Faculty Senate Minutes
October 1, 2013
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

Present: Steve Allred, Jon Anderson, Clayton Brown, Monica Campbell, Leo Chan, Alan Clarke, Marty Clayton, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, David Dean, Matthew Draper, Lars Eggertson, Wioleta Fedeczko, Debora Ferreira, Doug Gardner, Barry Hallsted, Vance Hillman, Matthew Holland, John Hunt, Vessela Ilieva, Mi Ok Kang, Dianne Knight, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Rick Moody, David Morin, CheolHwan Oh, Dennis Potter, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Allison Swenson, Darin Taylor, Russ Thornley, Marcus Vincent, Lorraine Wallace, Ian Wilson, Alex Yuan

Excused or Absent: Deborah Baird, Tyler Brklacich (UVUSA), Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Kathy Black, Mark Bracken, Joel Bradford, Kat Brown, Tim Doyle, Joel Herd (PACE), Yang Huo, Jill Jasperson, Ellis Jensen, Ryan Leick, Gary Mercado, Tyler Nelson, Jacqueline Preston, Leslie Simon, Craig Thulin, Machiel VanFrankenjuijsen, Kent Walker

Call to order – 3:03 pm

Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2013. Minutes approved.

President Holland

- President reported that final enrollment numbers are not ready to be released yet. He did share that budget related FTE is closer to 6%. UVU was not impacted by the change is missionary age as they expected. Out of state recruitment helped keep enrollments up.
- Wee Care Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on September 27, 2013. It is primarily a student operation, but part of funding the Operations and Maintenance funding is allowing some faculty and staff to utilize the services.
- Holland thanked the Faculty Senate and their colleagues for attendance at Freshman Convocation. We had over 1200 freshman attend this year and counted about 140 faculty. This is a powerful and symbolic statement to students and emphasizes UVU’s commitment of being a serious institution.
- UCAS noted as #1 high school in the state. The State is recognizing academic quality at high school levels.
- UVU is in full swing of our four-year strategic planning process. Holland encouraging dialogue between deans, faculty and staff.
- Inquiry was made regarding enrollments and thoughts on extra dollars if they continue to show improvement between now and spring. Holland hopes that student recruitment continues to improve and thinks there is potential for additional revenues in spring, but won’t know that until mid-way into spring. He noted that figures will be on par with PBA and not spendable until fall 2014. Holland also noted that every institution was able to define their own parameters regarding out-of-state tuition and that UVU was able to recruit better prepared students.
**MOTION** – Dennis Potter motioned to reorder the agenda moving Item 7 – Debate Calendar before Item 4 – Committee Requests. Matt Draper seconded. All in favor? Motion passed.

Policy 501 – *Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment* – Steward Liz Childs

- Childs reported that the policy was out of date, needed to be updated, and reviewed some of the proposed changes.
- Wallace mentioned that 5.4 does not specify those that have graduated and needs clarification for students who are 17 and have graduated, that it does not apply to them. It also needs to address homeschool students.
- **MOTION** – Rick Moody motioned to advance the policy to an action item. Matt Draper seconded. Discussion – Childs responded that 5.5 deals with Senior Citizens as opposed to anyone interested in taking personal interest and clarified the difference. Childs confirmed that the policy does not have to be fast-tracked. All in favor? 14 in favor. Five opposed. Eight abstained. Motion passed.

Policy 425 – *Scheduling Campus Facilities* - Steward Jim Michaelis

- Michaelis reported that the policy was old and needed to be updated. He stated it now includes Academic Scheduling and the UCCU Center. It also defines what is a sponsored event and non-sponsored event.
- Connelly informed the Senate that the Policy Committee did review it and comments were forwarded to Senators.
- Section 3.1 – The phrase “university department, UVUSA, or university-chartered club” caused concern and Dennis Potter wanted to know if these were the only groups allowed to schedule and event. Michaelis responded no, but indicated outside entities need a co-sponsor. Potter also stated that there are UVU programs such as “Religious Studies” that sponsor/schedule events. He suggested adding language such as “other universities entities” to those allowed to host an event. Michaelis responded that is not a problem.
- Section 3.2 – Potter said the committee had concern regarding “fronting” and that the definition is not clearly worded. He asked Michaelis to define what “fronting” is, why it’s a concern, and why it’s in the policy? He shared that entities around campus would state they were co-sponsoring event, but really had nothing to do with the outside organization. UVU entities were just allowing the outside organizations to use their name to avoid paying fees. Potter inquired as to how decides if the UVU entity is in fact a valid co-sponsor and not a false representation. Michaelis stated that Facilities follows up with the dean and/or department chair to determine if the event is really a co-sponsored event. The committee would like to see the process included in the policy and a better definition of fronting. Michaelis requested the Policy Committee provide the language desired for him to review.
- Section 5.1.1 – Potter referred to the table and who determined responsibility for scheduling and was faculty included in the discussions. Michaelis shared that the chart laid out the responsibilities, but noted the process has been ongoing for some time. He also noted that the
university has just moved to a new system, but there are still designated responsibilities and order. Connelly proposed inviting Scheduling individuals to discuss issues at a later time if desired.

- Section 4.6.1 – Potter expressed concern over the words “must fulfill” and that these words are too strong. The committee also feels that Item 2 under 4.6.1 deals with the “fronting” issues. Concern over university administration and who they are. Potter suggests adding language clarifying the UVU administration.
- **MOTION** – Russ Thornley motioned to charge the Policy Committee to draft language for further review by the steward and Faculty Senate and move to an Action Item. Gary Measom seconded. All in favor? Motion passed.

Information Item

- Policy 141 – *Cost Transfers in Sponsored Programs* and Policy 546 – *Student Consumer Complaints* entered Stage 2. Senate was asked to review and bring comments and questions to the next meeting. Connelly will invite the stewards.

Committee Requests & Elections – Rick Moody

- Clayton Brown was nominated replace Kim Strunk. No other nominations were made. All in Favor? Unanimously approved.

Forum

- David Connelly expressed his thanks for the faculty attendance and asked for feedback and comments.
  - Some felt it was intriguing, helpful, and beneficial. One senator commented that it prompted us to do a better job communicating to students in regards to the education they are receiving and that we need to change their perception. Faculty needs to convey the value of their education at UVU. Some would like to see the Senate use Knowlton’s information to inform the Senate and work towards making a difference. Other suggestions were to advertise the forum and change the venue to accommodate a larger attendance.
  - The Executive Committee proposed Senator Urquhart as the guest speaker in spring after the legislative session. President indicated it would be a great idea and can move forward with a formal invitation. The idea was to open a dialogue with individuals outside higher education to gain a better understanding of the challenges facing higher education so everyone has a greater understanding.
  - A request was made to consider options for streamlining/recording events so they are available to all.
  - A proposal was made to establish themes each year which would drive the forums.
- **MOTION** – Dennis Potter motioned to invite Senator Urquhart as the spring forum speaker. Gary Measom seconded. Connelly indicated that he would be asked to talk about the legislative
session and condition of higher education as he sees it. The Senate would like his theoretical perspective not minutia of the legislative session. All in favor? Motion passed.

Constitution/Bylaws

- The Senate reviewed a discussion handout on the current and proposed draft revisions. A suggestion was made to have a president and vice president serve two-year terms, but elected in off years and not set term limits. Another recommendation was to consider a summer stipend for the president in addition to release time in the fall and spring, consider a combination model.
- Concern was expressed over reasons why faculty are not volunteering for the position of Senate President. Some wanted to know what kind of benefits other Faculty Senate President’s receive? Connelly responded mostly release time and that the benefits are about the same.
- The question “What is SVPAA’s position on the term length?” Ian indicated that if elected from current senators and one year term would be ok as the individual would already have perspective, but two years is preferable.
- A recommendation was made that the Faculty Senate President not serve concurrently as a Department Chair.
- Senate wants to see the pre-service requirements stated in the Constitution.
- Connelly shared that the Draft Committee feels the Executive Committee is too big, needs to be consolidated, and evened out to get a better distribution of other tasks.

MOTION – Dennis Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Lars Eggertsen seconded.

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2013, LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm