and miscellaneous academic and professionalization funding. The program disbursed an additional 50% of its spendable budget to faculty and their academic departments to support the development and teaching of selected Honors courses. This funding included:



\$12,250 in **scholarship** and award funds to 16 Honors students, with an additional **\$13,500** committed for FY 2021-2022 to 14 more Honors students.



22 undergraduate **research** awards totaling over **\$3,000** to 21 Honors students.



\$4,250 in **miscellaneous** academic and professionalization funding to support mentoring, Honors Book Lab, and engagement or enrichment experiences.



~**\$32,500** in **student wages**, allowing Honors students to gain professional experience as teaching fellows, peer mentors, peer advisors, and office assistants.



\$54,300 in direct funding to academic departments and Honors-engaged faculty to support teaching and development of **nine Honors courses**.

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1. Student Funding

Scholarships and Awards—Through a competitive application and review process, Honors awarded \$13,500 in scholarships to 14 students for FY 2021-2022 (Table F-1). The program distributed \$11,250 of the \$11,500 in scholarship funds awarded in the previous fiscal year to 16 recipients in FY 2020-2021. The Honors “Dare to Know” Book Award, available to students at all levels of the program, was awarded to twelve students, increasing the number of recipients for this award for the second year in a row.

In addition, two Spring 2021 Honors graduates, Kirsten Barker (Music Performance) and Christian Lange (Physics), earned a Joyce Kinkead Outstanding Honors Capstone Award, which carries a \$500 cash prize.

Research and Creative Work Funding—Despite the ongoing limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic, Honors students continued to conduct research or creative work and to attend academic and professional conferences. We were pleased to grant 22 undergraduate research and creative awards totaling almost \$3,500 to 21 students engaged in the pursuit and/or presentation of research or creative work; of these awards, \$3,000 (85%) was disbursed (Table H-9). Although this amount represents more than a two-thirds decrease from the previous fiscal year, the change was due primarily to the significantly lower cost to students of attending conferences that were almost all held virtually. Notably, both the number of awards made and the number of students awarded actually increased this year, in comparison to FY 2019-2020. These awards also included one funding match for the Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities (URCO) Grant Program, issued as part of the Honors Program’s ongoing partnership with USU’s Office of Research (Table H-10).

Study Abroad Funding—Due to institutional, national, and international travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, Honors received no applications and made no awards in this category in FY 2020-2021.

Honors Book Lab Funding— To support student participation in Honors Book Labs (Table E-6), Honors purchased books for 195 students as well as some faculty members for a total of \$3,640.44. This amount represents a 40% increase over the previous year’s funding, owing to the intentional expansion of this popular program to build community during the pandemic.

Miscellaneous Support—In addition to the other listed categories, Honors also supported a student community-building activity in Spring 2021 (Honors Spring Scavenger Hunt) with an additional \$609.98.

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Table F-1. Honors student academic scholarships and awards made in FY 2020-2021.

| Scholarship/Award | Amount | Recipient | Graduation Year/Major(s) |
|---|------------|-------------------------|--|
| Helen B. Cannon Award (Humanities and Social Sciences) | \$1,500.00 | Olivia Brock | 2022, Art History/Mathematics-Statistics Composite |
| Lawrence O. Cannon Award (STEM) | \$1,500.00 | Emilee Rickabaugh | 2022, Biological Engineering |
| Douglas D. Alder Scholarship (Leadership) | \$1,000.00 | James Mullen | 2022, Mechanical Engineering (Aerospace emphasis) |
| Elaine Alder Service Scholarship | \$1,000.00 | Alyssa Burton | 2023, Music Therapy |
| Joseph G. and Karen W. Morse Scholarship | \$750.00 | Ashlyn Christian | 2022, Elementary Education |
| Joseph G. and Karen W. Morse Scholarship | \$750.00 | Lauren Palmer (Pack) | 2022, International Studies |
| Joyce Kinkead Outstanding Honors Capstone Award | \$500.00 | Kirsten Barker | 2021, Music Performance |
| Joyce Kinkead Outstanding Honors Capstone Award | \$500.00 | Christian Lange | 2021, Physics |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Olivia Brock | 2022, Art History/Mathematics-Statistics Composite |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Alyssa Burton | 2023, Music Therapy |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Ashlyn Christian | 2022, Elementary Education |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Dallin Clements | 2024, Marketing |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Marisa Davis | 2023, Psychology |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Hayden Hoopes | 2022, Management Information Systems/Spanish |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Laura Lundahl | 2024, Mechanical Engineering/Computer Science |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Aubreyona Migliori | 2022, Nutrition Science |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | James Mullen | 2022, Mechanical Engineering (Aerospace emphasis) |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Lauren Palmer (Pack) | 2022, International Studies |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Teagan Perry | 2023, Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Melissa Rasmussen | 2022, Physics/Computer Science |

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Table F-1. Continued.

| Scholarship/Award | Amount | Recipient | Graduation Year/Major(s) |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Emilee Rickabaugh | 2022, Biological Engineering |
| Dare to Know Book Award | \$500.00 | Jordan Taft | 2024, Civil Engineering |

Student Wage Support—Honors contributed to the professional development of 21 Honors students by offering them employment in our program. In total, Honors allocated almost \$30,000 to support two Honors Peer Advisor positions, two Honors Office Assistant positions, an Honors Postgraduate Fellow position, and eight UTF positions for all Honors courses offered in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 (Table H-11). Although we were unable to fill one of the UTF positions, we greatly increased funding to peer advisors and the Honors Postgraduate Fellow to provide additional student and programmatic support during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, we exceeded our initial allocation by almost 10%, disbursing a total of \$32,377.02 in FY 2020-2021. That number includes support from the Provost’s Office for UTFs and Peer Advisors in the amount of \$15,820, bringing our program’s contribution to \$16,557.02.

Honors did not offer peer tutoring in FY 2020-2021 due to the remote nature of our program’s operations. Instead, Honors students were referred to institutional resources available through the Writing and Math and Statistics Tutoring Centers, which were able to move their activities online to deliver tutoring support to students.

2. Funding to Faculty and Departments

The program supported the teaching of eight Honors courses (four each in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021) with \$45,000 (Table E-4). In addition, seven Honors faculty received course-development funding of \$500-\$1,000 per course in Summer and Fall 2020 (for a total of \$6,000) for the creation of new Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Honors Introductory Experiences and Honors Think Tanks. Honors also supported the teaching of an Honors section of PE 1063: Strength and Conditioning in Fall 2020—a new offering (initially planned for the previous fiscal year but postponed at the time), which was a positive experience for both students and instructor.

Dr. Christopher Scheer (Music) and Dr. Tsung-Chen Shen (Physics) each received a Joyce Kinkead Outstanding Honors Capstone Mentor Award, which carries a \$500 cash prize, for their work with the graduates winning outstanding capstone awards this year. In addition, Raymond Veon of the Department of Art and Design won the 2021 Friend of Honors Award, which also comes with a \$500 cash prize, for his work on behalf of the program.

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In FY 2020-2021, Honors students generated a large number of relevant outputs and outcomes fully or partially attributable to their participation in the USU Honors Program:



40 capstones deposited in electronic format by USU Libraries in Digital Commons



94 presentations, involving **95 Honors student authors**, at local, state, regional, national or international conferences



70 optional transcript designation awards, including University Honors, Undergraduate Research, and Global Engagement Scholar



32 awards and honors at the national, university, college, or departmental levels

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1. Student Capstones

Barker, K. 2021. Pastoralism, Loss, and Nostalgia: Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* as an Elegy for Environmental Loss. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Beck, R. 2021. Gym Power Generation. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Benson, S. 2021. The *Moxie Mindset* Podcast. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Brunson, K. 2020. Between Two Borders: A Poetry Project. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Butikofer, A. 2021. The Intersection of Math and Art. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Clarkson Heaps, C. 2021. Terra Amada: Brazilian Immigrants in Utah. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Daines, S. 2021. Improving Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment through Ketones. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Dooley, K. 2021. Effects of Sex and Autism on Oxytocin Receptors in the Substantia Nigra of the Human Brain. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Dusenberry, B. 2021. Media and Medicine: A Look into How the Media Influences Health Literacy. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Edwards, T. 2021. Role of Novel Receptor GPR171 in Chemotherapy-Induced Neuropathic Pain. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Flores, S. 2021. Application of a Self-Disinfecting Surface for Hemodialysis. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Forest, J. 2021. Looking to the Body. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Frischkorn, C. 2021. Thermal Radiative Flux Measurement in 3D Printed Rocket Motors. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Goodwin, B. 2021. An Exploration into Polynomial Functional Graph Mapping Problems. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Ha, J. 2021. Could Video Intervention Be the Future? Effectiveness of Informational Video on ASD Knowledge. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Hand, H. 2021. Self-Regulated Learning During a Pandemic: Implementing the SEE Framework in an Online Teaching Environment. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Herron, M. 2021. The Effects of Estrogen and Arousal on Latent Inhibition. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Horrocks Barton, A. 2021. Sexual Misconduct at Utah State University: Prevalence, Outcomes, and Aid. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Jones, G. 2021. Optimal Control of Algae Biofilm Growth in Wastewater Treatment Using Computational Mathematical Models. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Jones, J. 2021. Education in the Digital Age: Video Games in the Classroom. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Kartchner, H. 2021. Non-Flush Patch Repairs CFD. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Kennedy, J. 2021. Informed Polluters. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Kjar, A. 2021. Investigation of Novel Excipients for Cytomegalovirus Treatment. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Lange, C. 2021. The Reflectance of Metallic Nanorod Arrays. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Lewis, S. 2021. "Botley, You Need to Listen!": Exploring Young Children's Interactions with Robots While Learning to Code. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Morgan, J. 2020. Modeling Performance of Microgrid and Electric Vehicle Technology on the Utah State University Electric Distribution Network. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Nathel Jones, E. 2021. Environmental Racism in a Growing City: Investigating Demographic Shifts in Salt Lake City's Polluted Neighborhoods. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Nelson, A. 2021. Media and the COVID-19 Infodemic. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Oliver, A. 2021. Depictions of Warfare in Fremont Rock Art. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Patchett, G. 2021. "Let Thy Conscience Act Her Part": Republican Motherhood in Civil War Popular Song. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Pointer, S. 2021. *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* in Samoa: Robert Louis Stevenson's Double Life as a Colonist and Advocate. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Randall, K. 2021. What is Reality? A Critical Analysis of the TV Show *Law & Order: SVU* Using the Cultivation Theory. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Scott, L. 2021. Investigating Children's Eye-Tracking Patterns and Processing Time of Canonical and Noncanonical Sentences. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Smith, A. 2021. The New Stanislavski System. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Sorensen, N. 2020. Analyzing the Adoption of Corporate Social Responsibility Strategies. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Sotillare, B. 2020. Developing a Coin Recovery Trommel. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Tebbs, A. 2020. Double Jeopardy or Not: Investigating the Experience of Black Women Entrepreneurs Seeking Small Business Financing. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Van Leeuwen, F. 2021. A Computational Study of Substituted Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Van Wagoner, K. 2021. The Effect of Video Narratives on Creating Realistic Expectations of Hearing Aids in Adults. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Warner, J. 2021. The Impact of Exercise Program Participation on Recidivism and Relapse Among Drug Court Participants. Honors Capstone Project, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

2. Student Presentations—Poster Presentations (Honors student in bold)

Ancell, E. 2021. Autocart: Spatially-Aware Regression Trees for Ecological and Spatial Modeling. Research on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Barker, K. 2021. Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* as an Elegy for Environmental Loss. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Batson, K. 2021. The Impact of Biological Components on a Dog's Personality. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Bee, N. 2021. Furrries: The Emergence of the Modern-Day Anthropomorphism Culture. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Bickmore, E. 2021. Take a Chance or Play it Safe? The Influence of Risk Orientation on Public Opinion Toward Immigration Policy. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Bickmore, E. 2021. The Impact of Risk Orientation on Immigration Policy: A Potential to Increase Evidence-Based Policy Appeal Based on Audience Traits. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Bleak, B. 2021. The Use of Dogs in Therapeutic Practices. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Bogoev, Y. 2021. Emergent Centralized Chinese Cryptocurrency Challenges Status of U.S. Dollar, Multiagency Action Required. Research on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Bradley, M. 2021. The Earliest Drawings of Dogs. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Brinck, S. 2021. Effective Use of Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Chester, H. 2021. The Role of Dogs in Ancient Mesopotamia. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Christensen, L. 2021. Silver Screens & Canines. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Christiansen, R., and N. Anderson. 2021. Efficacy of a YFV-Specific Monoclonal Antibody in the Treatment of YF in a Hamster Model. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Crump, E. 2021. Stated and Revealed Preferences for Supporting Endangered Species at Mammoth Cave National Park. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Cunningham, L. 2021. The Pekingese Dog Breed and Their Influence in China. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Davis, M., J. Rousseau, and J. Snow. 2021. Reducing Anger Race Bias through Emotion Recognition Training: A Proposal. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Dooley, K., and S. Freeman. 2021. Combining Nissl Staining and Digital Densitometry to Accurately Quantify Oxytocin Receptors in the Human Substantia Nigra. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Dougher, C. 2021. Expanding Healthcare to Underserved Communities. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Edwards, T., A. Ram, and A. McCarty. 2021. Role of Novel Receptor GPR171 in Chemotherapy-Induced Neuropathic Pain. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Frischkorn, C. 2021. Lunar Exploration Key for Advancing American Technology, International Status, Access to Resources. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Giles, A. 2021. Dogs and Death: A Changing Association. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Goodwin, B. 2021. An Exploration into Polynomial Functional Graph Mapping Problems. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Gornichec, O. 2021. Cloning Type IV-B CRISPR System into a Plasmid. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Graham, O. 2021. The Ideal Dog. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Ha, J. 2021. Could Video Intervention Be the Future? Effectiveness of Informational Video on Autism Spectrum Disorder Knowledge. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Ha, J. 2021. CRISPR and the Transhumanism Movement: Civilian and Military Ethics Reassessment Looming. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Hand, H. 2021. Self-Regulated Learning in a Pandemic: Implementing the SEE Framework in an Online Teaching Environment. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Hoopess, H. 2021. The Impact of Student Recreational Facilities Use on Student Persistence. National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Horrocks, A., D. Rodriguez, and K. Hintze. 2021. Impact of Fecal Microbiota Transfer (FMT) on Phenotype of Mice Fed a Standard Diet and a Western-Style Diet Using a Colitis-Associated Colorectal Cancer Model. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Hunter, J. 2021. Pure Breeding at Its Finest. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Jones, G., D. Ellis, R. Sims, and Z. Zhang. 2021. Optimal Control of Algae Biofilm Growth in Wastewater Treatment Using Computational Mathematical Models. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Jones, J., J. Gossard, and V. Grieve. 2021. Education in the Digital Age: Video Games in the Classroom. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Kennedy, J. 2021. Informed Polluters: A Comparison Between Pollutant Sources of Two Lakes and Resulting Remediation Strategies. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Lewis, S. 2021. "Botley, You Have to Listen!"- Exploring Young Children's Interactions with Robots While Learning to Code. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

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Meek, A., and N. Guymon. 2021. Low Cost, Accurate System for the Monitoring of Rotating Algal Biofilm Reactors with Raspberry Pi. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Mills, J. 2021. Still Life with Three Puppies. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Mills, W. 2021. Dog-headed: Outcast to All. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Morley, J. 2021. Dogs in Police Work. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Nguyen A. 2021. Identification and Characterization of PD-L1 in Bovine Placentas. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Olson, E. 2021. Dogs in Ancient Egypt. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Ottley, C. 2021. Dogs and Dehumanization. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Ottley, C. 2021. Dogs and Dehumanization. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Owens, E., E. Mortensen, and D. Rodriguez. 2021. Cytokine Indicators of Inflammation in Mice Fed a Western Type Diet. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Patchett, G. 2021. "Let Thy Conscience Act Her Part": Republican Motherhood in Civil War Popular Song. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Rice, E. 2021. Drought Tolerant Plants for the Western United States in Response to Climate Change. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Rickabaugh, E., B. Pace, and T. Peterson. 2021. Hagfish Protein Threads as Three Dimensional In Vitro Scaffolds for Skeletal Muscular Tissue. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Scott, L., and R. Gillam. 2021. Eye Tracking Patterns and Processing Times of Children With and Without Language Disorder During Sentence Processing. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Stevenson, T. 2021. Dogs in the Home Improve the Quality of Life of the People Living Inside. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Stringham, S. 2021. Formalized Curiosity: Outcomes of an Empirically-Based Research Methods Course for English Majors. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Stringham, S. 2021. Formalized Curiosity: Outcomes of an Empirically-Based Research Methods Course for English Majors. National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Suisse, D. 2021. Antimicrobial Assay of *Artemisia tridentata*. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Suisse, D., and K. Suisse. 2021. Antimicrobial Assay of *Artemisia tridentata*. Research on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Van Leeuwen, F. 2021. A Computational Study of Substituted Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Van Wagoner, E. 2021. Characters and Dogs: Relationships Between Dogs and Humans in Fictional Literature. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Walton, A. 2021. Belief, Virtue, and Illness in Late-Nineteenth Century Domestic Manuals. National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Walton, A. 2021. Belief, Virtue, and Illness in Late-Nineteenth Century Domestic Manuals. Research on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Walton, A. 2021. Themes of Belief in the Cause of Illness in the late 19th Century. National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Warner, J. 2021. The Impact of Exercise Program Participation on Recidivism and Relapse Among Drug Court Participants. Research on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Warner, J. 2021. The Impact of Exercise Program Participation on Recidivism and Relapse Among Drug Court Participants. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Whitney, S. 2021. The Dog as a Trend in Art. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

3. Student Presentations—Oral Presentations (Honors student in bold)

Barker, K. 2021. Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* as an Elegy for Environmental Loss. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Barker, K. 2021. Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* as an Elegy for Environmental Loss. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Barker, K. 2021. Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* as an Elegy for Environmental Loss. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Bullock, K. 2021. "Botley, You Need to Listen!" Exploring Young Children's Interactions with Robots While Learning to Code. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Coles, C. 2021. Emily Dickinson as a Spiritual Guide. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Cunningham, L. 2021. May Swenson's Exploration of Existence and Purpose Through Poetry. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Dusenberry, B. 2021. Medicine and the Media. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Fayard, A. 2021. How Dogs Representation in Cinema Reflects How They are Seen in the Real World. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Kartchner, H. 2021. Effect of Offshore Wind Farms on Mixing in a Stably Stratified Environment. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Virtual.

Kjar, A., A. Bailey, D. Fairbourn, E. Vargis, and D. Britt. 2021. Bioactive Excipients in Cytomegalovirus Treatment. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Lange, C., and T.-C. Shen. 2021. Electromagnetic Scattering From Periodic Conducting Arrays. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Lewis, S. 2021. "Botley, You Have to Listen!"- Exploring Young Children's Interactions with Robots While Learning to Code. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Mousley, J. 2021. (2,3)-Cordial Digraphs. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Mousley, J. 2021. (2,3)-Cordial Digraphs. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Mullen, J. 2021. Static Heat Exchanger for the Wireless Charging of Electric Vehicles. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Mullen, J. 2021. Static Heat Exchanger. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Nelson, A. 2021. Media and the COVID-19 Infodemic. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

Nguyen, A. 2021. Identification and Characterization of PD-L1 in Bovine Placentas. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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- Nguyen, A.** 2021. Identification and Characterization of PD-L1 in Bovine Placentas. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- Patchett, G.** 2021. "Let Thy Conscience Act Her Part": Republican Motherhood in Civil War Popular Song. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Virtual.
- Patchett, G.** 2021. "Let Thy Conscience Act Her Part": Republican Motherhood in Civil War Popular Song. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Patchett, G.** 2021. "Let Thy Conscience Act Her Part": Republican Motherhood in Civil War Popular Song. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- Randall, K.** 2021. What is Reality? A Critical Analysis of the TV show *Law & Order: SVU* using the Cultivation Theory. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- Redman, B.** 2021. Discovering Virally Encoded Proteins That Block Type IV CRISPR Immune Systems. National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Virtual.
- Schill, A.** 2021. There All Along: Emily Dickinson's Nimble Belief in the Face of Religious and Societal Convention. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Schulz, T.** 2021. How Pop-Culture Shaped Momiji Inubashiri. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Suisse, D.** 2021. Antimicrobial Assay of *Artemisia tridentata*. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- Suisse, D., and K. Suisse.** 2021. Antimicrobial Activity of *Artemisia tridentata*. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Talbot, M.** 2021. La Reconquista: How VOX uses the political myth of the Catholic King's "Reconquering". Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- Tebbs, A.** 2021. Double Jeopardy or Not? Investigating the Experience of Black Women Entrepreneurs Seeking Small Business Financing. Huntsman Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Van Wagoner, K.** 2021. The Effect of Video Narratives on Creating Realistic Expectations of Hearing Aids in Adults. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Walton, A.** 2021. Belief, Virtue, and Illness in Late-Nineteenth Century Domestic Manuals. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.
- Willard, E.** 2021. Non Compete Agreements and Low Wage Workers. Fall Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

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Willard, E., J. Johnson, and B. Bowen. 2021. Climate Change's Destabilizing Impacts on Nigerian Economy Leaves Room for Boko Haram Expansion. Spring Student Research Symposium, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.

4. Student Publications (Honors student in bold)

Jensen, R., J. K. Young, and R. E. Otis. 2020. Age, Sex Class, and Prey Abundance Influence the Frequency and Type of Percussive Behavior in the Southern Resident Killer Whale (*Orcinus orca*) Population at Lime Kiln Point State Park. *Northwestern Naturalist* 101:65-76.

5. Honors Program Staff Publications

Miller, K., ed. 2020. *Building Honors Contracts: Insights and Oversights*. NCHC Monograph Series, NCHC, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. 303 pp.

Miller, K. 2020. Honors in Practice: Beyond the Classroom. Pp. 263-294 in K. Miller, ed. *Building Honors Contracts: Insights and Oversights*. NCHC Monograph Series, NCHC, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

OUTCOMES

6. Graduation

During FY 2020-2021, 40 students successfully completed all requirements for graduation with University Honors. This number represents 6% of this year's Honors student population and 25% of the 2017 ($t-4$) first-year Honors cohort. Figure G-1 illustrates the Honors Program's completion rate based on four-year cohorts between 2005 and 2021. Formerly run with different graduation requirements for each department, Honors was renamed in 2014 as the University Honors Program, a university-wide program with shared requirements across disciplines.

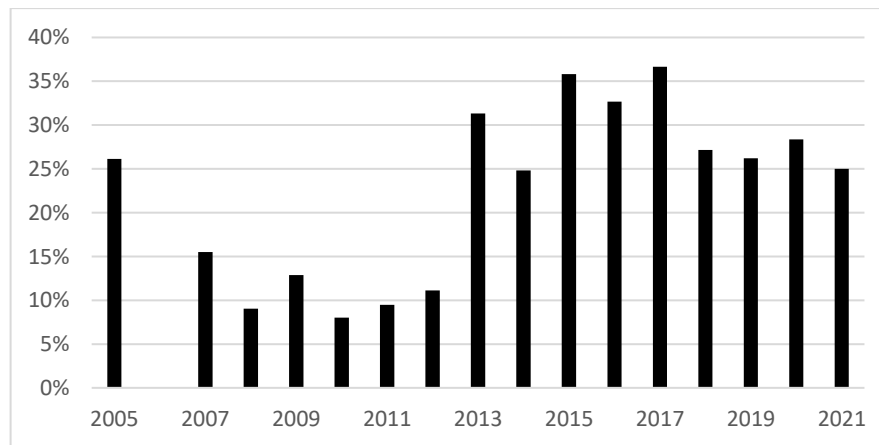


Figure G-1. Honors Program completion rate (graduation with Honors) at time t as a percentage of incoming first-year students at time $t-4$.

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7. Academic Action and Discontinuation

Academic Action—In an effort to support students and to help them grow as they take academic risks, the Honors advising staff proactively communicates with students about their status in the program through supportive messaging with non-threatening language tuned to each student’s stage in their undergraduate career. Internally only, these actions are collectively referred to and noted in the student’s advising file as “academic action.” Because students are required to meet a 3.5 cumulative USU GPA threshold (which may be petitioned) to graduate with Honors, these messages both treat single-term grades realistically and frame those grades within the larger picture of progress toward Honors graduation.

In FY 2020-2021, Honors sent “academic action” messages to 77 students whose GPAs had fallen below 3.0 for the current semester, as well as 64 students whose cumulative USU GPA was below a threshold determined by their year in the program: 3.34 for second-year students (22 academic action emails), 3.44 for third-year students (24 academic action emails), and 3.50 for fourth-year students/students in their final year (10 academic action emails).

Discontinuation—The Honors Program’s decision in 2019 to end the practice of involuntarily removing students for failure to meet GPA requirements, schedule regular advising appointments, and/or earn Honors points meant that more students took ownership of this process. In FY 2020-2021, 122 students voluntarily withdrew from the program for a variety of reasons (Figure G-2), with all but one of them remaining at USU.

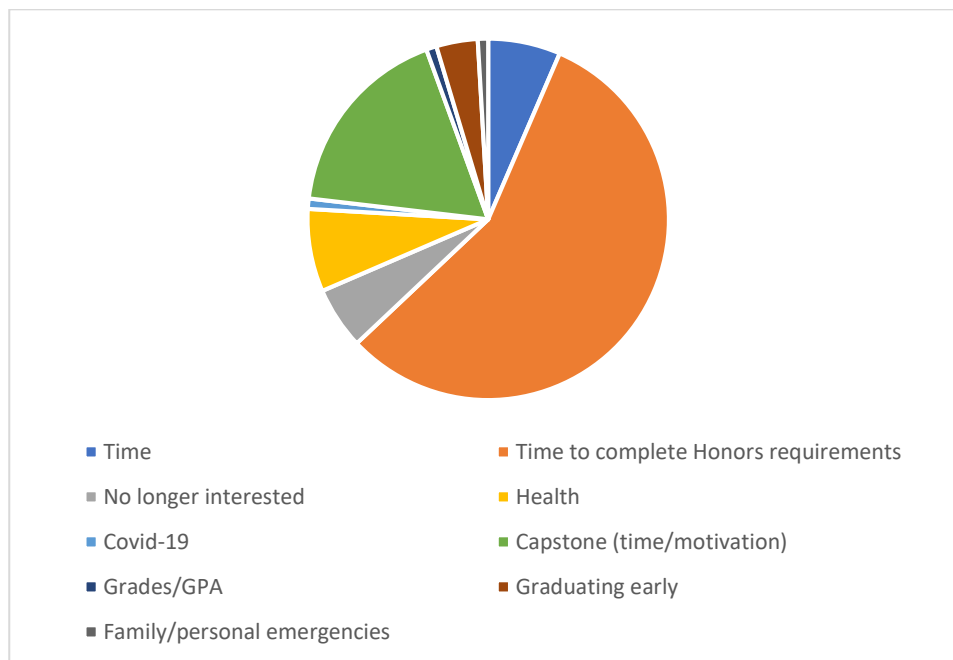


Figure G-2. Student withdrawals from the USU Honors Program in FY 2020-2021 by stated reason.

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8. Transcript Designations

University Honors—Every student who successfully completes the University Honors Program requirements earns a University Honors transcript designation. In FY 2020-2021, the following 40 Honors students graduated with University Honors, a number similar to that of FY 2019-2020:

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| Barker, Kirsten | Beck, Richard | Benson, Sierra |
| Brunson, Kallen | Butikofer, Abby | Carson Heaps, Corinne |
| Daines, Savannah | Dooley, Kip | Dusenberry, Baylee |
| Edwards, Taylor | Flores, Sierra | Forest, Jordan |
| Frischkorn, Cara | Goodwin, Braysen | Ha, Jennifer |
| Hand, Haley | Herron, Michael | Horrocks Barton, Abbey |
| Jones, Gerald | Jones, Jace | Kartchner, Holland |
| Kennedy, Jeffrey | Kjar, Andrew | Lange, Christian |
| Lewis, Selendra | Morgan, Jackson | Nathel Jones, Emma |
| Nelson, Aleksander | Oliver, Alicia | Patchett, Gianna |
| Pointer, Stephanie | Randall, Kinzie | Scott, Lexie |
| Smith, Abigail | Sorensen, Natalia | Sotillare, Ben |
| Tebbs, Alexandra | Van Leeuwen, Fiona | Van Wagoner, Katherine |
| Warner, Jayme | | |

Undergraduate Research—All students seeking the Undergraduate Research transcript designation must complete a minimum of two semesters of undergraduate research, scholarship, or creative activity supervised by a faculty mentor, present their work through a recognized venue, and submit to the Office of Research an application for this transcript designation. In FY 2020-2021, the following 26 Honors students earned an Undergraduate Research designation, a 115% increase over FY 2019-2020 that is attributable primarily to a concerted effort by Honors advising staff to inform students and motivate them to seek the designation:

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| Barker, Kirsten | Brunson, Kallen | Daines, Savannah |
| Dooley, Kip | Dusenberry, Baylee | Edwards, Taylor |
| Flores, Sierra | Forest, Jordan | Frischkorn, Cara |
| Ha, Jennifer | Hand, Haley | Herron, Michael |
| Horrocks Barton, Abbey | Jones, Gerald | Kjar, Andrew |

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| Lange, Christian | Morgan, Jackson | Nathel Jones, Emma |
| Nelson, Aleksander | Patchett, Gianna | Randall, Kinzie |
| Scott, Lexie | Tebbs, Alexandra | Van Leeuwen, Fiona |
| Van Wagoner, Katherine | Warner, Jayme | |

Global Engagement Scholar—The University Honors Program offers its students the opportunity to ground their Honors work in topics of global concern. Focusing on both academic understanding and practical application, Global Engagement Scholars are students who have learned to think deeply and engage thoughtfully with the international issues that shape their disciplines. The Global Engagement Scholar transcript designation communicates to future employers and/or graduate programs the student's commitment to international communication and understanding. Honors students seeking this transcript designation must demonstrate foreign language competence, accumulate nine credits/points of study abroad or other Honors-in-Practice work in an area of global concern, make a returning traveler presentation to the Honors community, and complete an Honors capstone project that demonstrates substantial engagement with global issues in the student's discipline.

In FY 2020-2021, four Honors students earned a Global Engagement Scholar designation, a 300% increase over FY 2019-2020:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Butikofer, Abby | Clarkson Heaps, Corinne | Ha, Jennifer |
| Kartchner, Holland | | |

9. Student Awards and Honors

State, National, and International Awards and Honors

Madeleine Alder, 2021 Truman Nominee
Ethan Ancell, 2021 Goldwater Scholar
Emilee Matheson, 2021 Truman Nominee
Jonathan Mousley, 2021 Goldwater Nominee
Melissa Rasmussen, 2021 Goldwater Nominee
Manuel Santana, 2021 Goldwater Scholar

University Awards and Honors

Emily Bonebrake, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Spring 2021
Olivia Brock, Caine Summer Arts Research Grant, 2021
Kip Dooley, Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation in Life Sciences, Spring Student Research Symposium

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Aubrey Felty, Caine Summer Arts Research Grant, 2021

Aubrey Felty, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Summer 2021

Crystal Fowler, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Spring 2021

Jennifer Ha, Achievement of the Year, USU 2021 Robins Awards

Heather Hopkins, Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation in Social Sciences and Education, Spring Student Research Symposium

Andrew Kjar, Scholar of the Year, USU 2021 Robins Awards

Aubreyona Migliori, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Summer 2021

Wesley Mills, 2021 Peak Summer Research Fellow

Andre Nguyen, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Summer 2021

Brandon Pace, Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation in Engineering, Spring Student Research Symposium

Emilee Rickabaugh, Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation in Engineering, Spring Student Research Symposium

Emilee Rickabaugh, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Summer 2021

David Suisse, 2021 Peak Summer Research Fellow

David Suisse, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Spring 2021

Ellie Willard, Outstanding Undergraduate Oral Presentation in Arts and Humanities, Spring Student Research Symposium

Andrew Williams, 2021 Peak Summer Research Fellow

Emily Wilson, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Fall 2020

Ryan Zaugg, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Grant, Summer 2021

College Awards and Honors

Kirsten Barker, Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year, Caine College of the Arts

Porter Ellis, Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year, College of Science

Keith Wilson, Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year, University Honors Program

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Departmental Awards and Honors

Corinne Clarkson Heaps, Student of the Year, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies (Portuguese)

Hyrum Hansen, Student of the Year, Department of Political Science

James Mullen, Outstanding Junior Student, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Table H-1. List of FY 2020-2021 Honors graduates.

| Name | College | Major(s) | Designation |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------|
| Barker, Kirsten | CCA | Music Performance | University Honors |
| Beck, Richard | ENGR | Electrical Engineering | University Honors |
| Benson, Sierra | CHaSS | Communication Studies | University Honors |
| Brunson, Kallen | CHaSS | International Studies/Chinese | University Honors |
| Butikofer, Abby | CoS | Applied Mathematics/Spanish | University Honors |
| Clarkson Heaps, Corinne | CHaSS | Portuguese/Journalism (Public Relations Emphasis) | University Honors |
| Daines, Savannah | CoS | Human Biology | University Honors |
| Dooley, Kip | CoS | Human Biology | University Honors |
| Dusenberry, Baylee | CEHS | Nursing | University Honors |
| Edwards, Taylor | CoS | Human Biology | University Honors |
| Flores, Sierra | ENGR | Biological Engineering | University Honors |
| Forest, Jordan | CHaSS | English (Creative Writing Emphasis) | University Honors |
| Frischkorn, Cara | ENGR | Mechanical Engineering | University Honors |
| Goodwin, Braysen | CoS | Computer Science | University Honors |
| Ha, Jennifer | CEHS | Psychology/Global Communication | University Honors |
| Hand, Haley | CEHS | Psychology | University Honors |
| Herron, Michael | CoS | Human Biology | University Honors |
| Horrocks Barton, Abbey | CEHS | Kinesiology | University Honors |
| Jones, Gerald | CoS | Mathematics | University Honors |
| Jones, Jace | CHaSS/HSB | History/Economics | University Honors |
| Kartchner, Holland | ENGR | Mechanical Engineering | University Honors |
| Kennedy, Jeffrey | ENGR | Environmental Engineering | University Honors |
| Kjar, Andrew | ENGR | Biological Engineering | University Honors |
| Lange, Christian | CoS | Physics | University Honors |
| Lewis, Selendra | CoS | Biological Science Composite Teaching | University Honors |
| Morgan, Jackson | ENGR | Electrical Engineering | University Honors |
| Nathel Jones, Emma | QCNR | Conservation and Restoration Ecology | University Honors |
| Nelson, Aleksander | CHaSS | Journalism (Public Relations Emphasis) | University Honors |

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Table H-1. Continued.

| Name | College | Major(s) | Designation |
|------------------------|---------|---|-------------------|
| Oliver, Alicia | CHaSS | Anthropology | University Honors |
| Patchett, Gianna | CCA | Music Cello Performance | University Honors |
| Pointer, Stephanie | CHaSS | English (Literature Emphasis) | University Honors |
| Randall, Kinzie | CHaSS | Global Communication | University Honors |
| Scott, Lexie | CEHS | Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education | University Honors |
| Smith, Abigail | CCA | Acting | University Honors |
| Sorensen, Natalia | HSB | Accounting/Economics | University Honors |
| Sotillare, Ben | ENGR | Mechanical Engineering (Aerospace Emphasis) | University Honors |
| Tebbs, Alexandra | HSB | Finance/International Business | University Honors |
| Van Leeuwen, Fiona | CoS | Chemistry | University Honors |
| Van Wagoner, Katherine | CEHS | Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education | University Honors |

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Table H-2. List of FY 2020-2021 Honors-engaged faculty, staff, and graduate mentors/instructors.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Abercrombie, Neil | CHaSS | IOGP |
| Adams, Brett | CoS | Biology |
| Allan, Vicki | CoS | Computer Science |
| Allen, LoraLynn | CEHS | Nursing and Health Professions |
| Allen, Nicole | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Archer, Seth | CHaSS | History |
| Arshavskaya, Ekaterina | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Avgar, Tal | QCNr | Wildland Resources |
| Babits, Chris | CHaSS | History |
| Bakker, Sara | CCA | Music |
| Barker, Brittan | CEHS | Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education |
| Bates, Scott | CEHS | Psychology |
| Beck, Russ | CHaSS | English |
| Becker, Kendall | QCNr | Wildland Resources |
| Belmont, Patrick | QCNr | Watershed Sciences |
| Benninghoff, Abby | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Berke, Ryan | ENGR | Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering |
| Bernhardt, Scott | CoS | Biology |
| Berreau, Lisa | CoS | Chemistry and Biochemistry |
| Bilicka, Katarzyna | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Blau, Benjamin | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Blings, Steffen | CHaSS | Political Science |
| Bobeck, Erin | CoS | Biology |
| Boettinger, Janis | CAAS | Plants, Soils, and Climate |
| Bonner, Julena | HSB | Marketing and Strategy |
| Bosworth, Ryan | CAAS | Applied Economics |
| Bowen, Briana | CHaSS | Center for Anticipatory Intelligence |
| Britt, David | ENGR | Biological Engineering |
| Brough, Aaron | HSB | Marketing and Strategy |
| Brown, David | CoS | Mathematics and Statistics |
| Brown, Donna | CCA | N/A |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Budge, Scott | ENGR | Electrical and Computer Engineering |
| Buhusi, Mona | CEHS | Psychology |
| Bullock, Cathy | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Bundock, Kaitlin | CEHS | Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling |
| Burbank, Jen | CoS | Biology |
| Callan, Gregory | CEHS | Psychology |
| Cannon, James | HSB | School of Accountancy |
| Cannon, Molly | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Carey, Jon | CEHS | Kinesiology and Health Science |
| Carter Olson, Candi | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Champagne, Brian | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Charlton, Rebecca | CAAS | Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences |
| Chen, Jasmine | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Chenette, Timothy | CCA | Music |
| Ciciurkaite, Gabriele | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Clarke Midura, Jody | CEHS | Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences |
| Cogan, Susan | CHaSS | History |
| Colver, Mitchell | N/A | Center for Student Analytics |
| Conrad, Polly | HSB | Data Analytics and Information Systems |
| Crawford, Dustin | CHaSS | English |
| Davidson, Jeanne | LIB | N/A |
| Davidson, Katie | N/A | Office of Global Engagement |
| DeBerard, Scott | CEHS | Psychology |
| DeJonge-Kannan, Karin | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| DeLisle, Jared | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Dixon, Michael | HSB | Management |
| Dupont, Ryan | ENGR | Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| Durward, Carrie | CAAS | Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences |
| Edwards, Boyd | CoS | Physics |
| Ellsworth, Joel | ENGR | Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering |
| Engler, John | CHaSS | English |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Erickson, Devon | HSB | School of Accountancy |
| Etchberger, Richard | QCNR | Wildland Resources |
| Evans, James | CoS | Geology |
| Eyre, Nikole | CHaSS | English |
| Ferguson, John | HSB | Management |
| Finley, Judson | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Flores, Tony | N/A | Veterans Resource Office |
| Freeman, Jacob | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Freeman, Sara | CoS | Biology |
| Fritts, Megan | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Gackstetter, Dennise | CCA | Art and Design |
| Gelfand, Laura | CCA | Art and Design |
| Geller, David | ENGR | Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering |
| Gordillo, Luis | CoS | Mathematics and Statistics |
| Gossard, Julia | CHaSS | History |
| Graf, Marlene | CAAS | Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences |
| Graham, Shane | CHaSS | English |
| Greenwood, Mary Ellen | CHaSS | English |
| Grieve, Victoria | CHaSS | History |
| Griffith, Todd | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Gunther, Jake | ENGR | Electrical and Computer Engineering |
| Habashi, Jessica | CoS | Biology |
| Hanks, Steven | HSB | Management |
| Harper, Mario | CoS | Computer Science |
| Hartwell, Christopher | HSB | Management |
| Hearns, Maureen | CCA | Music |
| Heath, Edward | CEHS | Kinesiology and Health Science |
| Hofmann, Erin | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Holland, Daniel | HSB | Marketing and Strategy |
| Hunsaker, Scott | CEHS | Teacher Education and Leadership |
| Hunt, Lauren | CCA | Music |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|----------------------------|---------|---|
| Jensen, Phebe | CHaSS | English |
| Jessop, Craig | CCA | Music |
| Judd-Murray, Rose | CAAS | Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education |
| Julander, Justin | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Kang, Jina | CEHS | Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences |
| Kannan, Vijay | HSB | Management |
| Kinkead, Joyce | CHaSS | English |
| Knowles, Ryan | CEHS | Teacher Education and Leadership |
| Kolodzinski, Kristof | CoS | Computer Science |
| Koven, Mark | CAAS | Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education |
| Kunz, Robb | CHaSS | English |
| Lavoie, Caroline | CAAS | Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning |
| Lee, Amanda | CCA | Art and Design |
| Lee, Yoon | CEHS | Human Development and Family Studies |
| Levin, Crissa | CEHS | Psychology |
| Litts, Breanne | CEHS | Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences |
| Lucas, Lauren | CoS | Biology |
| Lucero, Jessica | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Manibog, Lianna | CHaSS | English |
| Manuel-Dupont, Sonia | CHaSS | English |
| Marquez-Velarde, Guadalupe | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Martinez-Cola, Marisela | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Mason, Patrick | CHaSS | History |
| Mathias, Dean | CoS | Computer Science |
| McCuskey, Brian | CHaSS | English |
| McGonagill, Doris | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| McNeill, Laurie | ENGR | Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| Meier, Cris | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Meyer-Ficca, Mirella | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Miller, Carma | CEHS | Nursing and Health Professions |
| Miller, Kristine | CHaSS | English |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| Miller, Zachary | QCNr | Environment and Society |
| Monson, Debra | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Moon, Todd | ENGR | Electrical and Computer Engineering |
| Murphy, Mollie | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Norton, Jeanette | CAAS | Plants, Soils, and Climate |
| Odum, Amy | CEHS | Psychology |
| Olsen, Aaron | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Omasta, Matt | CCA | Theatre Arts |
| Orellana, Carla | CEHS | Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling |
| Palsson, Craig | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Peak, David | CoS | Physics |
| Peterson, Shannon | HSB | Economics and Finance |
| Podgorski, Greg | CoS | Biology |
| Read, Vicki | LIB | N/A |
| Richter, David | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Rickords, Lee | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Ritchie, Darcy | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Rivera-Mueller, Jessica | CHaSS | English |
| Rivers, Erin | QCNr | Watershed Sciences |
| Roberts, Nick | ENGR | Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering |
| Robison-Greene, Rachel | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Romney, Alexander | HSB | Marketing and Strategy |
| Sand, Alexa | CCA | Art and Design |
| Sanders, Matthew | CHaSS | Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies |
| Scheaffer, Melissa | ENGR | Engineering Education |
| Scheer, Christopher | CCA | Music |
| Scheiner, Steve | CoS | Chemistry and Biochemistry |
| Schupp, Eugene | QCNr | Wildland Resources |
| Searle, Kristin | CEHS | Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences |
| Seedall, Ryan | CEHS | Human Development and Family Studies |
| Shcheglovitova, Mariya | QCNr | Environment and Society |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|---------------------------|---------|---|
| Shen, Tsung-Chen | CoS | Physics |
| Shiple, Michael | CCA | Theatre Arts |
| Singleton, Patrick | ENGR | Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| Sinor, Jennifer | CHaSS | English |
| Smith, Judy | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Soyer, Mehmet | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Spears, Jeff | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Stewardson, Denise | CAAS | Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education |
| Straight, Nathan | CHaSS | English |
| Studenka, Breanna | CEHS | Kinesiology and Health Science |
| Sweeten, Thayne | CoS | Biology |
| Taylor, Cree | CHaSS | English |
| Thayer, Anastasia | CAAS | Applied Economics |
| Thomas, Brent | CoS | Mathematics and Statistics |
| Thornton-Kuth, Kara | CAAS | Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science |
| Torres-Rua, Alfonso | ENGR | Civil and Environmental Engineering |
| VanGeem, Stephen | CHaSS | Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology |
| Vargis, Elizabeth | ENGR | Biological Engineering |
| Veblen, Kari | QCNr | Wildland Resources |
| Veon, Raymond | CCA | Art and Design |
| Verdoes, Maryellen Mclain | CEHS | Psychology |
| Vigneault, Marissa | CCA | Art and Design |
| Walsworth, Timothy | QCNr | Watershed Sciences |
| Wang, Meredith | CHaSS | Journalism and Communication |
| Watson, Daniel | CoS | Computer Science |
| Watson, Nanette | CEHS | Teacher Education and Leadership |
| Wengreen, Heidi | CAAS | Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences |
| Williams, Becky | CoS | Biology |
| Yong, Kim | HSB | Management Information Systems |
| Young, Matthew | CoS | Mathematics and Statistics |
| Young, Steve | CAAS | Plants, Soils, and Climate |

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Table H-2. Continued.

| Name | College | Department or Program |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Zhao, Jia | CoS | Mathematics and Statistics |
| Zane, Regan | ENGR | Electrical and Computer Engineering |

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Table H-3. List of FY 2020-2021 faculty Departmental Honors Advisors (DHA).

| Department/Area | Name |
|--|--|
| <i>College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences</i> | |
| Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences | Thornton-Kuth, Kara |
| Applied Economics | Bosworth, Ryan |
| Applied Sciences, Technology and Education | Koven, Mark |
| Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning | Lavoie, Caroline |
| Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science | Wengreen, Heidi (until 8/20) Charlton, Rebecca (since 8/20) |
| Plants, Soils and Climate | Norton, Jeanette |
| <i>Caine College of the Arts</i> | |
| Art, Art History, Interior Design | Vigneault, Marissa |
| Music, Music Education, Music Therapy | Bakker, Sara |
| Theatre Arts | Omasta, Matt |
| <i>Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services</i> | |
| Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education | Manuel-Dupont, Sonia |
| Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and TEAL | Hunsaker, Scott |
| Human Development and Family Studies | Lee, Yoon |
| Health, Physical Education, and Recreation/Kinesiology and Health Sciences | Studenka, Breanna |
| Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences | Litts, Breanne (until 9/20) Kang, Jina (since 10/20) |
| Nursing | Allen, Loralynn |
| Psychology | Bates, Scott (until 8/20) Levin, Crissa (since 8/20) |
| Special Education and Rehabilitation | Bundock, Kaitlin |
| <i>College of Humanities and Social Sciences</i> | |
| Anthropology | Freeman, Jacob |

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| Department/Area | Name |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Communication Studies | Sanders, Matthew |
| English | Kinkead, Joyce |
| History/Religious Studies | Gossard, Julia |
| International Studies, Law and Constitutional Studies, Political Science | Blings, Steffen |
| Journalism and Communication | Monson, Debra |
| Languages | McGonagill, Doris |
| Philosophy | Robison-Greene, Rachel |
| Social Work | Meier, Cris |
| Sociology | Ciciurkatie, Gabriele |
| <i>College of Engineering</i> | |
| Biological Engineering | Vargis, Elizabeth |
| Civil and Environmental Engineering | McNeill, Laurie |
| Electrical and Computer Engineering | Gunther, Jake |
| Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering | Ellsworth, Joel |
| <i>College of Science</i> | |
| Biochemistry and Chemistry | Scheiner, Steve |
| Biology and Public Health | Adams, Brett |
| | Burbank, Jen |
| Computer Science | Watson, Dan |
| Geology | Evans, James |
| Mathematics and Statistics | Brown, David (until 12/20) |
| | Thomas, Brent (since 1/21) |
| Physics | Edwards, Boyd (until 12/20) |
| | Shen, TC (since 1/21) |
| <i>Jon M. Huntsman School of Business</i> | |
| Accounting | Cannon, James |
| Economics and Finance | Palsson, Craig |

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Table H-3. Continued.

| Department/Area | Name |
|--|------------------|
| Management | Dixon, Mike |
| Management Information Systems | Yong, Kim |
| Marketing and Strategy | Romney, Alex |
| <i>S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources</i> | |
| College of Natural Resources Coordinator | Schupp, Eugene |
| Environment and Society | Miller, Zachary |
| Watershed Sciences | Belmont, Patrick |
| Wildland Resources | Veblen, Kari |

Table H-4. FY 2020-2021 Honors Faculty Advisory Board (HFAB).

| College or Academic Unit | Name |
|---|---|
| College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Benninghoff, Abbey |
| Caine College of the Arts | Gelfand, Laura |
| Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Bates, Scott |
| College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Jensen, Phebe |
| College of Science | Brown, David (Fall 2020) Peak, David (Spring 2021) |
| College of Engineering | Vargis, Elizabeth |
| Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Kannan, Vijay |
| S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources | Schupp, Eugene |
| University Libraries | Davidson, Jeanne |
| Office of Research | Sand, Alexa |

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Table H-5. FY 2020-2021 Membership of the Honors Statewide Campus Task Force.

| Name | Role |
|------------------|---|
| Adams, Taylor | Assistant Vice President, Director of Students, Statewide Campuses |
| Etchberger, Rich | Vice Provost, Statewide Campuses |
| Habashi, Jessica | University Honors Program Faculty Liaison, Brigham City Campus |
| Leidolf, Andreas | Coordinator, University Honors Program |
| Miller, Kristine | Executive Director, University Honors Program |
| Spears, Jeff | University Honors Program Faculty Liaison, USU Eastern Price Campus |
| Straight, Nathan | University Honors Program Faculty Liaison, Brigham City Campus |
| Williams, Becky | University Honors Program Faculty Liaison, Uintah Basin Campus |

Table H-6. FY 2020-2021 Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB).

| College | Name |
|---|------------------------|
| Caine College of the Arts | Brock, Olivia |
| College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences | Nguy, Andy |
| College of Engineering | Fowler, Crystal |
| College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Jones, Jace |
| College of Science | Daines, Savannah |
| Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services | Horrocks Barton, Abbey |
| Jon M. Huntsman School of Business | Dixon, Isaac |
| S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources | Butikofer, Jamie |

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Table H-7. FY 2020-2021 Last Lecture Selection Committee.

| Name | College |
|----------------------------|---|
| Mullen, James (Co-chair) | College of Engineering |
| Randall, Kinzie (Co-chair) | College of Humanities and Social Sciences |
| Butikofer, Jamie | S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources |
| Cole, Morgan | Jon M. Huntsman School of Business |
| Glazner, Haylee | Jon M. Huntsman School of Business |
| Greenwood, Emma | Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Morley, Jackson | College of Science |

Table H-8. FY 2020-2021 Honors Leadership Academy Graduates.

| Name | College |
|--------------------|--|
| Bee, Nate | College of Science |
| Brawand, Marina | Jon M. Huntsman School of Business/Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Bullock, Kathleen | Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Burton, Alyssa | Caine College of the Arts |
| Colwell, Mallory | Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Gaither, Alyssa | College of Engineering |
| Holman, Kelsie | College of Humanities and Social Sciences |
| Leonelli, Ella | College of Engineering |
| McMullin, Kyle | College of Science |
| Ottley, Carter | College of Humanities and Social Sciences |
| Smith, Bri | Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Smith, Tate | Jon M. Huntsman School of Business |
| Sundberg, Heidi | College of Science/Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services |
| Taft, Jordan | College of Engineering |
| Thomas, Adalene | College of Science |
| Wiilhelm, Samantha | College of Engineering |
| Wilkinson, Gracie | College of Humanities and Social Sciences |

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Table H-9. Recipients of Honors Research Fund awards during FY 2020-2021.

| Name | Title/Description of Research or Activity |
|--------------------|--|
| Barker, Kirsten | Research—Chamber Opera: On the Art of Becoming |
| Barker, Kirsten | Travel ^a —Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Bullock, Kathleen | Travel—National Collegiate Honors Council 2020 Annual Conference |
| DeBruin, Mikenna | Travel—A Conversation with Resmaa Menakem |
| Dusenberry, Baylee | Research—Medicine and the Media: A Look into How the Media Influences Health Literacy |
| Ha, Jennifer | Research—Could Video Intervention be the Future? Effectiveness of Informational Videos on ASD Knowledge |
| Hadjer, Bensaha | Travel—National Collegiate Honors Council 2020 Annual Conference |
| Jensen, Rylee | Research—Age, Sex Class, and Prey Abundance Influence the Frequency and Type of Percussive Behavior in the Southern Resident Killer Whale (<i>Orcinus orca</i>) Population at Lime Kiln Point State Park |
| Johnson, Anna | Travel—A Conversation with Resmaa Menakem |
| Kjar, Andrew | Travel—BMES 2020 Annual Meeting and Publication |
| Lewis, Selendra | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Merrill, Madison | Travel—A Conversation with Resmaa Menakem |
| Mousley, Jonathan | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Nguyen, Andre | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Oliver, Alicia | Research—McKonkie Ranch Field Research |
| Ottley, Carter | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Patchett, Giana | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Popa, Michael | Travel—National Collegiate Honors Council 2020 Annual Conference |
| Randall, Kinzie | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Suisse David | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |
| Talbot, Madeline | Travel—Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research 2021 |

^a All travel awards in FY 2020-2021 were for attendance at virtual conferences.

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Table H-10. Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities (URCO) grant program Honors matching funds during FY 2020-2021.

| Name | Title/Description of Research |
|--------------------|--|
| Kartchner, Holland | Effect of Offshore Wind Farms on Mixing in a Stably Stratified Environment |

Table H-11. Honors student employment during FY 2020-2021.

| Position | Name |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Honors Student Peer Advisor | Brawand, Marina (Spring/Summer 2021) |
| | Marz, Gabby (Fall 2020) |
| | Ottley, Carter (Spring/Summer 2021) |
| | Pack (Palmer), Lauren (Spring 2021) |
| | Sorensen, Natalia (Fall 2020) |
| Honors Post Graduate Fellow | Hallock, Emma (Fall 2020, Spring 2021) |
| | Daines, Savannah (Summer 2021) |
| Honors Student Office Assistant | Hyde (Jensen), Trinda (Fall 2020) |
| | Aller, Madison (Fall 2020, Spring 2021) |
| Honors Connections Peer Mentor | Alder, Clara |
| | Butikofer, Abby |
| | Butikofer, Jamie |
| | Conover, Riley |
| | Felty, Aubrey |
| | Nguy, Andy |
| | Pack, Lauren |
| | Wilson, Keith |
| | HONR 1320 Undergraduate Teaching Fellow (UTF) (Fall) |
| HONR 1330 UTF (Fall) | Dixon, Isaac |
| HONR 1340 UTF (Fall) | Oliver, Alicia |
| HONR 3020/3030 UTF (Fall) | Stringham, Samantha |
| HONR 1320 UTF (Spring) | Clarkson Heaps, Corinne |
| HONR 1350 UTF (Spring) | Dixon, Isaac |
| HONR 3020/3030 UTF (Spring) | |

Report from the Educational Policies Committee Oct 6, 2021

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) met on Oct 6, 2021. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the Educational Policies Committee web page (www.usu.edu/epc).

During the Oct 6, 2021 meeting of the EPC, the following actions were taken:

1. **General Education Subcommittee**

- A significant discussion on General Education requirements based on discussions that are ongoing with the rewrite of the R470 policy. The impact on departments and programs with any increase in the total number of required credits was reviewed. Plans to minimize this impact was also discussed.

2. **Academic Standards Subcommittee**

- No meeting/report for the month of September.
- Followed up on the conversation about the catalog change in regards to University initiated leave. Received great feedback, cleaned it up and sent to Krysten Deschamps, in Student Affairs and let them know that it was approved by the EPC.
- A discussion occurred regarding the graduate post-humous degree. USU wants to look at the right timeframe/window for families to receive the post humous degree for graduate students. Input was solicited from all committee members. The Graduate Council will discuss and provide recommendations for the next EPC meeting

3. **Curriculum Subcommittee**

- Approval of 126 course requests. Two requests (POLS 4850 and IOGP were held). Also changed five LAEP courses from inactive to deletions.
- Request from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a **Certificate of Advanced Practice in Dietetics**.
- Request from the Department of Social Work in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to establish the **Transforming Communities Institute**.

4. **Other Business**

- N/A

Report from the Educational Policies Committee Nov 4, 2021

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) met on Nov 4, 2021. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the Educational Policies Committee web page (www.usu.edu/epc).

During the Nov 4, 2021 meeting of the EPC, the following actions were taken:

1. **General Education Subcommittee**

- No meeting (nothing to report)

2. **Academic Standards Subcommittee**

- A discussion of the wording of the Email Communication Policy in the General Catalog was had. This included new language surrounding the preferred student email address. The Academic Standards Committee proposed new language for the catalog and the EPC modified to the language to help provide clarity. The language will be sent back to the Academic Standards Subcommittee. It now reads:

“USU provides an official A#@usu.edu email account to all students for use during their academic career. The university uses this address to send important communications to students.

“It is the responsibility of all students to check their email accounts on a regular basis. Students will be held accountable as being officially notified when any correspondence is sent by university representatives to their official email account.”

- A discussion occurred regarding the graduate post-humous degree. A revision of this new language was needed for graduate degrees. It now reads:

“When a current USU student dies, the Office of the Provost will initiate a review of the academic work that has been completed. If it is determined, in consultation with the academic advisor, department head and dean, that the student could have reasonably completed all remaining requirements for a bachelor’s or a doctoral degree (a four-or more year degree) with an additional two semesters of enrollment, the degree will be granted. If it is determined that the student could have reasonably completed all remaining requirements for an associate’s degree or a master’s degree (a one-to-two-year degree) with an additional one semester of enrollment, the degree will be granted. If the student does not qualify for a posthumous degree, a certificate of achievement may be awarded to honor the work the student

completed. If it is determined that a degree can be awarded, the Office of the Provost will work with the Office of the Registrar to have the posthumous degree posted.”

3. Curriculum Subcommittee

- Approval of 109 course requests.
- Request from the Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to **offer an Additive Manufacturing Certificate of Proficiency.**
- Request from the Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to offer a **Certificate specifically targeted toward Career and Technical Education (Career and Technical Education Teach Academy).**
- Request from the Department of Aviation and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to **offer a Welding Technology Certificate of Proficiency.**
- Request from the Departments of Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology and Health Science, Psychology, Communication Studies and Philosophy, History, Political Science, Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology, and Management in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to **offer an Institutional Certificate of Proficiency in Conflict Management and Facilitation.**
- Request from the Department of English in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to add a **specialization to the existing MA/MS in English that will be titled “Literature, Culture, and Composition”.**
- Request from the Departments of Communication Studies and Philosophy, Economics and Finance, Government Relations, History, Management, Political Science, and Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to **offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Leadership and Diplomacy.**
- Request from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in the College of Engineering to **offer a Master of Science in Composite Materials and Structures.**
Request from the President’s Office and the Office of Research at Utah State University to **establish the Institute for Land, Water, and Air.**

4. Other Business

- N/A

Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Committee, Utah State University
Report to the Faculty Senate for Academic Year 2020-2021

Membership

David Feldon, Committee Chair
Agriculture and Applied Sciences – Jennifer MacAdam
Arts – Maureen Hearn
Business – Kelly Fadel
Education and Human Services – David Feldon (chair)
Engineering – Nicholas Roberts
Humanities and Social Sciences – Anna Pechenkina
Natural Resources – Doug Ramsey
Science – Joe Koebbe
Libraries – Clint Pumphrey
Extension – Michael Caron
Statwide Campuses – Scott Hammond
USU Eastern – Cindy Behunin
Senate – Maureen Hearn
Senate – David Feldon (chair)
Senate – Nicholas Roberts

Mission as Defined in USU Policies and Procedures

The AFT Committee meets during the academic year to discuss “matters related to academic freedom, tenure, promotion, dismissals, and other sanctions; and actions alleged not to be in accordance with the adopted standards, policies, and procedures of the University” [Policy 402.12.3(1)(a)].

Committee Business Academic Year 2021

The AFT Committee conducted no Faculty Grievance Hearings during 2020-2021.

The committee received one inquiry from a faculty member during the year, involving the interpretation of USU Faculty Policies and Procedures. The committee chair at the time (Michael Lyons) responded to the faculty member by citing the appropriate language in USU Faculty Policies and Procedures. This question did not result in a request for action by the committee.

David Feldon
Professor, Instructional Technology & Learning Sciences
AFT Committee Chair

University Libraries Advisory Council

Report to the Utah State University Faculty Senate November 4 2021

Charge

The University Libraries Advisory Council advises the Vice-Provost for University Libraries and Instructional Support in (1) meeting the learning, instruction, and research needs of students, faculty and staff; (2) formulating library policies in relation to circulation, services, and the collection development of resources for instruction and research; and (3) interpreting the needs and policies of the libraries to the University. The Council membership consists of nine faculty members, one from each College and Extension with one undergraduate and graduate student appointed by the Provost. Faculty members serve three-year terms and are renewable once. The Vice-Provost for University Libraries and Instructional Support serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The chair is elected from the Council membership on an annual basis. (<https://www.usu.edu/policies/105/>).

Council Members (2020-2021)

Council members who served during the 2020-2021 academic year included:

Christine Cooper-Rompato, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Chair); Alex Braeger, Graduate Student Senator; Noah Braeger, USUSA Science Senator; Bryce Fifield, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services; Scott Findley, Huntsman School of Business; Nick Roberts, College of Engineering; David Wall, Caine College of the Arts; Dean Brad Cole, Ex-officio, Libraries and Instructional Support. There were no representatives from the following: College of Ag. and Extension; College of Science; College of Natural Resources.

2020-2021 Activities

The Library Advisory Committee met 2 times during the 2020-2021 academic year (10/29/2020 and 3/22/2021). Below is a summary of the discussions.

Library's Continuing Response to COVID-19

Following on from the previous academic year the library continued to implement various policies and procedures to allow maximum use/access within the (often shifting) guidelines for safety. The hope was to operate at normal hours and accessibility for the Fall 2021 semester.

Library Budget and Acquisitions

The library took the 2.3% budget cut (instituted across campus) which came to an amount a little over \$253,000 but were able to use one-time acquisition money to cover the cut. Some publishers giving a break on inflation costs for the coming year(s). Taylor & Francis agree to 0% inflation for 2021 and 2% per year the next several years. Elsevier also proposed a 0% for the year with lower levels over the next 3 years.

Library Positions

The Library had 7 people take advantage of the VSIP one of whom was the Data Management Librarian, Betty Rozum. Rozum's replacement, L. Wynholds began working for the Library in January. Three other successful searches resulted in Nicki Fuller joining the library as the new Online Learning Librarian; Terri Jordan joining as the new Folklore Curator; and Jason Folkman

as the new Electronic Resources Librarian. Learning and Engagement Services gained a first-year experience librarian in January 2020, Katie Strand. Over the last year a significant part of her role coordinating Library instruction for first-year programs such as English Composition and Connections. As part of the COVID-19 response she worked to transition these programs to on-line.

Initiatives and Ongoing Issues

1. Provision of book-drop facility with disability access. A book-drop was established on the north side of the library, but access was quickly impeded by the placement of a recycling bin. The importance of an easily and freely accessible drop-off point for those with limited mobility was emphasized and a letter was drafted to appropriate stakeholders (Facilities, Parking etc.) to raise concern and address the possibility of resituating the drop-box.
2. COVID-19 related issues notwithstanding, the library was able to keep student employees working throughout last academic year a transcription project during last year and began working hard on EDI and developing a Land Acknowledgement. Over the academic year, Digital Initiatives created 6 new digital exhibits, created 21 new digital history collections, increased faculty collaborations for the Institutional Repository, and supported 154 courses with Open Education Resources including 13 grants to adapt, adopt and create OER.
3. Special Collections and Archives worked to provide as much access as possible to collections within COVID protocols including instruction to 48 class sessions, creating online learning objects, and adapting general reference & research support to Slack, Zoom and email.
4. Patron Services were able to keep the building open while maintaining social distancing and mask wearing. The library had reduced hours for both fall and spring semesters but expanded hours post-Spring Break 2021.
5. Librarians worked very closely campus wide with AIS to move courses online and moved all library instruction online, moved reference assistance virtual, increased online chat, moved the assignment design workshop to virtual format, and worked toward incorporating DEI into teaching practices.
6. Dean Brad Cole retired from USU in the summer of 2021. The current Interim Dean of the Library is Jennifer Duncan.

2020-2021 Annual Report
Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC)

Prepared by Timothy Chenette, Chair 2021-2022

Approved by FEC vote, Oct. 22, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The charge and membership of the FEC is established in the Policy manual 402.12.7 (revised 6Jan2012) as follows:

402.12.7 Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC) (1) Duties. *The Faculty Evaluation Committee shall (a) assess methods for evaluating faculty performance; (b) recommend improvements in methods of evaluation; and (c) decide university awards for the Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the year and Undergraduate Faculty Advisor of the Year.*

(2) Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty representative from each academic college, Regional Campus and Distance Education, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, two student officers from the USUSA and one elected graduate student representative. The faculty representatives are elected to the committee in accordance with policy 402.11.2. The committee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

Current Committee Members 2020-2021

- *Agriculture and Applied Sciences* – **Kelli Munns**
- *Arts* - **Timothy Chenette** (Chair)
- *Business* – **Todd Griffith**
- *Education and Human Services* – **Crissa Levin**
- *Engineering* – **Timothy Taylor**
- *Humanities and Social Sciences* – **Michael Lyons**
- *Natural Resources* – **Doug Ramsey**
- *Science* – **Vicki Allan**
- *Libraries* – **Liz Woolcott**
- *Extension* – **Narine Lendel**
- *Statewide Campuses* – **Kim Hales**
- *USU Eastern* – **Steve Nelson**
- *Student Representatives* – **Porter Casdorff** (USUSA Executive Vice President)
- *Student Representatives* – **Ethan Conlee** (USUSA Student Advocate)
- *Student Representatives* – **Niyonta Chowdhury-Magana** (USUSA Graduate Studies Senator)

Meeting Dates 2020-2021

January 12, 2021 (to choose a chair)

February 26, 2021

March 22, 2021

SUMMARY OF FEC ACTIVITIES 2020–2021

The FEC was not active for the first half of the school year due to pandemic-related disruptions. On Jan. 12, 2021, the committee was revived and Britt Fagerheim (libraries) agreed to serve as chair for the rest of the year.

In February, the FEC reviewed nomination materials and selected recipients for the Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year (Heloisa Rutigliano), the Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year (Brian Champagne), and the Faculty University Service (Joyce Kinkead) awards.

In March, the committee met to discuss topics to explore in 2021–2022. These topics include methods of faculty teaching evaluation outside of IDEA scores, and whether work that supports the university's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goals might be formally included in faculty evaluation standards. Timothy Chenette (arts) agreed to serve as chair for 2021–2022.

USUSA 2020-21
Faculty Senate Report

COVID-19 and Student Resilience

- “A New Normal”
- Safety Precautions:
 - Online & Zoom Courses
 - Face Coverings
 - Quarantines
- Mental health struggles & other externalities



Leadership & Excitement From USUSA Officers & Volunteers

- Provided Involvement & Leadership Opportunities for Over 300 Students
- Focused On Underclassmen Representation within Committees & Councils



Provided Vibrant Student Life Through Modified Events, Traditions, and Ceremonies like...

Homecoming



High Stakes Bingo



The HOWL



Miss USU



Mardi Gras



Concerts



Graduation



TEDxUSU



Students Worked on Several Initiatives to Improve the USU Experience

USUSA Constitutional Changes to Better Unify Statewide Campuses

The Constitution of the Utah State University Student Association

Preamble

The Constitution of the Utah State University Student Association (USUSA), hereafter referred to as the Constitution, establishes and outlines the authority of the student association. This Constitution is ancillary to the Utah State University Student Code of Conduct (Student Code Article IV, Section IV-1).

The Constitution for the students of Utah State University is hereby established for and by the students for the betterment of each student's academic experience, student life, and the

Free Menstrual Products in Restrooms

The screenshot shows a news article on the KSL.com website. The headline is "'Gender equity in public spaces': Utah State University to provide free menstrual products for students". The article text includes: "LOGAN — Who walks around with quarters in their pockets anymore? In the world of online banking, pretty much no one, least of all college students. But for a menstruating individual caught in public without supplies, you'd better hope you have quarters. That's what students in Utah State University's Women in Business Association quickly realized after a conversation about the inconvenience of obtaining menstruation". There is also an advertisement for CenturyLink Fiber Internet Today.



New MyUSU

The screenshot shows the new MyUSU dashboard. It features a navigation menu on the left with options like Activity, Dashboard, Announcements, Discover, Events, Shortcuts, Email, Groups, Tools, Academic Status, Registration & Classes, Finance, General Tools, USU Profile and ID, and Campus Safety. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and includes sections for "Getting Started on MyUSU", "Canvas", "USU Email", and "GETTING STARTED WITH MyUSU". There is also a "HELP IN A HAND" section.

Campus Beautification: Mural Contest & Pergola Display



Student Fee Developments



Alumni Engagement: Leave a Legacy Campaign & Aggie Network



SNAC Expansion



Questions & Comments?

Thank You!



POLICY MANUAL

FACULTY

Number 401

Subject: Composition and Authority of the Faculty

Effective Date: July 1, 1997

Revision: July 1, 1999; March 6, 2009; August 13, 2010; July 8, 2011; March 4, 2016. January 11, 2019, January 10, 2020.

Date of Last Revision: May 20, 2020

401.1 FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

Utah State University is an institution of higher education comprising multiple, geographically dispersed campuses, each of which employs faculty. The faculty consists of the president, the provost, ~~the chancellor~~, academic deans, ~~regional campus deans~~, and other members of the tenured and tenure-eligible faculty, faculty with term appointments, faculty with special appointments, and emeritus faculty as defined herein. All appointed faculty, without regard to which campus they are assigned, are members of the Utah State University faculty.

401.2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Faculty Defined; Faculty Categories

The terms "faculty" and "faculty members" designate university employees ~~appointed as~~ - described under Policy 401 appointed for the purpose of carrying out one or more of the following primary functions of the university: (1) academic instruction and technical training, (2) enlargement of knowledge through research and other creative activities, and (3) dissemination of knowledge through extension, service, and other methods.

Faculty members receive appointments in one of the following four separate categories: (1) tenured or tenure-eligible appointments; (2) term appointments without eligibility for tenure; (3) special appointments without eligibility for tenure and; (4) emeritus appointments.

2.2 Academic Units and Academic Departments Defined

The term “school” has been used in two different ways at the university. In all cases but one, a “school” is the equivalent of a “department.” In one case, the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, the term is used as the equivalent of a “college.” Throughout the remainder of Section 400, whenever the term “department” appears, it is assumed to encompass all “schools” except the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. The latter is governed by policies that apply to colleges, not departments. Whenever the term “college” is used in this policy, it will encompass all academic colleges and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business.

An academic unit is a group of faculty with an identifiable teaching, research, or other academic mission. To be designated an academic unit, the group of faculty must fulfill all of the following criteria: (a) have an identifiable curriculum or formal description in current university catalogs or other publications; (b) have a separate, identifiable budget; (c) be designated an academic unit by decision of the Educational Policies Committee and ratification of the Faculty Senate, and approved by the president, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.

An academic department is a group of faculty with an identifiable teaching, research, or other academic mission. To be designated an academic department, the group of faculty must fulfill all of the following criteria: (a) offer or administer a degree, certificate, or some other official credential of the university; (b) have an identifiable curriculum and formal description in current university catalogs or other publications; (c) have a separate identifiable budget; (d) be designated an academic department by decision of the Educational Policies Committee and ratification of the Faculty Senate, and approved by the president, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.

All academic departments are academic units. Two academic units are not academic departments. These are the Library and Extension.

401.3 THE TENURED AND TENURE-ELIGIBLE FACULTY

3.1 Description and Eligibility

The tenured and tenure-eligible faculty consists of those individuals appointed to carry out the university's scholarly and educational functions and who have been or may be granted permanent status ([Policy 405.1.2, Permanence of Appointment Conferred by Tenure](#)). They receive their appointments within academic units. All faculty in this category either hold tenure or enter the process that may lead to the granting of tenure. Tenured and tenure-eligible faculty appointments ~~shall~~will not be made for less than 0.5 FTE.

3.2 Academic Ranks: Core Faculty

Tenured and tenure-eligible faculty members appointed to an academic department are the "core" faculty and hold one of the following ranks: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. ~~A description of each follows. (See [Policy 405.2, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Core Faculty Ranks](#), and [Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments](#), for a~~
~~completed~~detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.)

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(1) ~~3.2.1 Instructor.~~

~~Appointment as instructor requires a master's degree or its equivalent, as determined by the appropriate administrator, and demonstrated ability in accordance with the role statement.~~

(2) ~~Assistant Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to assistant professor requires a terminal degree or its equivalent; demonstrated ability in teaching, research or creative endeavors, extension, service, or other qualifying work in accordance with the role statement and evidence of progressive professional development as determined by the appropriate administrator.~~

(3) ~~Associate Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to associate professor requires all the qualifications prescribed for an assistant professor; an established reputation in teaching, research or creative endeavors, extension, service, or other qualifying work in accordance with the role statement; and broad recognition for professional success in the field of appointment.~~

(4) ~~Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to professor requires all the qualifications prescribed for an associate professor and an established outstanding reputation in the field of appointment.~~

3.3 Academic Ranks: Librarians

Faculty members appointed to the academic unit of the library hold one of the following ranks: affiliate librarian, assistant librarian, associate librarian, or librarian. ~~A description of each follows.~~ (See [Policy 405.3, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Librarians and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments](#), for a ~~complete detailed~~ discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.)

(1) ~~Affiliate Librarian.~~

~~Appointment as affiliate librarian would occur when a candidate has not yet completed a master's degree in library and information science from an institution accredited by the American Library Association or a relevant postgraduate degree but has demonstrated ability in accordance with the role statement.~~

(2) ~~Assistant Librarian.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to assistant librarian requires a master's degree in library and information science from an institution accredited by the American Library Association or a relevant postgraduate degree and demonstrated ability in accordance with the role statement.~~

(3) ~~Associate Librarian.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement to associate librarian requires all the qualifications prescribed for an assistant librarian; an established reputation in librarianship based on scholarship, and~~

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service; and broad recognition for professional success in librarianship.

~~(4) Librarian.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement to librarian requires all the qualifications prescribed for an associate librarian and an established outstanding reputation in the field of academic librarianship.~~

3.4 Academic Ranks: Extension

Faculty members appointed to the academic unit of Extension and who fulfill general Extension responsibilities hold one of the following ranks: Extension Instructor, Extension Assistant Professor, Extension Associate Professor, or Extension Professor. ~~A description of each follows.~~ (See ~~p~~Policy 405.4, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Faculty with Extension Ranks, and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments, for a detailed complete discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.)

~~(1) Extension Instructor.~~

~~Appointment as extension instructor requires a master's degree or its equivalent, as determined by the appropriate administrator, and demonstrated ability related to in accordance with the role statement.~~

~~(2) Extension Assistant Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to extension assistant professor requires a master's degree or its equivalent; demonstrated ability in teaching, research, extension, or other qualifying work; and evidence of progressive professional development as determined by appropriate administrator.~~

~~(3) Extension Associate Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to extension associate professor requires all the qualifications prescribed for an extension assistant professor; an established reputation based upon a balance of scholarship, teaching, and service; and broad recognition for professional success in the field of appointment.~~

~~(4) Extension Professor.~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to extension professor requires all the qualifications prescribed for an extension associate professor and an established outstanding reputation in the field of appointment.~~

3.5 Academic Ranks: Professional Career and Technical Education

Faculty members appointed to the School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education with responsibilities for professional career and technical education will hold one of the following ranks: Professional Career and Technical Education Instructor, Professional Career and Technical Education Assistant Professor, Professional Career and Technical Education Associate Professor, or Professional Career and Technical Education Professor. ~~A description of each follows.~~ (See ~~p~~Policy 405.5, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Professional Career and

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~~Technical Education Faculty Ranks, and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments, for a complete detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion to these ranks.)~~

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~~(1) Professional Career and Technical Education Instructor.~~

~~Appointment as a professional career and technical education instructor requires six years of applicable work experience at the journeyman level. Up to three years of academic training from an accredited college may be substituted for three years of work experience.~~

~~(2) Professional Career and Technical Education Assistant Professor.~~

~~Appointment as a professional career and technical education assistant professor requires an associate of applied science or associate of science degree from an accredited college plus basic industry qualifications; three years full-time teaching experience at an accredited college; demonstrated ability in accordance with the role statement and evidence of progressive professional development.~~

~~(3) Professional Career and Technical Education Associate Professor~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to a professional career and technical education associate professor requires all of the qualifications prescribed for assistant professor; a bachelor's degree from an accredited university; a minimum of seven years of full-time teaching at an accredited college; an established reputation in accordance with the role statement; and broad recognition for professional success in professional career and technical education.~~

~~(4) Professional Career and Technical Education Professor~~

~~Appointment as or advancement in rank to a professional career and technical education professor requires all of the qualifications prescribed for an associate professor; a master's degree or higher from an accredited university; a minimum of 12 years of full-time teaching experience at an accredited college; an outstanding reputation in accordance with the role statement; and national recognition for professional success in professional and technical education.~~

3.6 Exceptions

Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to ~~Section~~Policy 401.3, The Tenured and Tenure-Eligible Faculty, may be made to the qualifications for appointment in the various ranks in order to fulfill the mission of the university. Exceptions require petition to and approval by the president, and must specify a time period for meeting the qualifications.

401.4 THE FACULTY WITH TERM APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Description and Appointment Requirements

The faculty with term appointments consists of individuals appointed to perform specialized academic duties that make substantial and regular contributions to a university academic unit, but do not have the permanence of appointment of tenured faculty.

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Term appointments are for one academic or fiscal year in duration and are automatically renewed based on: ~~1. funding and performance, unless the faculty members holding such appointments are given notice of nonrenewal (satisfactory performance (Policies 405.12.1, Annual Review of Faculty, and 407.6, Non-Renewal, and 2. availability of funding (Policy 407.6, Non-Renewal) and performance~~ Notice of non-renewal must be provided in accordance ~~with, unless the faculty members holding such appointments are given notice of nonrenewal (Policy 404.1.2.4(4), Professional Services)~~. The faculty member who holds a term appointment has no claim to a de facto permanent appointment based on length of service. ~~For those faculty whose salaries depend on extramural funds, the appointment is dependent upon the availability of those funds. Term appointments are established only in an academic unit.~~

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Appointments for less than one academic or calendar year's duration are made to the temporary, ~~not term appointment,~~ ranks (~~Policy 401.5.2.3(3), Temporary Ranks~~). ~~For those faculty whose appointments depend on extramural funds, the appointment is dependent upon the availability of those funds. Term appointments are established only in an academic unit.~~

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4.2 Academic Ranks

The academic ranks for the faculty with term appointments follow.

(+) 4.2.1 Lecturer Ranks.

Faculty members whose function it is to teach remedial (0010-0990), lower division (1000-2990), or, on occasion, upper division (3000-4990) university courses, are appointed to one of the following titles: lecturer, senior lecturer, or principal lecturer. Lecturers who are uniquely qualified through education and/or experience may, under special circumstances, teach a course 5000 and above after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit for the course.

(+) 4.2.2 Clinical Ranks.

Faculty members whose primary function is the supervision of students in clinical practicum, residency, and intern programs may be appointed to one of the following ranks: clinical instructor, clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor, or clinical professor, after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area.

(+) 4.2.3 Research Ranks.

Faculty members whose primary function is research and whose source of funding is extramural may be appointed to one of the following ranks: research assistant professor, research associate professor, or research professor, after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area. Appointment to the research ranks requires a terminal degree or its equivalent.

(+) 4.2.4 Federal Cooperator (FC) Ranks.

Faculty members who are federal employees, who are paid by agencies of the federal government, whose primary function at the university is equivalent to core faculty, and who serve as faculty under cooperative agreements between the university and the federal government

(e.g., U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service) may be appointed to one of the following ranks: instructor (FC), assistant professor (FC), associate professor (FC), or professor (FC), after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area. Appointments to federal cooperator ranks are made only in academic units where such cooperative agreements exist.

⊖ 4.2.5 Federal Research (FR) Ranks.

Faculty members who are federal employees, who are paid by agencies of the federal government, whose primary function at the university is research, and who serve as faculty under agreements between the university and the federal government (e.g., U.S. Department of Agriculture) may be appointed to one of the following ranks: assistant professor (FR), associate professor (FR), or professor (FR), after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area. Appointments to federal research ranks are made only in academic units where such agreements exist.

⊖ 4.2.6 Professional Practice Ranks

Faculty members with substantial professional experience and expertise in a specific professional arena outside of academe, who contribute to an academic program by administration, teaching, mentoring, advising, service, or other responsibilities based on ~~his or her~~their professional experience may be appointed to one of the following ranks: professional practice instructor, professional practice assistant professor, professional practice associate professor, or professional practice professor, after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area.

⊖ 4.2.7 State Cooperator (SC) Ranks

Faculty members who are state-level employees, who are paid by government agencies of the ~~state other than Utah State University~~ government, whose primary function at the university is equivalent to core faculty, and who serve as faculty under cooperative agreements between the university and state government (e.g., Utah Department of Natural Resources) may be appointed to one of the following ranks: instructor (SC), assistant professor (SC), associate professor (SC), or professor (SC), after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area. Appointments to state cooperator ranks are made only in academic units where such cooperative agreements exist.

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4.3 Limitations on Positions: Faculty with Term Appointments

⊖ 4.3.1 No Tenure.

Faculty with term appointments are not eligible to enter the process that leads to the granting of tenure, unless the faculty member's status is changed.

⊖ 4.3.2 Changes in Status.

All changes in status from term appointment faculty to faculty with tenure or tenure-eligibility require ~~a national~~an external search.

⊖ 4.3.3 Leave.

Faculty with term appointments are not eligible for sabbatical leave, but may be granted professional leave under appropriate conditions, as determined by the appropriate administrator.

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⊕ 4.3.4 Limitations on Faculty Participation.

Faculty with term appointments are eligible to be elected to and to vote for members of the Faculty Senate. The participation in faculty affairs of faculty members holding lecturer, clinical, research, federal research, or professional practice ranks is subject to the following limitations: they may participate in the processes of setting policy within their academic units only to the extent determined by their appointing departments, colleges, or other academic units; (b) they may serve as members of appointed faculty committees and may vote on all matters except those relating to appointment, retention, tenure, or promotion of tenured and/or tenure-eligible faculty. Federal and State cooperator ranks are exempt from the foregoing limitations on faculty participation with the following exceptions: they may not serve on committees or vote on matters relating to the appointment, retention, tenure, or tenure-promotion of tenure-eligible faculty.

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401.5 FACULTY WITH SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Description and Appointment Requirements

The faculty with special appointments consists of those individuals whose appointments confer a limited association with the university as described below. Such appointments are made to establish an association with professional peers for temporary or part-time service.

Faculty members with special appointments must possess qualifications and experience commensurate with those required for tenured and/or tenure-eligible or term appointment faculty. Proposed special appointments must be considered by appropriate departmental procedures. Periodic reviews of the performance of faculty members with special appointments may be conducted. Faculty members with special appointments are not eligible for tenure.

5.2 Academic Ranks

The academic ranks for the faculty with special appointments follow.

⊕ 5.2.1 Adjunct Ranks.

Faculty members whose association with an academic department is secondary to an appointment within a different department, institution, organization, or other personal and professional interests can be appointed as adjunct faculty. The term "adjunct" may precede any faculty title in the tenure and term appointment ranks. Adjunct appointments are made for less than 50 percent time only.

⊕ 5.2.2 Visiting Ranks.

Faculty members from other academic institutions who are participants in a university exchange program or who are employed to teach one or more semesters for an academic department while on leave from another academic institution are appointed to one of the following ranks: visiting instructor, visiting assistant professor, visiting associate professor, or visiting professor.

⊕ 5.2.3 Temporary Ranks.

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⊕ 5.3.1 No tenure eligibility.

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⊕ 5.3.2 Limitations on faculty participation.

The participation of faculty members holding adjunct, temporary, or visiting positions is subject to the following limitations: (a) they may participate in the processes of setting policy within their departments only to the extent determined by their appointing departments; (b) they may serve as voting members of appointed faculty committees except those relating to appointment, retention, tenure, or promotion of tenured and/or tenure-eligible faculty and faculty with term appointments; (c) they may not be counted among the number of faculty members for the purposes of apportioning the Faculty Senate members; and (d) they are ineligible to be elected to and to vote for members of the Faculty Senate.

401.6 EMERITUS FACULTY

At the time of retirement and upon recommendation of the president and the approval of the Board of Trustees, faculty members may be awarded the honorary rank of Emeritus preceding their final academic rank.

401.7 LIST OF FACULTY

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401.8 AUTHORITY OF THE FACULTY

8.1 Policy Statement

(+) [8.1.1](#) American Association of University Professors Joint Statement.

Although this policy statement may contain some provisions that are the same or similar to certain principles promulgated by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), this policy statement is not intended to incorporate AAUP principles and interpretations, and any such incorporation by reference is expressly disclaimed.

(+) [8.1.2](#) Faculty Responsibility for Educational Process.

The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter, ~~and~~ methods of instruction, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. In those exceptional circumstances when the power of review or final decision of the president is exercised adversely on these matters, it shall be communicated to the faculty. Following such communication, the faculty shall have the opportunity for further consideration and further transmittal of its view to the president.

The faculty sets the requirements for the degrees offered, determines when the requirements have been met, and recommends to the president that the degrees be granted.

(+) [8.1.3](#) Faculty Status and Related Matters.

Faculty status and related matters, such as appointments, reappointments, non-renewals of appointments, terminations, dismissals, reductions in status, promotions, and the granting of tenure are primarily a faculty responsibility. The primary responsibility of the faculty for such matters is based upon the fact that its judgment is central to general educational policy. Furthermore, scholars in a particular field or activity have the chief competence for judging the work of their colleagues; in such competence it is implicit that responsibility exists for both

adverse and favorable judgments. Determination in these matters should be first by faculty action through established university procedures, reviewed and approved by the president, followed where necessary, by the approval of the Board of Trustees and/or the Board of Regents.

(+) 8.1.4 Collegial Governance of the University.

There is shared responsibility in the governance of the university with a meaningful role for the faculty. This role includes participation in decisions relating to the general academic operations of the university, such as budget matters and the appointment of administrators. The faculty should actively advise in the determination of policies and procedures governing salary increases.

Organizations and methods for faculty participation in the collegial governance of the university should be established wherever faculty responsibility is present. The organizations and methods may consist of meetings of the faculty members of a department, college, library, extension, other academic unit, or the university as a whole; or they may take the form of faculty-elected committees in academic units and a faculty designed, approved, and established committee through the joint effort of the faculty and the administration.

(+) 8.1.5 Faculty and Administration Communications.

Suggested means of communication among the faculty university administrators, and the Board of Trustees are:

- (a) circulation of memoranda and reports,
- (b) joint ad hoc committees of the groups,
- (c) standing liaison committees of the groups, and
- (d) membership of faculty members on administrative councils, committees, and other bodies.

8.2 Legislative Authority of the Faculty

Subject to the authority of the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and the president, the faculty shall legislate on all matters of educational policy, enact such rules and regulations as it deems desirable to promote or enforce such policies, and decide upon curricula and new courses of study. The legislative power will normally be exercised by the Faculty Senate. In all matters except those within the authority of the Faculty Senate, the faculty retains original jurisdiction.

8.3 Appellate Authority of the Faculty: Right to Review and to Modify Faculty Senate Actions

Faculty members who are eligible to vote in Faculty Senate elections shall have the appellate power to review Faculty Senate actions by means of a special meeting. Upon the written petition of 10% of these faculty members, or upon the written request of 25 senators, the faculty must meet to reconsider Faculty Senate actions and to ratify, modify, or

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repeal them. The petition or request must be submitted to the university president as chair of the faculty.

401.9 MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY

9.1 Calling Meetings

Meetings of the faculty may be convened upon the call of the university president. Upon receipt by the president of a written request or a written petition as provided in [Policy 401.8.3, Appellate Authority of the Faculty: Right to Review and Modify Faculty Senate Actions](#), the president must call a meeting of the faculty within ten working days to discuss and/or act on issues raised in the request or petition.

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9.2 Notice

Faculty must receive individual notice of the meeting and its agenda a minimum of five days before the meeting, unless a majority of them waives that notice prior to or at the meeting or unless the [university president waives the notice on the grounds of emergency](#).

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9.3 Quorum

Any number over ten percent of the faculty eligible to vote in Faculty Senate elections shall constitute a forum for discussion at faculty meetings, but no vote shall be binding unless a quorum is present. Fifty percent plus one member of the voting faculty shall constitute a quorum. A quorum being present, all actions shall be by majority vote of those in attendance with voting power. Meeting procedures shall be governed by [the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order](#).

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401.10 CHAIR OF THE FACULTY; SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

The president of the university (and in the president's absence, the executive vice president and provost) is the chair of the faculty and presides over all meetings of the faculty. The president of the university shall appoint a secretary for the faculty who will also be ex officio Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The secretary shall record all actions of the faculty when it meets, and shall preserve the records in a form convenient for reference.

401.11 COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY

The faculty may appoint, at any time, such committees as the work of the university may require. These committees must report to the faculty and to the Faculty Senate the progress of their work and the action they have taken.



University Policy 401: Composition and Authority of the Faculty

Category: Faculty Policies (Faculty Code)

Sub Category: None

Covered Individuals: University Faculty

Responsible Executive: Provost

Policy Custodian: Chair of Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee

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401.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy explains the composition and authority of the University's faculty, including a description of all ranks, governing principles, and calling of faculty meetings.

401.2 POLICY

2.1 Faculty Membership

Utah State University is an institution of higher education comprising multiple, geographically dispersed campuses, each of which employs faculty. The faculty consists of the president, the provost, academic deans, and other members of the tenured and tenure-eligible faculty, faculty with term appointments, faculty with special appointments, and emeritus faculty as defined herein. All appointed faculty, without regard to which campus they are assigned, are members of the Utah State University faculty.

2.2 Definitions

2.2.1 Faculty Defined; Faculty Categories

The terms "faculty" and "faculty members" designate university employees as described under Policy 401 appointed for the purpose of carrying out one or more of the following primary functions of the university: (1) academic instruction and technical training, (2) enlargement of knowledge through research and other creative activities, and (3) dissemination of knowledge through extension, service, and other methods.

Faculty members receive appointments in one of the following four separate categories: (1) tenured or tenure-eligible appointments; (2) term appointments without eligibility for tenure; (3) special appointments without eligibility for tenure and; (4) emeritus appointments.

2.2.2 Academic Units and Academic Departments Defined

The term “school” has been used in two different ways at the university. In all cases but one, a “school” is the equivalent of a “department.” In one case, the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, the term is used as the equivalent of a “college.” Throughout the remainder of Section 400, whenever the term “department” appears, it is assumed to encompass all “schools” except the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. The latter is governed by policies that apply to colleges, not departments. Whenever the term “college” is used in this policy, it will encompass all academic colleges and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business.

An academic unit is a group of faculty with an identifiable teaching, research, or other academic mission. To be designated an academic unit, the group of faculty must fulfill all of the following criteria: (a) have an identifiable curriculum or formal description in current university catalogs or other publications; (b) have a separate, identifiable budget; (c) be designated an academic unit by decision of the Educational Policies Committee and ratification of the Faculty Senate, and approved by the president, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.

An academic department is a group of faculty with an identifiable teaching, research, or other academic mission. To be designated an academic department, the group of faculty must fulfill all of the following criteria: (a) offer or administer a degree, certificate, or some other official credential of the university; (b) have an identifiable curriculum and formal description in current university catalogs or other publications; (c) have a separate identifiable budget; (d) be designated an academic department by decision of the Educational Policies Committee and ratification of the Faculty Senate, and approved by the president, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.

All academic departments are academic units. Two academic units are not academic departments. These are the Library and Extension.

2.3 The Tenured and Tenure-Eligible Faculty.

2.3.1 Description and Eligibility. The tenured and tenure-eligible faculty consists of those individuals appointed to carry out the university's scholarly and educational functions and who have been or may be granted permanent status (Policy 405.1.2, Permanence of Appointment Conferred by Tenure). They receive their appointments within academic units. All faculty in this category either hold tenure or enter the process that may lead to the granting of tenure. Tenured and tenure-eligible faculty appointments will not be made for less than 0.5 FTE.

2.3.2 Academic Ranks: Core Faculty. Tenured and tenure-eligible faculty members appointed to an academic department are the "core" faculty and hold one of the following ranks: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. See Policy 405.2, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Core Faculty Ranks, and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Website URL

Faculty with Term Appointments, for a detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.

2.3.3 Academic Ranks: Librarians. Faculty members appointed to the academic unit of the library hold one of the following ranks: affiliate librarian, assistant librarian, associate librarian, or librarian. See Policy 405.3, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Librarians and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments, for detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.

2.3.4 Academic Ranks: Extension. Faculty members appointed to the academic unit of Extension and who fulfill general Extension responsibilities hold one of the following ranks: Extension Instructor, Extension Assistant Professor, Extension Associate Professor, or Extension Professor. See Policy 405.4, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Faculty with Extension Ranks, and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments, for a detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion for these ranks.

2.3.5 Academic Ranks: Professional Career and Technical Education. Faculty members appointed to the School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education with responsibilities for professional career and technical education will hold one of the following ranks: Professional Career and Technical Education Instructor, Professional Career and Technical Education Assistant Professor, Professional Career and Technical Education Associate Professor, or Professional Career and Technical Education Professor. See Policy 405.5, Tenure and Promotion: Criteria for Professional Career and Technical Education Faculty Ranks, and Policy 404.3, Appointment Procedures, Tenured or Tenure-Eligible Faculty and Faculty with Term Appointments, for a detailed discussion of the criteria for appointment or promotion to these ranks.

2.3.6 Exceptions. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to Policy 401.2.3, The Tenured and Tenure-Eligible Faculty, may be made to the qualifications for appointment in the various ranks in order to fulfill the mission of the university. Exceptions require petition to and approval by the president and must specify a time period for meeting the qualifications.

2.4 Faculty with Term Appointments

2.4.1 Description and Appointment Requirements. The faculty with term appointments consists of individuals appointed to perform specialized academic duties that make substantial and regular contributions to a university academic unit, but do not have the permanence of appointment of tenured faculty.

Term appointments are for one academic or fiscal year in duration and are automatically renewed based on: 1. satisfactory performance (Policies 405.12.1, Annual Review of Faculty, and 407.6, Non-Renewal, and 2. availability of funding (Policy 407.6, Non-Renewal). Notice of non-renewal must be provided in accordance with Policy 404.1.2.4, Professional Services. The faculty member who holds a term appointment has no claim to a de facto permanent appointment based on length of service. For those faculty whose salaries depend on extramural funds, the appointment is dependent upon the availability of those funds. Term appointments are established only in an academic unit.

Appointments for less than one academic or calendar year's duration are made to the temporary, not term appointment, ranks (Policy 401.2.5.2.3, Temporary Ranks).

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2.4.2.1 Lecturer Ranks. Faculty members whose function it is to teach remedial (0010-0990), lower division (1000- 2990), or, on occasion, upper division (3000-4990) university courses, are appointed to one of the following titles: lecturer, senior lecturer, or principal lecturer. Lecturers who are uniquely qualified through education and/or experience may, under special circumstances, teach a course 5000 and above after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit for the course.

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2.4.2.7 State Cooperator (SC) Ranks. Faculty members who are state-level employees, who are paid by government agencies of the state other than Utah State University, whose primary function at the university is equivalent to core faculty, and who serve as faculty under cooperative agreements between the university and state government (e.g., Utah Department of Natural Resources) may be appointed to one of the following ranks: instructor (SC), assistant professor (SC), associate professor (SC), or professor (SC), after full consultation between the department head and the faculty of the department that grants credit in this area. Appointments to state cooperator ranks are made only in academic units where such cooperative agreements exist.

2.4.3 Limitations on Positions: Faculty with Term Appointments.

2.4.3.1 No Tenure. Faculty with term appointments are not eligible to enter the process that leads to the granting of tenure, unless the faculty member's status is changed.

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2.8 Authority of the Faculty

2.8.1 Policy Statement.

2.8.1.1 American Association of University Professors Joint Statement. Although this policy statement may contain some provisions that are the same or similar to certain principles promulgated by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), this policy statement is not intended to incorporate AAUP principles and interpretations, and any such incorporation by reference is expressly disclaimed.

2.8.1.2 Faculty Responsibility for Educational Process. The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter, methods of instruction, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. In those exceptional circumstances when the power of review or final decision of the president is exercised adversely on these matters, it will be communicated to the faculty.

Following such communication, the faculty will have the opportunity for further consideration and further transmittal of its view to the president.

The faculty sets the requirements for the degrees offered, determines when the requirements have been met, and recommends to the president that the degrees be granted.

2.8.1.3 Faculty Status and Related Matters. Faculty status and related matters, such as appointments, reappointments, non-renewals of appointments, terminations, dismissals, reductions in status, promotions, and the granting of tenure are primarily a faculty responsibility. The primary responsibility of the faculty for such matters is based upon the fact that its judgment is central to general educational policy.

Furthermore, scholars in a particular field or activity have the chief competence for judging the work of their colleagues; in such competence it is implicit that responsibility exists for both adverse and favorable judgments. Determination in these matters should be first by faculty action through established university

procedures, reviewed and approved by the president, followed where necessary, by the approval of the Board of Trustees and/or the Board of Regents.

2.8.1.4 Collegial Governance of the University. There is shared responsibility in the governance of the university with a meaningful role for the faculty. This role includes participation in decisions relating to the general academic operations of the university, such as budget matters and the appointment of administrators. The faculty should actively advise in the determination of policies and procedures governing salary increases.

Organizations and methods for faculty participation in the collegial governance of the university should be established wherever faculty responsibility is present. The organizations and methods may consist of meetings of the faculty members of a department, college, library, extension, other academic unit, or the university as a whole; or they may take the form of faculty-elected committees in academic units and a faculty designed, approved, and established committee through the joint effort of the faculty and the administration.

2.8.1.5 Faculty and Administration Communications. Suggested means of communication among the faculty university administrators, and the Board of Trustees are: (a) circulation of memoranda and reports; (b) joint ad hoc committees of the groups; (c) standing liaison committees of the groups; and (d) membership of faculty members on administrative councils, committees, and other bodies.

2.8.2 Legislative Authority of the Faculty. Subject to the authority of the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and the president, the faculty will legislate on all matters of educational policy, enact such rules and regulations as it deems desirable to promote or enforce such policies, and decide upon curricula and new courses of study. The legislative power will normally be exercised by the Faculty Senate. In all matters except those within the authority of the Faculty Senate, the faculty retains original jurisdiction.

2.8.3 Appellate Authority of the Faculty: Right to Review and to Modify Faculty Senate Actions. Faculty members who are eligible to vote in Faculty Senate elections will have the appellate power to review Faculty Senate actions by means of a special meeting. Upon the written petition of 10% of these faculty members, or upon the written request of 25 senators, the faculty must meet to reconsider Faculty Senate actions and to ratify, modify, or repeal them. The petition or request must be submitted to the university president as chair of the faculty.

2.9 Meetings of the Faculty

2.9.1 Calling Meetings. Meetings of the faculty may be convened upon the call of the university president. Upon receipt by the president of a written request or a written petition as provided in Policy 401.2.8.3, Appellate Authority of the Faculty: Right to Review and Modify Faculty Senate Actions, the president must call a meeting of the faculty within ten working days to discuss and/or act on issues raised in the request or petition.

2.9.2 Notice. Faculty must receive individual notice of the meeting and its agenda a minimum of five days before the meeting, unless a majority of them waives that notice prior to or at the meeting or unless the university president waives the notice on the grounds of emergency.

2.9.3 Quorum. Any number over ten percent of the faculty eligible to vote in Faculty Senate elections will constitute a forum for discussion at faculty meetings, but no vote will be binding unless a quorum is present. Fifty percent plus one member of the voting faculty will constitute a quorum. A quorum being present, all actions will be by majority vote of those in attendance with voting power. Meeting procedures will be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

2.10 Chair of the Faculty; Secretary of the Faculty

The president of the university (and in the president's absence, the executive vice president and provost) is the chair of the faculty and presides over all meetings of the faculty. The president of the university will appoint a secretary for the faculty who will also be ex officio Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The secretary will record all actions of the faculty when it meets and will preserve the records in a form convenient for reference.

2.11 Committees of the Faculty

The faculty may appoint, at any time, such committees as the work of the university may require. These committees must report to the faculty and to the Faculty Senate the progress of their work and the action they have taken.

[Items below are not part of the current policy. Additions or edits will be added at a later time.]

401.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Responsible Office/Party

Identify who is responsible for what with regard to this policy. Roles and responsibilities are best defined by department and/or job title. [Arial 10]

401.4 REFERENCES

- Bullet list references to Federal, State, municipal regulations, USHE/Regents policies. [Arial 10]
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401.5 RELATED USU POLICIES

- Policy 404: Faculty Appointments.
- Policy 405: Tenured and Term Appointments: Evaluation, Promotion, and Retention.

- Policy 407: Academic Due Process, Sanctions, and Hearing Procedures.

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RESOURCES

Contacts

- Faculty Senate website: <https://www.usu.edu/fsenate/index>
- Executive Secretary: [Michele Hillard](#)

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402.1 AUTHORITY OF THE FACULTY TO REVIEW FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS

Actions of the Faculty Senate (Senate) shall be subject to the appellate power of the faculty, as provided in policy 401.87.3, [Faculty Status and Related Matters](#). The agenda and actions of the Senate shall be reported to the faculty as provided in policy ~~402.4.2(3)~~, [Distribution of Agenda and Minutes](#).

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402.2 AUTHORITY OF THE SENATE

The authority of the faculty is delegated to the Senate. The Senate legislates and sets policy for matters within the collective authority of the faculty. See policy 401.87, [Authority of the Faculty](#). The Senate shall have the power to act for and represent the faculty in all matters of educational policy, including requirements for admission, degrees, diplomas, and certificates; and in curricular matters involving relations between colleges, schools, divisions, or departments.

The Senate shall also have the following powers: ~~(1) to receive and consider reports from any faculty committee, and from any council, department, division, administrative officer, library, or college; and to take appropriate action;~~ (1) to receive and consider reports from any council, department, division, administrative officer, library, college, or faculty committee and to take appropriate action; (2) to consider matters of professional interest and faculty welfare and to make recommendations to the president of the university and other administrative officers; and (3) to propose to the president amendments or additions to these policies.

2.1 Senate Power of Internal Governance; Referral of Matters to the President

The Senate shall have the power to make rules governing its own procedures and to establish its own order of business. All other matters considered and approved by the Senate shall be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to the president of the university and, in appropriate cases, to the Board of Trustees.

2.2 The President, University Administrators, and Board of Trustees

The Senate is an advisory body to the president of the university. While the Senate votes on policy and procedural issues, including but not limited to policy and procedural issues in these policies, these actions and recommendations cannot be implemented without the approval of the president of the university. The Board of Trustees advises the president of the university and approves or disapproves any policy or procedural change. Approval or disapproval of Senate actions, whether by the president of the university or by the Board of Trustees, shall be reported back to the President of the Senate by the president of the university, or a designee, in a timely manner following the Senate action. When Senate actions receive final approval, it is the responsibility of university administrators and administrative bodies to implement the action.

2.3 Senator's Handbook

Each senator shall receive a current Senator's Handbook which explains briefly the role and operation of the Senate. The Handbook will include: (1) provisions of this policy pertinent to Senate proceedings, rules, and membership; (2) a simplified statement of the Rules of Order; and (3) rules for calling meetings. The Senate Executive Secretary must ensure that each newly elected Senator receives a Handbook no later than the September meeting of the Senate.

402.3 MEMBERSHIP; ALTERNATES; TERM; VACANCIES

3.1 Membership

The Senate shall be composed of the following members: (1) sixty faculty members assigned in proportion to the number of tenured, tenure eligible, and term appointed faculty in the academic colleges, the ~~Regional-Statewide~~ Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library. Each unit is to be represented by a minimum of two elected senators. These sixty will be elected by and from faculty members eligible to vote in Senate elections (~~see policy 401.4.2(e) Policies 401.4.3.4, Limits on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.5.3.2, Limits on Faculty Participation (Special Appointments)~~); (2) the president and the executive vice president and provost of the university or their designees; (3) eight appointees of the president of the university who shall be a vice president, an academic college dean, ~~or a regional vice president for statewide campuses, dean, or a chancellor~~, six of whom must hold faculty appointments and must be designated annually preceding elections to the Senate; (4) the chairs of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee, the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee, the Faculty Diversity, Development and Equity Committee, and the Faculty Evaluation Committee if they are not one of the faculty members

elected to the Senate; and (5) three students, who shall include the Utah State University Student Association (USUSA) President or a designee, the USUSA Academic Senate President or a designee, and the elected graduate student representative or a designee. With the exception of faculty holding special or emeritus appointments, any member of the faculty who is not designated as a presidential appointee is eligible for election to the Senate.

[The Committee on Committees \(CoC\) oversees the annual apportionment of senate seats, assigns senators to committees as required, and provides information to appropriate administrators regarding elections for senators, alternates, and committee members. \(Policy 402.12.2, Committee on Committees \(CoC\)\)](#)

3.2 Alternates for Elected Members

Senate members are expected to attend its meetings regularly. In cases of unavoidable absence, including sabbatical leave, professional development leave, assigned teaching, and unpaid leaves of absence, senators will arrange for an elected alternate senator to attend in their place ([see Policy 402.10.2, Election of Faculty Members to the Senate](#)). The alternate shall have full voting rights.

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Senators must notify the Executive Secretary of the Senate in writing ([Email is acceptable](#)) whenever alternates will replace them. If a senator fails twice to make a documented effort to arrange for an alternate during an academic year, then that senator's position will be considered vacant ([see Policy 402.3.4, Vacancies](#)).

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3.3 Term

Faculty members elected to the Senate shall serve three-year terms or, as provided in policy [402.3.4, Vacancies](#), complete the three-year term vacated by a faculty member. Terms shall begin July 1 following elections, ~~and Senators~~ may be re-elected once, after which a faculty member is ineligible to stand for election for one year. The term of office for student members of the Senate shall be one year and shall coincide with the term of USUSA and graduate student officers. The term of office for presidential appointees shall be one year and shall begin July 1. A presidential appointee can be reappointed to consecutive terms, up to a maximum of six years, after which the appointee is ineligible for appointment for one year.

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3.4 Vacancies

A senate seat shall be declared vacant if a senator (1) resigns from Faculty Senate, (2) is no longer a member of the faculty of the academic unit from which he or she was elected, or (3) misses two regularly scheduled senate meetings during an academic year without making a documented effort to arrange for an alternate and keeping the Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate informed in writing ([Email is acceptable](#)). The Executive Secretary of the Senate reports all vacancies to the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees will then contact the affected academic dean, [or vice president, or, where applicable, the chancellor or regional campus dean](#), who will appoint an alternate elected senator to fill the seat within 30 days ([see Policy 402.3.2, Alternates for Elected Members](#)). Colleges whose alternates are not

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responsive to requests to fill in for senators with planned absences or which do not have sufficient alternates will be required to run a replacement election ([see Policy 402.3.1, Membership](#)). The Faculty Senate Presidency will address other vacancies on a case-by-case basis. For vacancies among Presidential appointees, the president shall appoint a new senator within 30 days ([see Policy 402.3.1, Membership](#)).

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402.4 RECORDS; AGENDA; MINUTES; ORDER OF BUSINESS

4.1 Records

The records of the Senate shall be kept by the Executive Secretary for the use of the members of the faculty, the president of the university, and the Board of Trustees. Records are public unless otherwise specified by action of the Senate in accordance with state law ([see Policy 402.8, Senate Executive Secretary](#)).

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Under the supervision of the President of the Faculty Senate, the Executive Secretary shall ensure that Senate actions approved by the president of the university, or where necessary by the President and the Board of Trustees ([see Policy 402.2.2, The President, University Administrators, and Board of Trustees](#)), are distributed to faculty on all campuses within an appropriate time frame and included in the Senate records.

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4.2 Agenda and Minutes

(+) 4.2.1 Senate agenda.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least 14 days in advance of regularly scheduled Senate meetings to prepare the agenda and make assignments to those who are to report to the Senate. A copy of the [Executive Committee meeting](#) agenda must be sent to each [senator-executive committee member](#) at least five days before regularly scheduled meetings.

(?) 4.2.2 Faculty petition to place an item on the agenda.

Any 25 faculty members may petition the Senate to obtain consideration of any matter within the Senate's authority. The petition shall be presented in writing to any Senate member, who shall then give notice of the petition to the Senate or to its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall place the matter raised in the petition on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting or, at the discretion of the Senate President, on the agenda of a special meeting called in accordance with the provisions of [Policy 402.6.2, Special Meetings](#).

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(?) 4.2.3 Distribution of agenda and minutes.

One week prior to each Senate meeting, the Executive Secretary shall make available to all faculty a copy of the agenda of the next meeting, and minutes of the prior Senate meeting.

(+) 4.2.4 Publicizing and publication of recommended changes in policies or procedures.

Under the supervision of the President of the Faculty Senate, the Executive Secretary shall ensure that Senate actions recommending a change in this policy or in other university policies or procedures are communicated in a timely manner to all campuses.

4.3 Order of Business

Except as otherwise provided by the Senate, its order of business shall be: call to order (quorum), approval of minutes, university business, information items, reports, special orders (only if needed), unfinished business, and new business.

402.5 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All actions of the Senate shall be in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

402.6 MEETINGS; QUORUM

6.1 Scheduled Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate shall be held on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 PM from September through May unless otherwise specified by the Senate.

6.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the Senate President or upon petition of any 10 senators. The petition must be written, must state the purpose of the special meeting, and must be submitted to the Senate President. Upon receipt of the petition, the Senate President must call a special meeting within 12 working days. Senators shall receive at least five days' notice of the special meeting and its agenda unless a majority of them waives that notice prior to or at the meeting.

6.3 Quorum and Voting

A majority of the members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of Senate business. All actions or recommendations of the Senate shall be by majority vote of the members and alternates present. Voting shall be by secret ballot upon passage of a motion to that effect.

6.4 Consulting with Constituents

The elected senators shall communicate and/or meet regularly with their constituents to answer questions and discuss Senate business.

402.7 SENATE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND PAST PRESIDENT

7.1 Duties of the Senate President

The Senate President shall preside over and conduct meetings of the Senate and its Executive

Committee and the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee. The Senate President shall see that Senate actions are accurately recorded and that all actions approved are implemented or forwarded as appropriate.

7.2 Duties of the Senate President-Elect

The Senate President-Elect shall perform the functions and duties of the Senate President when the latter is unable to exercise them or when the Senate President-Elect is designated by the Senate President to perform in the Senate President's stead.

7.3 Duties of the Immediate Past President

The immediate past president shall serve as a voting member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Senate for a period of one year immediately following his/her term as Senate President. The immediate past Senate President shall also serve as a member of the Senate Handbook Committee (~~see p~~Policy 402.12.10, [Senate Handbook Committee \(SHC\)](#)).

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7.4 Eligibility and Term

The Senate President-Elect/President shall be elected annually from and by elected Senate members, as provided in Policy 402.10.3, [Elections within the Senate](#), to serve for a three-year, non-renewable term. ~~During the first year he/she shall serve as the Senate President Elect, during the second year shall be the Senate President, and during the third year shall serve as Past President; the first year, as Senate President-Elect; the second year, as Senate President; and the third year, as Past President.~~

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Any elected senator who is completing or has completed one year of a faculty Senate term is eligible to serve as President-Elect/President, subject to the following exceptions: Senators who are completing their terms are not eligible, unless they have been re-elected to the Senate for an additional term. The election of the Senate President-Elect/President is understood to be an extension of that individual's term in the Senate for the number of years necessary to fulfill a term as Senate President. If an extended term is necessary for the new Senate President, then the individual so chosen will become a supernumerary member of the Senate and the regular schedule of elections to the Senate from that individual's college will be unaffected.

402.8 SENATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

An Executive Secretary of the Senate shall be appointed by the president of the university. ~~See p~~(Policy 401.10, [Senate Elections](#)). The duties of the Executive Secretary are: (1) under the direction of the Senate President, to prepare agendas for all meetings of the Senate, the Faculty Forum, and the Executive Committees of each; (2) under the direction of the Senate President, to keep minutes of the meetings of the Senate, the Faculty Forum, and the Executive Committees of each; (3) to distribute copies of both agenda and minutes; (4) to forward actions, policies, and reports of the Senate to the president of the university; (5) to gather items and data that the Executive Committee may present at Senate meetings; (6) to prepare and present, at the September and March Senate meetings, an accounting of the implementation or non-

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implementation of motions passed by the Senate; (7) to apprise Senate committees of items which the Senate has requested that they study; (8) to maintain an archive of the minutes of each meeting of the Senate and its Executive Committee, the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee, and the Senate committees; (9) to keep university faculty informed of the action and the proposed business of the Senate by publicizing the Senate agenda, Senate actions, and the results of Senate elections as provided in [Policy 402.4.2.\(3\), Distribution of Agenda and Minutes](#); and to provide yearly each senator with a copy of the Senator's Handbook ([Policy 402.2.3, Senator's Handbook](#)).

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402.9 FACULTY FORUM

9.1 Membership of the Faculty Forum; Description

Faculty Forum consists of all elected Senate members, and the chairs of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee, the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee, the Faculty Diversity, Development and Equity Committee, and the Faculty Evaluation Committee. The Faculty Forum meetings are a means of open discussion for elected Senate members and the committee chairs without participation by or from the president of the university, the executive vice president and provost, the presidential appointees, academic deans and department heads, ~~chancellors, regional campus deans,~~ or the student members of the Senate, unless specifically requested by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum ([see Policy 402.9.3.\(2\), Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum](#)). During meetings of the Faculty Forum, participants may discuss subjects of current interest, question and debate any policies and procedures, and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Forum does not exercise the legislative authority of the Faculty Senate.

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9.2 Meetings; Agenda; Notice

The Faculty Forum shall be scheduled ~~in October or November~~ [during the academic year](#) by the Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum ([Policy 402.9.3, Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum](#)). This annual scheduled meeting of the Faculty Forum will be open to all faculty members to attend and speak, with the exception of those excluded by [Policy 402.9.1, Membership of the Faculty Forum; Description](#).

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Additional special meetings may be held by the call of the Faculty Forum President, ~~or~~ upon the written request of a majority of the Faculty Forum Executive Committee, ~~or~~ upon the written petition of 10 members of the Faculty Forum, or upon the written petition of 25 faculty members. Special meetings of the Faculty Forum will be scheduled, whenever possible, within two weeks after receipt of the petition(s) by the Faculty Forum President. Business at special meetings of the Faculty Forum will be conducted by Faculty Forum members. The Faculty Forum Executive Committee will set the agenda for ~~the November meeting and other all~~ Faculty Forum meetings. The agenda will include all items raised by the petition(s), together with items deemed pertinent by the Executive Committee. The minutes and agenda for all Faculty Forum meetings shall be distributed in accordance with [Policy 402.4.2.\(3\), Distribution of Agenda and Minutes](#). Notice of the Faculty Forum meeting will be given in the previous Senate meeting and distributed to

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9.3 Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum

(+) 9.3.1 Officers.

The Senate President shall preside over and conduct meetings of the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee. The Senate President-Elect shall serve as the President-Elect of both, and shall perform the duties of the Senate President when the latter is unable to exercise them or when the Senate President-Elect is designated by the Senate President to perform in the Senate President's stead.

(+) 9.3.2 Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum.

The Faculty Forum Executive Committee shall consist of the elected faculty members on the Senate Executive Committee (Policy 402.12, [Senate Standing Committees](#)).

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402.10 SENATE ELECTIONS

10.1 Apportionment of Elected Faculty Positions

Annually, the Senate Committee on Committees shall apportion the number of elective Senate positions to the academic colleges, [Regional/Statewide](#) Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library in proportion to the number of tenured and tenure-eligible faculty. The minimum representation from each of these academic units shall be two.

10.2 Election of Faculty Members to the Senate

(+) 10.2.1 Scheduled date; notice to academic deans, the vice president for extension, ~~regional and vice president for statewide campuses, deans or executive directors, and chancellor.~~

Elections of faculty representatives to the Senate and sufficient alternate senators to serve when regular senators cannot attend, are held by academic colleges, [Regional/Statewide](#) Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library. Elections shall be supervised by the Senate Committee on Committees. Elections shall be conducted during ~~January and February~~ [the spring semester](#) of each ~~school academic~~ year, in time to be announced at the ~~March last~~ [regular](#) meeting of the Senate. Additional elections shall be held as necessary to ensure the availability of alternates to fill vacancies in unexpired terms for the duration of those terms. The Senate Committee on Committees shall notify the appropriate academic deans, ~~or~~ vice president for extension, ~~chancellor, or regional vice president for statewide campuses~~ [deans or executive directors](#) of the number of senators to be elected annually by their faculty and the date by which the elections must be held.

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(+) 10.2.2 Nominations.

After receipt of notice that annual elections shall be held, the appropriate academic deans, ~~or~~

vice president for extension, ~~chancellor~~, or ~~regional vice president for statewide campuses deans or executive~~ directors shall communicate with their faculty members eligible to vote in Senate elections (~~see policy 401.4.3 Policies 401.4.3.4, Limitations on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.5.3.2, Limits on Faculty Participation (Special Appointments) for limitations~~) for the purpose of nominating Senate candidates and alternates. There shall be at least two candidates for each vacancy.

(3) 10.2.3 Voting.

Faculty members with tenured or tenure-eligible appointments and faculty members with term appointments may nominate and vote for candidates and alternates in Senate elections. Balloting within each academic college, the ~~Regional-Statewide~~ Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library shall be by an appropriate method to ensure timeliness, fairness, and verifiability.

(4) 10.2.4 Verification and notice of election results.

The academic colleges, ~~Regional-Statewide~~ Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library must submit the names of nominees elected to the Senate Committee on Committees on or before the final date set for the conclusion of elections. The Committee on Committees shall verify all election results and then inform the Senate of the names of new members at its ~~last~~ regularly scheduled ~~April~~ meeting ~~of the academic year~~. Election results shall be made public.

10.3 Elections within the Senate

Nominations for the office of President-Elect shall occur from the floor during the ~~April penultimate regular~~ Senate meeting ~~of the academic year~~. Elections shall be by secret ballot completed prior to the ~~May last~~ meeting ~~of the academic year~~.

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402.11 SENATE COMMITTEES: AUTHORITY, ACTION AND PROCEDURES

11.1 Purpose; Reporting

The Senate appoints and discontinues such standing and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

The Senate establishes advisory committees to study and to make reports and recommendations to it on matters under faculty jurisdiction and to carry out the decisions of the Senate relating to its functions and responsibilities. Senate committees receive their authority from the Senate and shall report their work and make their recommendations to the Senate. No Senate committee may alter the reports or the recommendations of another Senate committee.

11.2 Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies

Only members of the faculty eligible to vote in Senate elections are eligible for election and appointment to Senate standing committees (~~see policy 401.4.3(4) (e) Policies 401.4.3.4, Limitations on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.5.3.2, Limitations on~~

[Faculty Participation \(Special Appointments\) for limitations](#)).

Unless governed by committee procedures otherwise stipulated [below in Policy 402.12, Senate Standing Committees](#), non-Senators of Senate standing committees are elected at the same time and according to the same procedures that elect Senators ([see Policy 402.10.2, Election of Faculty Members to the Senate](#)). Terms shall be three years, ~~and~~ shall begin July 1 following elections, and are renewable once, after which a faculty member is ineligible to stand for election for one year. Terms shall be staggered so that approximately 1/3 of them expire annually.

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A vacancy shall be declared among the elected committee members if that member resigns, is terminated, goes on extended medical leave, or has four or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled committee meetings during an academic year. If a vacancy occurs, then a replacement will be appointed. The Senate Committee on Committees will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the Faculty Senate, and the academic deans, vice president for extension, ~~chancellor~~, or [regional vice president for statewide campuses deans or executive directors](#), will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the academic colleges, [Regional-Statewide Campuses](#), USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library.

Appointed members of Senate standing committees are chosen from the elected membership of the Senate; the Committee on Committees prepares a slate of nominations [during the summer](#) for approval by the Senate at its ~~May~~ [first meeting of the fall semester](#). Terms shall be two or three years, as stated below [\(Policy 402.12\)](#) for a particular committee, and shall be renewable once. Terms shall be staggered. Vacancies will be filled upon recommendation to the Senate by the Committee on Committees.

11.3 Senate Committee Procedures

⊕ 11.3.1 Committee action; meetings; quorum; majority and minority reports.

Senate committees shall not act independently of the Senate. All statements and actions of Senate committees shall be approved by the Senate before they are official, except for routine actions of the Educational Policies Committee which shall be submitted to the Senate as information items ([see Policy 402.12.6.\(1.\), Duties](#)). Committee work shall be accomplished as a body. Committee meetings shall be held as required to meet the duties of the committee. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair or upon written request, submitted to the chair, by committee members or the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. A majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business. Committee actions shall be by majority vote of the quorum present. Minority committee reports may be submitted to the Senate by dissenting committee members.

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⊕ 11.3.2 Committee minutes.

Minutes shall be taken at all committee meetings and a copy shall be filed with the Senate Executive Secretary as part of the Senate records. The minutes shall include copies of all forms, statements, and reports which are presented to the Senate for action.

⌚ 11.3.3 Chairs.

Unless otherwise specified, all standing committees and subcommittees of the Senate shall elect chairs annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

402.12 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

12.1 Executive Committee

⌚ 12.1.1 Duties.

The Executive Committee shall perform the following duties:

- (a) prepare Senate meeting agendas;
- (b) propose such standing and special committees of the Senate as may be needed;
- (c) examine the work of the Senate committees to discourage duplication of effort and to ensure that all committee assignments are carried out;
- (d) act as a steering committee to direct problems to the proper committees;
- (e) act as a liaison to harmonize the work of all committees; and
- (f) transact such business as may be referred to it by the Senate; ~~and~~

⌚ 12.1.2 Membership.

The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (a) the Senate President;
- (b) the President-Elect of the Senate;
- (c) immediate Past President;
- (d) elected faculty senators, representing each of the academic colleges, ~~Regional~~ Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library;
- (e) the president of the university and executive vice president and provost, who shall serve as ex-officio members; and
- (f) a senator appointed by the president and approved by the Senate.

All members have a vote.

⌚ 12.1.3 Eligibility; election; term.

Any elected senator who is completing or has completed one year of a Senate term is eligible to serve on the Executive Committee, subject to the following exceptions: (1) Senators with only one year remaining in their terms; and (2) Senators who are completing their terms, unless they have been re-elected to the Senate for an additional, successive term.

The election of Executive Committee members shall be conducted each spring following the election of new members to the Senate. Elections shall be by separate caucus of faculty senators

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within each academic college, [Regional/Statewide](#) Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library.
Caucuses shall be held within one week following the April meeting of the Senate.

A faculty senator elected to the Executive Committee shall serve for a two-year term, renewable (reelected) once.

(4) [12.1.4](#) Joint meeting of new and old Executive Committees.

Newly elected Executive Committee members will attend the April meeting of the old Executive Committee.

(5) [12.1.5](#) Meetings; Senate agenda.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least 14 days in advance of regularly scheduled Senate meetings to prepare the agenda and make assignments to those who are to report to the Senate.

(6) [12.1.6](#) Reports and recommendations of other Senate committees.

The Executive Committee will place reports and recommendations of other Senate committees on the Senate agenda without alteration.

12.2 Committee on Committees (CoC)

(4) [12.2.1](#) Duties

The responsibility of the Committee on Committees is to: (1) apportion Senate elective positions annually; (2) coordinate and supervise the election of members [and alternates](#) to the Senate; (3) prepare eligibility slates and supervise nominations and elections within the Senate; and (4) recommend to the Senate the appointed members of all Senate committees and the members of university committees that include Senate representatives.

(2) [12.2.2](#) Membership

The Committee on Committees shall consist of three elected faculty senators serving staggered three-year terms. No later than the last day of the Spring semester and before the terms of the newly elected members begin, the Committee shall elect from among its members a new chair to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair.

One faculty senator is elected to the committee each year. [They shall be elected annually from and by elected Senate members to serve for a three-year, non-renewable term.](#) ~~They are elected according to the same procedures and at the same time as the Senate President Elect (see Policies 402.10.3 and 7.4).~~ Nominations for the new member shall occur from the floor during the April Senate meeting and elections shall be by secret ballot completed prior to the [May last meeting of the academic year.](#)

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We don't need the rest of 402.7.4 because the supernumerary business is covered in the next paragraph.

The last sentence, "Nominations for the new... May meeting." Quotes 402.10.3 in its entirety, so that should remain as-is.

If we include the new text, the policy references aren't needed.

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Senators who have completed at least one year of their Senate terms are eligible to serve on the Committee on Committees unless they are at the end of their Senate service and have not been re-elected. If a Senate term extension is necessary to complete the Committee on Committees service, then the individual will become a supernumerary member of the Senate and the regular schedule of elections to the Senate from that individual's college or unit will be unaffected.

12.3 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AFT)

(+) [12.3.1](#) Duties.

(a) Jurisdiction as an administrative hearing body.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as represented by each of its hearing panels is an administrative hearing body, with jurisdiction in matters related to academic freedom, tenure, promotion, dismissals, and other sanctions; and actions alleged not to be in accordance with the adopted standards, policies, and procedures of the university. In relation to these matters, the committee may hear both complaints initiated by the university against a faculty member and grievance petitions brought by a faculty member.

(b) Procedural due process.

Hearing panels of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee shall, when hearing grievances, determine whether procedural due process was granted the petitioner as provided in this policy and determine whether the grievance is valid or not valid (~~see Policy 407.5.6.(8, Recommendation of the Hearing Panel)~~) The recommendation of the hearing panel shall be binding on the general membership of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

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(c) Policy revisions.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee shall recommend to the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee possible policy revisions arising from within the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee's jurisdiction.

(d) Review.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee will review, for consideration by the Senate, all matters pertaining to faculty rights, academic freedom, and tenure.

(+) [12.3.2](#) Membership.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee consists of the following members:

(+) (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, ~~Regional-Statewide~~ Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.

NOTE: Three committees have no changes beyond the changes incorporated in this description including: BFW, FEC and FDDE.

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"Only members of the faculty eligible to vote in Senate elections are eligible for election and appointment to Senate standing committees (see policy 401.4.3(4) (c) for limitations).
Unless governed by committee procedures otherwise stipulated, non-Senators of Senate standing committees are elected at the same time and according to the same procedures that elect Senators (see policy 402.10.2). Terms shall be three years and shall begin July 1 following elections and are renewable once, after which a faculty member is ineligible to stand for election for one year. Terms shall be staggered so that approximately 1/3 of them expire annually.
A vacancy shall be declared among the elected committee members if that member resigns, is terminated, goes on extended medical leave, or has four or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled committee meetings during an academic year. If a vacancy occurs, then a replacement will be appointed. The Senate Committee on Committees will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the Faculty Senate, and the academic deans, vice president for extension, chancellor, or regional campus deans or executive directors, will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the academic colleges, Regional Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library. Appointed members of Senate standing committees are chosen from the elected membership of the Senate; the Committee on Committees prepares a slate of nominations for approval by the Senate at its May meeting. Terms shall be two or three years, as stated below for a particular committee, and shall be renewable once. Terms shall be staggered. Vacancies will be filled upon recommendation to the Senate by the Committee on Committees."

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⊕ 12.3.3 Election and appointment of members; terms.

Committee members elected from the faculty shall be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate shall be selected in accordance with policy 402.12.2(4) and will serve three-year terms (see also Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

⊕ 12.3.4 Officers.

⊕ (a) Eligibility; election; term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee shall elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

⊕ (b) Responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. The chair shall set the agenda for and preside at Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee meetings, and appoint hearing panels as required. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

⊕ 12.3.5 Supplemental appointments.

If necessary in order to hear grievances in a timely manner, supplemental members of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee may be appointed by the Committee on Committees from the elected members of the Senate. This appointment process shall be initiated by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. The term of these appointees shall expire June 30 following appointment.

⊕ 12.3.6 Hearing panels.

Hearing panels shall be appointed as necessary to hear grievances. Four members shall be appointed by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee from the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and the remaining member shall be an administrator who holds a faculty appointment appointed by the president of the university. Faculty members of hearing panels shall be selected by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee on a rotating basis. All five panel members have a vote. Even if their Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee terms expire, hearing panel members shall serve until the recommendation of the hearing panel has been submitted to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and to the president of the university.

12.4 Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee (BFW)

⊕ 12.4.1 Duties.

The duties of the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee are to (a) participate in the university budget preparation process; (b) periodically evaluate and report to the Senate on matters relating to faculty salaries, insurance programs, retirement benefits, sabbatical leaves, consulting policies, and other faculty benefits; (c) review the financial and budgetary implications of proposals for changes in academic degrees and programs, and report to the Senate prior to Senate action relating to such proposals; (d) report to the Senate significant fiscal and budgetary trends which may affect the academic programs of the university; and (e) provide faculty representatives for the Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC).

~~(2) Membership.~~

~~The membership, election, and appointment of members; term of members; officers; and meetings and quorum of the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee shall be parallel to those of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as stated in policy 402.12.3(2) through 12.3(5).
12.4.2 Membership.~~

~~The Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee consists of the following members: (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.~~

~~12.4.3 Election and Appointment of Members; Terms.~~

~~Committee members elected from the faculty shall be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate shall be selected in accordance with policy 402.12.2 and will serve three-year terms (Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).~~

~~12.4.4 Officers.~~

~~(a) Eligibility; election; term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee shall elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.~~

~~(b) Responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. The chair shall set the agenda for and preside at Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.~~

12.5 Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee (PRPC)

~~(+) 12.5.1 Duties.~~

The Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee shall advise the Faculty Senate regarding composition, interpretation, and revision of Section 400 in University Policies and Procedures. Recommended revisions shall be submitted to the Senate for its consideration. The

procedures for code amendments are specified in Section 202 of the USU Policy Manual.

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⌚ 12.5.2 Membership.

The membership of this committee will consist of seven Faculty Senators ~~members~~ appointed by the Committee on Committees. ~~Term of members; officers; and meetings and quorum of the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee shall be parallel to those of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as stated in policy 402.12.3(2) through 12.3(5).~~

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~~Committee members appointed from the Senate shall be selected in accordance with policy 402.12.2 and will serve staggered three-year terms (Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).~~

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~~(b) Responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. The chair shall set the agenda for and preside at Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.~~

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12.6 Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

⊕ 12.6.1 Duties.

The major function of this committee shall be to serve as the Senate committee on educational policy, including program discontinuance for academic reasons (~~P~~policy 406.2, Program Discontinuance for Academic Reasons). In addition to conducting studies and making recommendations as specifically instructed by the Senate, the committee itself may initiate such activities. Routine actions taken under established policy, such as approval for specific course changes, additions, or deletions, shall be submitted to the Senate as information items. All policy recommendations and major actions shall be referred to the Senate for approval or disapproval. Specific duties of the Educational Policies Committee shall include consideration of standards and requirements for university designated honors such as cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.

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⌚ 12.6.2 Membership.

The Educational Policies Committee consists of the executive vice president and provost or designee; one faculty representative from each academic college, ~~Regional~~ Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, and the Library; one faculty representative from the Graduate Council; the chairs of the EPC Curriculum Subcommittee, General Education Subcommittee, Academic Standards Subcommittee; two student officers from the elected USUSA student government; and one

elected graduate student representative. The faculty representatives are elected to the committee in accordance with policy 402, 11.2, [Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies](#). Note of explanation: Extension has no independent curriculum. There is no need for someone from Extension to sit on this committee.

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⊕ 12.6.3 Term of members.

The term of office for faculty members on the Educational Policies Committee shall be [three years](#) in accordance with policy 402, 11.2, [Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies](#). The term of office for student members shall be one year.

⊕ 12.6.4 Chair.

The executive vice president and provost or his/her designated representative shall serve as chair of the Educational Policies Committee. The Committee will elect a vice chair from its members to serve in the absence of the chair. The chair or his/her designee will report to the Senate on the committee's actions.

⊕ 12.6.5 Curriculum Subcommittee.

The Curriculum Subcommittee will formulate recommendations on curricular matters, such as course changes, and forward the same to the Educational Policies Committee. This subcommittee shall consist of the chairs of the curriculum committee of each academic college, three faculty members appointed from the elected membership of the Educational Policies Committee, one faculty representative each from [Regional/Statewide Campuses](#), USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, and two students, one from the USUSA and one elected graduate student representative. The terms of Educational Policies Committee members on the subcommittee will correspond to their terms on the Educational Policies Committee. The term of office for student members shall be one year. The subcommittee shall elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

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⊕ 12.6.6 General Education Subcommittee.

The General Education Subcommittee formulates and reviews policy with respect to general education. The subcommittee shall consist of three faculty members and one student appointed [from by](#) the Educational Policies Committee. Their terms will correspond to their Educational Policies Committee terms. Additional members may be appointed to the subcommittee for two-year terms by the Educational Policies Committee to lend academic expertise to the areas of emphasis in the general education program of the university. Recommendations developed by the General Education Subcommittee will be submitted to the Educational Policies Committee. The subcommittee shall elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

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⊕ 12.6.7 Academic Standards Subcommittee.

The Academic Standards Subcommittee (a) recommends policy on all matters pertaining to academic evaluation of students, including admission, retention, grade assignment, and

graduation; (b) recommends discipline policy regarding student academic dishonesty; and (c) approves the process for discipline regarding alleged academic violations by students and for grievance hearings in cases of alleged student academic dishonesty. The subcommittee shall consist of four faculty members and one student appointed ~~from~~ by the Educational Policies Committee. Their terms will correspond to their Educational Policies Committee terms. Additional members may be appointed to the subcommittee for two-year terms by the Educational Policies Committee to lend expertise.

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Recommendations from this subcommittee will be submitted to the Educational Policies Committee. The subcommittee shall elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

12.7 Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC)

(+) 12.7.1 Duties.

The Faculty Evaluation Committee shall (a) assess methods for evaluating faculty performance; (b) recommend improvements in methods of evaluation; and (c) decide university awards for Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year, Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year, and Faculty University Service Award.

(-) 12.7.2 Membership.

The committee shall consist of three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees, each representing different colleges, one faculty representative from each of the remaining academic colleges, Regional-Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, two student officers from the USUSA, and one elected graduate student representative. The faculty representatives are elected to the committee in accordance with Policy 402, 11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. The committee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

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12.8 Faculty Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee (FDDE)

(+) 12.8.1 Duties.

The duties of the Faculty Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee are to: (a+) collect data and identify and promote best practices for faculty development, mentoring, and work environment to facilitate the success of diverse faculty at all career levels; (b-) provide feedback and advocate processes for faculty recruitment, promotion, and retention that promote diversity, fair pay standards, and work/life balance for the faculty; (c-) report on the status of faculty development, mentoring, diversity, and equity; and (d4) make recommendations for implementation of proposals related to faculty diversity, development, and equity.

(-) Membership.

The membership, election, and appointment of members; term of members; officers; and meetings and quorum of the Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee shall be parallel to

those of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as stated in policy 402.12.3(2) through 402.12.3(5).

12.8.2 Membership.

The Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee consists of the following members: (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.

12.8.3 Election and Appointment of Members; Terms.

Committee members elected from the faculty shall be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate shall be selected in accordance with policy 402.12.2 and will serve three-year terms (Policy 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

12.8.4 Officers.

(a) Eligibility; election; term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee shall elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

(b) Responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. The chair shall set the agenda for and preside at Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

12.9 Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum (ECFF)

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum shall have the duty of composing the agenda for the annual meeting and any special meetings of the Faculty Forum. The membership of this committee shall consist of the elected members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee excluding administrators (see pPolicy 402.12.1(2, a-2d), Membership).

12.10 Senate Handbook Committee (SHC)

The Senate Handbook Committee composes and/or revises annually the Senate Handbook (pPolicy 402.2.3, Senator’s Handbook). This committee consists of the Faculty Senate President, President-Elect of the Senate, and the Past President of the Senate. Additional members may be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

402.13 UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES WITH FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

The Senate Committee on Committees recommends to the Senate faculty members to be

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12.8.2 Membership.

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(b) Responsibilities of the chair and vice chair. The chair shall set the agenda for and preside at Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

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appointed to the following university councils, boards, and committees: Athletic Council, Graduate Council, University Research Council, Council on Teacher Education, University Libraries Advisory Council, Honors Program Advisory Board, University Scheduling Committee, Calendar Committee, Bookstore Committee, Honorary Degrees and Awards Screening Committee, Diversity Council, and Parking Policy Committee. The faculty representative need not be a Senate member unless his/her role on the council or committee is to represent the Senate specifically as well as the faculty generally. See also [Policies 402.10.3, Elections within the Senate, 402.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Voting, and 402.12.2\(4\), Committee on Committees \(CoC\)](#). ~~In the spirit of shared governance, at the Regional-Statewide Campuses and USU Eastern, the chancellor and regional vice president for statewide campuses deans or executive directors~~ will establish procedures whereby faculty members on those campuses can be actively engaged and represented in key local decisions parallel to the councils and committees described in this paragraph.

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University Policy 402: The Faculty Senate and Its Committees

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402.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy explains the role of faculty senate and its committees in shared governance and outlines the composition of those committees.

402.2 POLICY

2.1 Authority of the Faculty to review Faculty Senate Actions.

Actions of the Faculty Senate (Senate) will be subject to the appellate power of the faculty, as provided in Policy 401.2.7.1.3, Faculty Status and Related Matters. The agenda and actions of the Senate will be reported to the faculty as provided in policy 402.2.4.2.3, Distribution of Agenda and Minutes.

2.2 Authority of the Senate.

The authority of the faculty is delegated to the Senate. The Senate legislates and sets policy for matters within the collective authority of the faculty. See Policy 401.2.7, Authority of the Faculty. The Senate will have the power to act for and represent the faculty in all matters of educational policy, including requirements for admission, degrees, diplomas, and certificates; and in curricular matters involving relations between colleges, schools, divisions, or departments.

The Senate has the following powers: (a) to receive and consider reports from any council, department, division, administrative officer, library, college, or faculty committee and to take appropriate action; (b) to consider matters of professional interest and faculty welfare and to make recommendations to the

president of the university and other administrative officers; and (c) to propose to the president amendments or additions to these policies.

2.2.1 Senate Power of Internal Governance; Referral of Matters to the President. The Senate has the power to make rules governing its own procedures and to establish its own order of business. All other matters considered and approved by the Senate will be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to the president of the university and, in appropriate cases, to the Board of Trustees.

2.2.2 The President, University Administrators, and Board of Trustees. The Senate is an advisory body to the president of the university. While the Senate votes on policy and procedural issues, including but not limited to policy and procedural issues in these policies, these actions and recommendations cannot be implemented without the approval of the president of the university. The Board of Trustees advises the president of the university and approves or disapproves any policy or procedural change. Approval or disapproval of Senate actions, whether by the president of the university or by the Board of Trustees, will be reported back to the President of the Senate by the president of the university, or a designee, in a timely manner following the Senate action. When Senate actions receive final approval, it is the responsibility of university administrators and administrative bodies to implement the action.

2.2.3 Senator's Handbook. Each senator will receive a current Senator's Handbook which explains briefly the role and operation of the Senate. The Handbook will include: (a) provisions of this policy pertinent to Senate proceedings, rules, and membership; (b) a simplified statement of the Rules of Order; and (c) rules for calling meetings. The Senate Executive Secretary must ensure that each newly elected Senator receives a Handbook no later than the September meeting of the Senate.

2.3 Membership; Alternates; Term; Vacancies

2.3.1 Membership. The Senate consists of:

- (a) sixty faculty members assigned in proportion to the number of tenured, tenure eligible, and term appointed faculty in the academic colleges, the Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library. Each unit is to be represented by a minimum of two elected senators. These sixty will be elected by and from faculty members eligible to vote in Senate elections (Policies 401.4.3.4, Limits on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.5.3.2, Limits on Faculty Participation (Special Appointments));
- (b) the president and the executive vice president and provost of the university or their designees;
- (c) eight appointees of the president of the university who will be a vice president, an academic college dean, or a vice president for statewide campuses, six of whom must hold faculty appointments and must be designated annually preceding elections to the Senate;
- (d) the chairs of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee, the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee, the Faculty Diversity, Development and Equity Committee, and the Faculty Evaluation Committee if they are not one of the faculty members elected to the Senate; and

(e) three students, who will include the Utah State University Student Association (USUSA) President or a designee, the USUSA Academic Senate President or a designee, and the elected graduate student representative or a designee.

With the exception of faculty holding special or emeritus appointments, any member of the faculty who is not designated as a presidential appointee is eligible for election to the Senate.

The Committee on Committees (CoC) oversees the annual apportionment of senate seats, assigns senators to committees as required, and provides information to appropriate administrators regarding elections for senators, alternates, and committee members. (Policy 402.2.12.2, Committee on Committees (CoC))

2.3.2 Alternates for Elected Members. Senate members are expected to attend its meetings regularly. In cases of unavoidable absence, including sabbatical leave, professional development leave, assigned teaching, and unpaid leaves of absence, senators will arrange for an elected alternate senator to attend in their place (Policy 402.2.10.2, Election of Faculty Members to the Senate). The alternate will have full voting rights.

Senators must notify the Executive Secretary of the Senate in writing (email is acceptable.) whenever alternates will replace them. If a senator fails twice to make a documented effort to arrange for an alternate during an academic year, then that senator's position will be considered vacant (Policy 402.2.3.4, Vacancies).

2.3.3 Term. Faculty members elected to the Senate will serve three-year terms or, as provided in Policy 402.2.3.4, Vacancies, complete the three-year term vacated by a faculty member. Terms begin July 1 following elections. Senators may be re-elected once, after which a faculty member is ineligible to stand for election for one year. The term of office for student members of the Senate is one year and coincides with the term of USUSA and graduate student officers. The term of office for presidential appointees is one year and begins July 1. A presidential appointee can be reappointed to consecutive terms, up to a maximum of six years, after which the appointee is ineligible for appointment for one year.

2.3.4 Vacancies. A senate seat will be declared vacant if a senator (a) resigns from Faculty Senate, (b) is no longer a member of the faculty of the academic unit from which he or she was elected, or (c) misses two regularly scheduled senate meetings during an academic year without making a documented effort to arrange for an alternate and keeping the Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate informed in writing (Email is acceptable.). The Executive Secretary of the Senate reports all vacancies to the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees will then contact the affected academic dean or vice president, who will appoint an alternate elected senator to fill the seat within 30 days (Policy 402.2.3.2, Alternates for Elected Members). Colleges whose alternates are not responsive to requests to fill in for senators with planned absences or which do not have sufficient alternates will be required to run a replacement election (Policy 402.2.3.1, Membership). The Faculty Senate Presidency will address other vacancies on a case-by-case basis. For vacancies among Presidential appointees, the president will appoint a new senator within 30 days (Policy 402.2.3.1, Membership).

2.4 Records; Agenda; Minutes; Order of Business

2.4.1 Records. The records of the Senate will be kept by the Executive Secretary for the use of the members of the faculty, the president of the university, and the Board of Trustees. Records are public unless otherwise specified by action of the Senate in accordance with state law (Policy 402.2.8, Senate Executive Secretary).

Under the supervision of the President of the Faculty Senate, the Executive Secretary will ensure that Senate actions approved by the president of the university, or where necessary by the President and the Board of Trustees (Policy 402.2.2.2, The President, University Administrators, and Board of Trustees), are distributed to faculty on all campuses within an appropriate time frame and included in the Senate records.

2.4.2 Agenda and Minutes.

2.4.2.1 Senate Agenda. The Executive Committee will meet at least 14 days in advance of regularly scheduled Senate meetings to prepare the agenda and make assignments to those who are to report to the Senate. A copy of the Executive Committee meeting agenda must be sent to each executive committee member at least five days before regularly scheduled meetings.

2.4.2.2 Faculty Petition to Place an Item on the Agenda. Any 25 faculty members may petition the Senate to obtain consideration of any matter within the Senate's authority. The petition will be presented in writing to any Senate member, who will then give notice of the petition to the Senate or to its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will place the matter raised in the petition on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting or, at the discretion of the Senate President, on the agenda of a special meeting called in accordance with the provisions of Policy 402.2.6.2, Special Meetings.

2.4.2.3 Distribution of Agenda and Minutes. One week prior to each Senate meeting, the Executive Secretary will make available to all faculty a copy of the agenda of the next meeting and minutes of the prior Senate meeting.

2.4.2.4 Publicizing and Publication of Recommended Changes in Policies or Procedures. Under the supervision of the President of the Faculty Senate, the Executive Secretary will ensure that Senate actions recommending a change in this policy or in other university policies or procedures are communicated in a timely manner to all campuses.

2.4.3 Order of Business. Except as otherwise provided by the Senate, its order of business will be: call to order (quorum), approval of minutes, university business, information items, reports, special orders (only if needed), unfinished business, and new business.

2.5 Parliamentary Procedure

All actions of the Senate will be in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

2.6 Meetings; Quorum

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2.6.1 Scheduled Meetings. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Senate will be held on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 PM from September through May unless otherwise specified by the Senate.

2.6.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings will be held at the call of the Senate President or upon petition of any 10 senators. The petition must be written, must state the purpose of the special meeting, and must be submitted to the Senate President. Upon receipt of the petition, the Senate President must call a special meeting within 12 working days. Senators will receive at least five days' notice of the special meeting and its agenda unless a majority of them waives that notice prior to or at the meeting.

2.6.3 Quorum and Voting. A majority of the members of the Senate will constitute a quorum for the conduct of Senate business. All actions or recommendations of the Senate will be by majority vote of the members and alternates present. Voting will be by secret ballot upon passage of a motion to that effect.

2.6.4 Consulting with Constituents. The elected senators will communicate and/or meet regularly with their constituents to answer questions and discuss Senate business.

2.7 Senate President, President-elect, and Past President

2.7.1 Duties of the Senate President. The Senate President will preside over and conduct meetings of the Senate and its Executive Committee and the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee. The Senate President will see that Senate actions are accurately recorded and that all actions approved are implemented or forwarded as appropriate.

2.7.2 Duties of the Senate President-Elect. The Senate President-Elect will perform the functions and duties of the Senate President when the latter is unable to exercise them or when the Senate President-Elect is designated by the Senate President to perform in the Senate President's stead.

2.7.3 Duties of the Immediate Past President. The immediate past president will serve as a voting member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Senate for a period of one year immediately following his/her term as Senate President. The immediate past Senate President shall also serve as a member of the Senate Handbook Committee (Policy 402.12.10, Senate Handbook Committee (SHC)).

2.6.4 Eligibility and Term. The Senate President-Elect/President will be elected annually from and by elected Senate members, as provided in Policy 402.2.10.3, Elections within the Senate, to serve for a three-year, non-renewable term: the first year, as Senate President-Elect; the second year, as Senate President; and the third year, as Past President.

Any elected senator who is completing or has completed one year of a faculty Senate term is eligible to serve as President-Elect/President, subject to the following exceptions: Senators who are completing their terms are not eligible, unless they have been re-elected to the Senate for an additional term. The election of the Senate President-Elect/President is understood to be an extension of that individual's term in the Senate for the number of years necessary to fulfill a term as Senate President. If an extended term is necessary for the new Senate President, then the individual so chosen will become a supernumerary

member of the Senate and the regular schedule of elections to the Senate from that individual's college will be unaffected.

2.8 Senate Executive Secretary

An Executive Secretary of the Senate will be appointed by the president of the university (Policy 402.2.10, Senate Elections). The duties of the Executive Secretary are:

- (a) under the direction of the Senate President, to prepare agendas for all meetings of the Senate, the Faculty Forum, and the Executive Committees of each;
- (b) under the direction of the Senate President, to keep minutes of the meetings of the Senate, the Faculty Forum, and the Executive Committees of each;
- (c) to distribute copies of both agenda and minutes;
- (d) to forward actions, policies, and reports of the Senate to the president of the university;
- (e) to gather items and data that the Executive Committee may present at Senate meetings;
- (f) to prepare and present, at the September and March Senate meetings, an accounting of the implementation or non-implementation of motions passed by the Senate;
- (g) to apprise Senate committees of items which the Senate has requested that they study;
- (h) to maintain an archive of the minutes of each meeting of the Senate and its Executive Committee, the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee, and the Senate committees; and
- (j) to keep university faculty informed of the action and the proposed business of the Senate by publicizing the Senate agenda, Senate actions, and the results of Senate elections as provided in Policy 402.2.4.2.3, Distribution of Agenda and Minutes; and to provide yearly each senator with a copy of the Senator's Handbook (Policy 402.2.2.3, Senator's Handbook).

2.9 Faculty Forum

2.9.1 Membership of the Faculty Forum; Description. Faculty Forum consists of: (a) all elected Senate members; and (b) the chairs of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee, the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee, the Faculty Diversity, Development and Equity Committee, and the Faculty Evaluation Committee. The Faculty Forum meetings are a means of open discussion for elected Senate members and the committee chairs without participation by or from the president of the university, the executive vice president and provost, the presidential appointees, academic deans and department heads, or the student members of the Senate, unless specifically requested by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum (Policy 402.2.9.3.2., Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum). During meetings of the Faculty Forum, participants may discuss subjects of current interest, question and debate any policies and procedures, and formulate

recommendations for consideration by the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Forum does not exercise the legislative authority of the Faculty Senate.

2.9.2 Meetings; Agenda; Notice. The Faculty Forum will be scheduled during the academic year by the Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum (Policy 402.2.9.3, Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum). This annual scheduled meeting of the Faculty Forum will be open to all faculty members to attend and speak, with the exception of those excluded by Policy 402.2.9.1, Membership of the Faculty Forum; Description.

Additional special meetings may be held by the call of the Faculty Forum President, upon the written request of a majority of the Faculty Forum Executive Committee, upon the written petition of 10 members of the Faculty Forum, or upon the written petition of 25 faculty members. Special meetings of the Faculty Forum will be scheduled, whenever possible, within two weeks after receipt of the petition(s) by the Faculty Forum President. Business at special meetings of the Faculty Forum will be conducted by Faculty Forum members. The Faculty Forum Executive Committee will set the agenda for all Faculty Forum meetings.

The agenda will include all items raised by the petition(s), together with items deemed pertinent by the Executive Committee. The minutes and agenda for all Faculty Forum meetings will be distributed in accordance with Policy 402.2.4.2.3 Distribution of Agenda and Minutes. Notice of the Faculty Forum meeting will be given in the previous Senate meeting and distributed to faculty on all campuses.

2.9.3 Officers and Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum.

2.9.3.1 Officers. The Senate President will preside over and conduct meetings of the Faculty Forum and its Executive Committee. The Senate President-Elect will serve as the President-Elect of both and will perform the duties of the Senate President when the latter is unable to exercise them or when the Senate President-Elect is designated by the Senate President to perform in the Senate President's stead.

2.9.3.2 Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum. The Faculty Forum Executive Committee consists of the elected faculty members on the Senate Executive Committee (Policy 402.2.12, Senate Standing Committees).

2.10 Senate Elections

2.10.1 Apportionment of Elected Faculty Positions. Annually, the Senate Committee on Committees will apportion the number of elective Senate positions to the academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library in proportion to the number of tenured and tenure-eligible faculty. The minimum representation from each of these academic units will be two.

2.10.2 Election of Faculty members to the Senate.

2.10.2.1 Scheduled Date; Notice to Academic Deans, the Vice President for Extension, and the Vice President for Statewide Campuses. Elections of faculty representatives to the Senate and sufficient alternate senators to serve when regular senators cannot attend, are held by academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library. Elections will be supervised by the

Senate Committee on Committees. Elections will be conducted during the spring semester of each academic year, in time to be announced at the last regular meeting of the Senate. Additional elections will be held as necessary to ensure the availability of alternates to fill vacancies in unexpired terms for the duration of those terms. The Senate Committee on Committees will notify the appropriate academic deans, vice president for extension, or vice president for statewide campuses of the number of senators to be elected annually by their faculty and the date by which the elections must be held.

2.10.2.2 Nominations. After receipt of notice that annual elections will be held, the appropriate academic deans, vice president for extension, or vice president for statewide campuses directors will communicate with their faculty members eligible to vote in Senate elections (Policies 401.2.4.3.4, Limitations on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.2.5.3.2, Limits on Faculty Participation (Special Appointments)) for the purpose of nominating Senate candidates and alternates. There will be at least two candidates for each vacancy.

2.10.2.3 Voting. Faculty members with tenured or tenure-eligible appointments and faculty members with term appointments may nominate and vote for candidates and alternates in Senate elections. Balloting within each academic college, the Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library will be by an appropriate method to ensure timeliness, fairness, and verifiability.

2.10.2.4 Verification and Notice of Election Results. The academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library must submit the names of nominees elected to the Senate Committee on Committees on or before the final date set for the conclusion of elections. The Committee on Committees will verify all election results and then inform the Senate of the names of new members at its last regularly scheduled meeting of the academic year. Election results will be made public.

2.10.3 Elections with the Senate. Nominations for the office of President-Elect will occur from the floor during the penultimate regular Senate meeting of the academic year. Elections will be by secret ballot completed prior to the last meeting of the academic year.

2.11 Senate Committees: Authority, Action, and Procedures

2.11.1 Purpose; Reporting. The Senate appoints and discontinues such standing and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary to carry out its duties.

The Senate establishes advisory committees to study and to make reports and recommendations to it on matters under faculty jurisdiction and to carry out the decisions of the Senate relating to its functions and responsibilities. Senate committees receive their authority from the Senate and will report their work and make their recommendations to the Senate. No Senate committee may alter the reports or the recommendations of another Senate committee.

2.11.2 Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Only members of the faculty eligible to vote in Senate elections are eligible for election and appointment to Senate standing committees (Policies 401.2.4.3.4, Limitations on Faculty Participation (Term Appointments) and 401.2.5.3.2, Limitations on Faculty Participation (Special Appointments)).

Unless governed by committee procedures otherwise stipulated below in Policy 402.2.12, Senate Standing Committees, non-Senators of Senate standing committees are elected at the same time and according to the same procedures that elect Senators (Policy 402.2.10.2, Election of Faculty Members to the Senate). Terms will be three years, will begin July 1 following elections, and are renewable once, after which a faculty member is ineligible to stand for election for one year. Terms will be staggered so that approximately 1/3 of them expire annually.

A vacancy will be declared among the elected committee members if that member resigns, is terminated, goes on extended medical leave, or has four or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled committee meetings during an academic year. If a vacancy occurs, then a replacement will be appointed. The Senate Committee on Committees will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the Faculty Senate, and the academic deans, vice president for extension, or vice president for statewide campuses will appoint seats vacated by representatives of the academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library.

Appointed members of Senate standing committees are chosen from the elected membership of the Senate; the Committee on Committees prepares a slate of nominations during the summer for approval by the Senate at its first meeting of the fall semester. Terms will be two or three years, as stated below (Policy 402.2.12) for a particular committee, and will be renewable once. Terms will be staggered. Vacancies will be filled upon recommendation to the Senate by the Committee on Committees.

2.11.3 Senate Committee Procedures.

2.11.3.1 Committee Action; Meetings; Quorum; Majority and Minority Reports. Senate committees will not act independently of the Senate. All statements and actions of Senate committees will be approved by the Senate before they are official, except for routine actions of the Educational Policies Committee which will be submitted to the Senate as information items (Policy 402.2.12.6.1.1, Duties). Committee work will be accomplished as a body. Committee meetings will be held as required to meet the duties of the committee. Meetings will be held at the call of the chair or upon written request, submitted to the chair, by committee members or the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. A majority of committee members will constitute a quorum for conducting business. Committee actions will be by majority vote of the quorum present. Minority committee reports may be submitted to the Senate by dissenting committee members.

2.11.3.2 Committee Minutes. Minutes will be taken at all committee meetings and a copy will be filed with the Senate Executive Secretary as part of the Senate records. The minutes will include copies of all forms, statements, and reports which are presented to the Senate for action.

2.11.3.3 Chairs. Unless otherwise specified, all standing committees and subcommittees of the Senate will elect chairs annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

2.12 Senate Standing Committees

2.12.1 Executive Committee.

2.12.1.1 Duties. The Executive Committee will:

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prepare Senate meeting agendas;

- (a) propose such standing and special committees of the Senate as may be needed;
- (b) examine the work of the Senate committees to discourage duplication of effort and to ensure that all committee assignments are carried out;
- (c) act as a steering committee to direct problems to the proper committees;
- (d) act as a liaison to harmonize the work of all committees; and transact such business as may be referred to it by the Senate.

2.12.1.2 Membership. The Senate Executive Committee consists of:

- (a) the Senate President;
- (b) the President-Elect of the Senate;
- (c) immediate Past President;
- (d) elected faculty senators, representing each of the academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library; the president of the university and executive vice president and provost, who will serve as ex-officio members; and
- (e) a senator appointed by the president and approved by the Senate.

All members have a vote.

2.12.1.3 Eligibility, Election, Term. Any elected senator who is completing or has completed one year of a Senate term is eligible to serve on the Executive Committee, subject to the following exceptions: (a) Senators with only one year remaining in their terms; and (b) Senators who are completing their terms, unless they have been re-elected to the Senate for an additional, successive term.

The election of Executive Committee members will be conducted each spring following the election of new members to the Senate. Elections will be by separate caucus of faculty senators within each academic college, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library.

Caucuses will be held within one week following the April meeting of the Senate.

A faculty senator elected to the Executive Committee will serve for a two-year term, renewable (reelected) once.

2.12.1.4 Joint Meeting of New and Old Executive Committees. Newly elected Executive Committee members will attend the April meeting of the old Executive Committee.

2.12.1.5 Meetings; Senate Agenda. The Executive Committee will meet at least 14 days in advance of regularly scheduled Senate meetings to prepare the agenda and make assignments to those who are to report to the Senate.

2.12.1.6 Reports and Recommendations of Other Senate Committees. The Executive Committee will place reports and recommendations of other Senate committees on the Senate agenda without alteration.

2.12.2 Committee on Committees (CoC).

2.12.2.1 Duties. The Committee on Committees will: (a) apportion Senate elective positions annually; (b) coordinate and supervise the election of members and alternates to the Senate; (c) prepare eligibility slates and supervise nominations and elections within the Senate; and (d) recommend to the Senate the appointed members of all Senate committees and the members of university committees that include Senate representatives.

2.12.2.2 Membership. The Committee on Committees consists of three elected faculty senators serving staggered three-year terms. No later than the last day of the Spring semester and before the terms of the newly elected members begin, the Committee will elect from among its members a new chair to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair.

One faculty senator is elected to the committee each year. They will be elected annually from and by elected Senate members to serve for a three-year, non-renewable term. Nominations for the new member will occur from the floor during the April Senate meeting and elections will be by secret ballot completed prior to the last meeting of the academic year.

Senators who have completed at least one year of their Senate terms are eligible to serve on the Committee on Committees unless they are at the end of their Senate service and have not been re-elected. If a Senate term extension is necessary to complete the Committee on Committees service, then the individual will become a supernumerary member of the Senate and the regular schedule of elections to the Senate from that individual's college or unit will be unaffected.

2.12.3 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AFT).

2.12.3.1 Duties. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee will: (a) recommend to the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee possible policy revisions arising from within the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee's jurisdiction; and (b) review, for consideration by the Senate, all matters pertaining to faculty rights, academic freedom, and tenure. Newly elected Executive Committee members will attend the April meeting of the old Executive Committee.

2.12.3.2 Jurisdiction as an Administrative Hearing Body. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as represented by each of its hearing panels is an administrative hearing body, with jurisdiction in matters related to academic freedom, tenure, promotion, dismissals, and other sanctions; and actions alleged not to be in accordance with the adopted standards, policies, and procedures of the university. In relation to

these matters, the committee may hear both complaints initiated by the university against a faculty member and grievance petitions brought by a faculty member.

2.14.3.3 Procedural Due Process. Hearing panels of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee will, when hearing grievances, determine whether procedural due process was granted the petitioner as provided in this policy and determine whether the grievance is valid or not valid (Policy 407.5.6.8, Recommendation of the Hearing Panel) The recommendation of the hearing panel will be binding on the general membership of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

2.12.3.4 Membership. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee consists of: (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges; and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.

2.12.3.5 Election and Appointment of Members; Terms. Committee members elected from the faculty will be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate will be selected in accordance with Policy 402.2.12.3.4 and will serve three-year terms (Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

2.12.3.6 Officer Eligibility; Election; Term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee will elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

2.12.3.7 Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair. The chair will set the agenda for and preside at Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee meetings, and appoint hearing panels as required. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair will assume these duties. The vice chair will be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

2.12.3.8 Supplemental Appointments. If necessary, in order to hear grievances in a timely manner, supplemental members of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee may be appointed by the Committee on Committees from the elected members of the Senate. This appointment process will be initiated by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. The term of these appointees will expire June 30 following appointment.

2.12.3.9 Hearing Panels. Hearing panels will be appointed as necessary to hear grievances. Four members will be appointed by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee from the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and the remaining member will be an administrator who holds a faculty appointment appointed by the president of the university. Faculty members of hearing panels will be selected by the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee on a rotating basis. All five panel members have a vote. Even if their Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee terms

expire, hearing panel members will serve until the recommendation of the hearing panel has been submitted to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and to the president of the university.

2.12.4 Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee (BFW).

2.12.4.1 Duties. The Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee will: (a) participate in the university budget preparation process; (b) periodically evaluate and report to the Senate on matters relating to faculty salaries, insurance programs, retirement benefits, sabbatical leaves, consulting policies, and other faculty benefits; (c) review the financial and budgetary implications of proposals for changes in academic degrees and programs, and report to the Senate prior to Senate action relating to such proposals; (d) report to the Senate significant fiscal and budgetary trends which may affect the academic programs of the university; and (e) provide faculty representatives for the Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC).

2.12.4.2 Membership. The Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee consists of: (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.

2.12.4.3 Election and Appointment of Members; Terms. Committee members elected from the faculty will be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate will be selected in accordance with Policy 402.12.4.2 and will serve three-year terms (Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

2.12.4.4 Officer Eligibility, Election, Term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee will elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

2.12.4.5 Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair. The chair will set the agenda for and preside at Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair will assume these duties. The vice chair will be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

2.12.5 Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee (PRPC).

2.12.5.1 Duties. The Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee will advise the Faculty Senate regarding composition, interpretation, and revision of Section 400 in University Policies and Procedures. Recommended revisions will be submitted to the Senate for its consideration. The procedures for code amendments are specified in Section 202 of the USU Policy Manual.

2.12.5.2 Membership. The Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee consists of seven Faculty Senators appointed by the Committee on Committees.

2.12.5.3 Appointment of Members; Terms. Committee members appointed from the Senate will be selected in accordance with policy 402.2.12.5.2 and will serve staggered three-year terms (Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

2.12.5.4 Officer Eligibility; Election; Term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee shall elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

2.12.5.5 Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair. The chair will set the agenda for and preside at Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume these duties. The vice chair shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

2.12.6 Educational Policies Committee (EPC).

2.12.6.1 Duties. The major function of this committee is to serve as the Senate committee on educational policy, including program discontinuance for academic reasons (Policy 406.2, Program Discontinuance for Academic Reasons). In addition to conducting studies and making recommendations as specifically instructed by the Senate, the committee itself may initiate such activities. Routine actions taken under established policy, such as approval for specific course changes, additions, or deletions, will be submitted to the Senate as information items. All policy recommendations and major actions will be referred to the Senate for approval or disapproval. Specific duties of the Educational Policies Committee will include consideration of standards and requirements for university designated honors such as cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.

2.12.6.2 Membership. The Educational Policies Committee consists of:

- (a) the executive vice president and provost or designee;
- (b) one faculty representative from each academic college, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, and the Library;
- (c) one faculty representative from the Graduate Council;
- (d) the chairs of the EPC Curriculum Subcommittee, General Education Subcommittee, Academic Standards Subcommittee;
- (e) two student officers from the elected USUSA student government; and
- (f) one elected graduate student representative.

The faculty representatives are elected to the committee in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Note of explanation: Extension has no independent curriculum. There is no need for someone from Extension to sit on this committee.

2.12.6.3 Term of Members. The term of office for faculty members on the Educational Policies Committee will be three years in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. The term of office for student members will be one year.

2.12.6.4 Chair. The executive vice president and provost or his/her designated representative will serve as chair of the Educational Policies Committee. The Committee will elect a vice chair from its members to serve in the absence of the chair. The chair or his/her designee will report to the Senate on the committee's actions.

2.12.6.5 Curriculum Subcommittee. The Curriculum Subcommittee will formulate recommendations on curricular matters, such as course changes, and forward the same to the Educational Policies Committee. This subcommittee consists of: (a) the chairs of the curriculum committee of each academic college; (b) three faculty members appointed from the elected membership of the Educational Policies Committee; (c) one faculty representative each from Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library; and (d) two students, one from the USUSA and one elected graduate student representative. The terms of Educational Policies Committee members on the subcommittee will correspond to their terms on the Educational Policies Committee. The term of office for student members will be one year. The subcommittee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

2.12.6.6 General Education Subcommittee. The General Education Subcommittee formulates and reviews policy with respect to general education. The subcommittee will consist of three faculty members and one student appointed by the Educational Policies Committee. Their terms will correspond to their Educational Policies Committee terms. Additional members may be appointed to the subcommittee for two- year terms by the Educational Policies Committee to lend academic expertise to the areas of emphasis in the general education program of the university. Recommendations developed by the General Education Subcommittee will be submitted to the Educational Policies Committee. The subcommittee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

2.12.6.7 Academic Standards Subcommittee. The Academic Standards Subcommittee (a) recommends policy on all matters pertaining to academic evaluation of students, including admission, retention, grade assignment, and graduation; (b) recommends discipline Policy regarding student academic dishonesty; and (c) approves the process for discipline regarding alleged academic violations by students and for grievance hearings in cases of alleged student academic dishonesty.

The subcommittee will consist of the following members: (a) four faculty members; and (b) one student appointed by the Educational Policies Committee. Their terms will correspond to their Educational Policies Committee terms. Additional members may be appointed to the subcommittee for two-year terms by the Educational Policies Committee to lend expertise.

Recommendations from this subcommittee will be submitted to the Educational Policies Committee. The subcommittee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

2.12.7 Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC)

2.12.7.1 Duties. The Faculty Evaluation Committee will: (a) assess methods for evaluating faculty performance; (b) recommend improvements in methods of evaluation; and (c) decide university awards for Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year, Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year, and Faculty University Service Award.

2.12.7.2 Membership. The Faculty Evaluation Committee consists of: (a) three faculty senators appointed by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, (b) one faculty representative from each academic college, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library; (c) two student officers from the USUSA; and (d) one elected graduate student representative. The faculty representatives are elected to the committee in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. The committee will elect a chair annually, preferably at the last meeting of the academic year.

2.12.8 Faculty Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee (FDDE)

2.12.8.1 Duties. The Faculty Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee will: (a) collect data and identify and promote best practices for faculty development, mentoring, and work environment to facilitate the success of diverse faculty at all career levels; (b) provide feedback and advocate processes for faculty recruitment, promotion, and retention that promote diversity, fair pay standards, and work/life balance for the faculty; (c) report on the status of faculty development, mentoring, diversity, and equity; and (d) make recommendations for implementation of proposals related to faculty diversity, development, and equity.

2.12.8.2 Membership. The Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee consists of: (a) three faculty members appointed from the elected faculty senators by the Committee on Committees each representing different colleges, and (b) one faculty member elected by and from the faculty in each of the remaining academic colleges, Statewide Campuses, USU Eastern, Extension, and the Library, for a total of 12 members on this committee.

2.12.8.3 Election and Appointment of Members; Teams. Committee members elected from the faculty will be elected and will serve terms in accordance with Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies. Committee members appointed from the Senate will be selected in accordance with Policy 402.12.2 and will serve three-year terms (Policy 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Vacancies).

2.12.8.4 Officer Eligibility; Election; Term. No later than the last day of the Spring semester (before the terms of the newly elected members begin), the Committee will elect from among its members a new chair and vice chair, each to serve a one-year term beginning July 1. Any member who has at least one year remaining in a committee term or who has been re-elected to an additional, successive term is eligible to serve as chair or vice chair.

2.12.8.5 Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair. The chair will set the agenda for and preside at Diversity, Development, and Equity Committee meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair will assume these duties. The vice chair will be responsible for the recording of the minutes.

2.12.9 Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum (ECFF).

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Forum will have the duty of composing the agenda for the annual meeting and any special meetings of the Faculty Forum. This committee consists of the elected members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee excluding administrators (Policy 402.12.1.2, a-d, Membership).

2.12.10 Senate Handbook Committee (SHC).

The Senate Handbook Committee composes and/or revises annually the Senate Handbook (Policy 402.2.2.3, Senator's Handbook). This committee consists of: (a) the Faculty Senate President; (b) the President-Elect of the Senate; and (c) the Past President of the Senate. Additional members may be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

2.13 University Councils and Committees with Faculty Representatives

The Senate Committee on Committees recommends to the Senate faculty members to be appointed to the following university councils, boards, and committees: Athletic Council, Graduate Council, University Research Council, Council on Teacher Education, University Libraries Advisory Council, Honors Program Advisory Board, University Scheduling Committee, Calendar Committee, Bookstore Committee, Honorary Degrees and Awards Screening Committee, Diversity Council, and Parking Policy Committee. The faculty representative need not be a Senate member unless his/her role on the council or committee is to represent the Senate specifically as well as the faculty generally. See also Policies 402.2.10.3, Elections within the Senate, 402.2.11.2, Membership; Elections; Terms; Voting, and 402.2.12.2, Committee on Committees (CoC)). In the spirit of shared governance, at the Statewide Campuses and USU Eastern, the vice president for statewide campuses will establish procedures whereby faculty members on those campuses can be actively engaged and represented in key local decisions parallel to the councils and committees described in this paragraph.

[Items below are not part of the current policy. Additions or edits will be added at a later time.]

402.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Responsible Office/Party [Arial Narrow 12, color RGB 140-45-0]

Identify who is responsible for what with regard to this policy. Roles and responsibilities are best defined by department and/or job title. [Arial 10]

402.4 REFERENCES

- Bullet list references to Federal, State, municipal regulations, USHE/Regents policies. [Arial 10]
- Continue list of references. [Arial 10]

Website URL

402.5 RELATED USU POLICIES

- Policy 401: Composition and Authority of the Faculty.
- Policy 406: Program Discontinuance, Financial Exigency, and Financial Crisis.
- Policy 407: Academic Due Process, Sanctions, and Hearing Procedures.

402.6 DEFINITIONS

Information below is not included as part of the contents of the official Policy. It is provided only as a convenience for readers/users and may be changed at any time by persons authorized by the President, subject to review by the USU Policy Committee.

RESOURCES

Related Forms and Tools

- Faculty Senate Committee Explanation Table

Contacts

- Faculty Senate website: <https://www.usu.edu/fsenate/index>
- Executive Secretary: [Michele Hillard](#)

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