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November 28, 2022
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Merrill Cazier Library – 154

MINUTES

Call to Order - John Ferguson

Approval of Minutes – [October 31, 2022](#)

Minutes approved as distributed.

University Business - Larry Smith, Provost

Provost Smith – President Cockett announced that she will be resigning on July 1. There will be a very busy seven months ahead of us. She is committed on moving forward on the strategic and advancement plan. The strategic plan is now open for suggestions/recommendations. In the next few days there will be sent out a deadline for the submissions. Looks like it will be the first of January. Need to be thinking strategically about the legislative session. The governor mentioned the possibility of a tuition freeze for students in the Utah education system. There is a policy and process for conducting the search for the next USU President.

Information

Educational Policies Committee – [November 3, 2022](#) - Paul Barr

General Education Subcommittee – No designations were reviewed or approved. Concerns over instructor qualifications and courses that seem to be moving outside of the methods/topics for the instructor's home disciplines. Concerns about ensuring consistency of Breadth/Depth courses over time and the lack of any mechanism to follow up to ensure these courses continue to meet the Breadth/Depth criteria.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – No meeting/report.

Curriculum Subcommittee – Approved 179 semester course approvals and 16 R401s. Huntsman School of Business would like to provide courses with a 1.5 credit level. Benefits include better scheduling, and their degree credits are in three credit increments already. The catalog is currently at 40 words for all course description. The committee had a discussion regarding the limit and decided it makes sense to stay at 40 words. ITLS is requesting a section title change for ITLS 6960 Creative project.

Reports

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

Motion to approve the Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual Report made by Nicholas Morrison. Seconded by Danielle Ross. Report approved.

In 2021-2022 the Faculty Evaluation Committee pursued three matters: 1) revisions to the Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year and Eldon J. Gardner Teach of the Year award; 2) ways to reward faculty work aligned with institutional priorities of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and 3) ways to better evaluate teaching outside of student evaluations.

[USUSA Annual Report](#) - Clara Alder

Report will be held until January when the student body president can come and give the report to the full senate.

[Honors Annual Report](#) - Kristine Miller

Motion to approve the Honors Annual Report made by Kelly Fadel. Seconded by Matt Bunnell. Report approved.

Since 2017, the University Honors Program has served an average of 695 students each year. The program has supported this robust student population and maintained its high-quality curriculum by engaging a yearly average of 220 faculty members, who come from all eight colleges. The program has expanded its alumni engagement through a series of targeted opportunities. Honors would like faculty to propose classes that can be used in the program.

Old Business

Code 403 Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility (second reading) - Scott Hunsaker

[Track Changes](#) | [Final Clean](#)

Motion to move the Faculty Code 403 to the President's Executive Committee made by Scott Hunsaker.

New Business

Office of Equity Additional Training - Tanisha Barker

Office of Equity has additional trainings that will be taking place in the Spring. These will be more culture changing training. There is a book club celebrating Title IX. There will be lunch and learns with SAAVI. Departments and colleges can request additional training for their groups. Working with ETE to include a badge for the training.

[SNAC Funding](#) - Denise Stewardson

SNAC is a free food pantry on the Logan campus. Looking at the sustainability of the funding for this program. The CARES funding will end in June 2023. Cutting funding will severely impact the program. Looking at how Faculty Senate might be able to support this.

Code 404 Faculty Appointments [Track Changes](#) | [Final Clean](#) (first reading) - Scott Hunsaker

Motion to move the Faculty Code 404 to the Dean's Council made by Scott Hunsaker. Moved to Dean's Council.

Report regarding term faculty should be ready to come out in the next meeting. Looking to ensure anonymity.

Adjourn: 4:03