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September 19, 2022
3:30 – 5:00 pm
Old Main-Champ Hall

MINUTES

Present: Noelle Cockett, President
Larry Smith, Provost
Benjamin George, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
John Ferguson, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business (*President*)
Yoon Lee, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Yu Huan, College of Engineering
Doug Ramsey, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
Boyd Edwards, College of Science (*Past-President*)
Vicki Allan, College of Science
Liz Woolcott for Carol Kochan, University Libraries
Denise Stewardson, Extension
Doug Miller, USU-Eastern
Robert Wagner, Executive Vice President
Michele Hillard, Executive Secretary
Danielle Ross, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent: Maureen Hearn, Caine College of the Arts (*President-Elect*)
Don Busenbark, Statewide Campuses

Guests: Paul Barr, EPC Chair
Scott Hunsaker, PRPC Chair

Call to Order - John Ferguson

Approval of Minutes – [August 22, 2022](#)

Addendum to the minutes to remove the duplicate wording on HR Code 345. Correction was made and minutes approved with addendum.

University Business - Noelle Cockett, President | Larry Smith, Provost

President Cockett stated that years ago, President Albrecht did legislative update for everyone. These meetings would include the President, Provost and Vice President of Government Relations. President Cockett thought that a state of the university talk would work better than the individual meetings. However, Faculty Senate President John Ferguson thinks there are more college specific items of interest that could and should be addressed. President Cockett has agreed to be available if the colleges would like to have individual meetings. The faculty senators would set up the meetings in each of their colleges. These will be held on an as requested basis. President Cockett, Provost Smith and Executive Vice President Robert Wagner will attend these meetings. Questions would need to come forward beforehand so that they can be addressed at the meeting. This will be a good way for President Cockett to reconnect with the faculty. The day 15 numbers are out. USU has 27,000 students enrolled with 3500 concurrent students. UVU states that they have 41,000 students enrolled, however, 17,000 of those are concurrent students. Weber State has 29,000 with 13,000 concurrent enrolled students. The president has asked the commission to stop putting out the reports with

these numbers and start doing total headcount. There should be a headcount for concurrent students and then one for everyone else. USU will be doing total headcount and they will be clear about the enrollment numbers in their marketing and communications. This year's freshman class is the largest ever for USU. Latinx student's enrollment is up 10% and is the highest ever for the university. Continuing students are down, and this could be due to COVID. Graduate school enrollment is down slightly as well. President Cockett will provide all those numbers at the next faculty senate meeting. At the last Board of Regents meeting USU found out that they received \$10M was given to the Huntsman School for another building and \$4.2M for the Science and Engineering Research (SCER). Computer Science will be moving to the SCER building. A faculty member reached out regarding stronger face mask usage and guidelines. Information will be forthcoming regarding mask wearing. Everyone is urged to stay home when they are feeling sick. Vaccination clinics are being offered this week for COVID and flu.

Provost Smith – Wednesday he will be part of a panel talking about faculty, community engagement and how to include this in tenure and promotion packets. Provost's office is working issuing an October Newsletter.

Information

[Educational Policies Committee](#) – September 1, 2022 - Paul Barr

General Education Subcommittee – Matt Sanders was elected as chair of the Gen Ed Subcommittee. Discussions to include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion language within breadth courses. Discussion of institutional requirements. Work with Matt Sanders to get more information, questions and input regarding and utilizing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – Excused Absence Policy – the subcommittee is looking at the policy through the lens of remote learning. There is a phrase in the policy that faculty members are under no obligation to record or broadcast courses.

Curriculum Subcommittee – approved 83 course approvals and four R401 proposals. EPC was provided an update from the School of Graduate Studies. Graduate student stipends have been a problem.

Motion to move the EPC monthly report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Benjamin George. Seconded by Scott Hunsaker. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Reports

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

Curriculum Subcommittee - Approved 838 curriculum requests and 44 R401 proposals. Elected Chad Simon as the new Curriculum Subcommittee Chair for the 2022-2023 academic year. Registrar reported on the effectiveness and utilization of the impact reports.

General Education Subcommittee - Approved 27 course designations. A QU rubric was developed to make sure that milestones are being met. A training program was discussed for the faculty.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – A change of the wording of the Email Communication Policy in the General Catalog was approved. A change to the wording of the graduate post-humous degree. A revision of this new language was needed for graduate degrees. The new language for the Excused Absences Policy was discussed and approved. The new language moves redundancies and clarifies the process.

Motion to move the EPC Annual Report to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Boyd Edwards. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Report moved to the Faculty Senate agenda.

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

Motion to move the Empower Teaching Excellence annual report back to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Benjamin George. Seconded by Yoon Lee. Report moved to the Faculty Senate agenda.

Old Business

403 was discussed at last Monday's Dean's Council meeting. Feedback will be provided to Scott Hunsaker the PRPC chair.

New Business

Motion to add the 401 policy to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Boyd Edwards. Seconded by Denise Stewardson. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Motion to move the faculty code 401 to the Faculty Senate agenda for a second reading made by Doug Ramsey. Seconded by Yu Huang. Moved to Faculty Senate for second reading.

The responsibility is on the faculty senate members to communicate with their colleges and let the faculty know what is going on. It was suggested that the senators send the minutes link to the faculty within their colleges. Send faculty to the Faculty Senate website for information and agendas and minutes. It might be a good idea to have senators from each college meet with others senators in their colleges.

Recommend putting a brief overview of senate responsibilities for all senators. Put signs up for colleges to meet together. New senator orientation should be held at the beginning of each academic year.

Motion to move this request to the Faculty Senate agenda may by Boyd Edwards. Seconded by Danielle ross. Moved to Faculty Senate agenda.

Adjourn: 4:35 pm