Faculty Senate Minutes  
October 11, 2011  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm


Excused or Absent: Kathy Black, Bret Boyer, Arlen Card, Leslie Farnsworth, Phil Gordon, Carolyn Howard, Farid Islam, Brian Jensen, Amir Kia, Matthew Kushin, Phil Matheson, Dan McDonald, Kristin Mechem, Margaret Mittelman, Jeff Packer, Dennis Potter, Axel Ramirez, Harry Taute, Paul Tayler, Rick Vincent, Lorraine Wallace

1. Call to order at 3:05 pm by John Balden. Silent roll passed around.

2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes approved.

3. Administrative Reports

- VPAA Report – Ian Wilson
  - VPAA and President have reviewed RTP Guidelines. Will be meeting with Deans and RTP Chairs to provide suggestions to tighten things up.
  - Mid-term and Tenure applications are under review.
  - Third week enrollment report out. Increase of 600-700 students. PBA funding will be impacted due to enrollment.
  - WSB Accreditation Site Visit this week. Evaluators are impressed with resources at UVU.
  - External Consultant was hired and reviewed historic higher ed institutional funding and concluded UVU is the most underfunded in state compared to other institutions. Funding models should be predicated upon their missions. Findings were presented to Regents. Recommendations will be made to Legislature who will determine outcome of additional funding. President Holland does not know for sure who makes the presentation to the legislature. He is going to a Regents meeting later this week and hopes to have an update. The formal report is still in draft stage. It will not give specific dollar amounts, but sets targets.

- Welcome to Karen Cushing – new secretary for Faculty Senate

- UVUSA - David Millet
  - Next Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – Robert Hastings, author and extraterrestrial expert, will make a presentation in the Grande Ballroom at Noon regarding encounters at Nuclear Weapon sites. If you would like to attend the luncheon, contact David.Millett@uvu.edu.
4. Information Items

- Proposed UVU Policy 524: *Graduate Credits and Transcripts*
  - John Balden introduced the Graduate Credits and Transcripts policy to the Senate.
  - Policy Committee noted that the pipeline version was not the same as the one the Senate received for review. Cara O’Sullivan will check pipeline for correct version.
  - Policy Committee will review the correct version over the next few weeks.
  - John Balden will notify Liz Childs when to return to Faculty Senate for discussion.

- Proposed UVU Policy 103: *Faculty Senate Constitution* and UVU Policy 104: *Faculty Bylaws*
  - The Policy Committee designated David Connelly to provide an update. Committee started conversations over the summer. Seeking more volunteers to assist in reviewing these policies. Draft of Constitution has been developed. Discussion has been held to move the bylaws out of policy and place into an internal document. There are substantive changes coming forth. Committee would like to bring both documents to the Faculty Senate together at same time. Currently working through bylaws. Please let David Connelly know if you or any faculty member would like to assist the committee or review the information.

- Refreshments – Any suggestions for refreshment, inform John Balden.

- White Paper
  - Section: *Revise and Integrate Academic Program Initiation and Review Process*
    1. Concern by Senate: not sure faculty well represented and not sure what new process looks like.
    2. Like the idea of flow chart that will show more detail of levels of authority and responsibilities.
    3. Ian Wilson commented:
      a. Fundamental point is that none of this has been decided – there is no committee, no process, no flowchart; trying to define this
      b. Faculty has copy of redlined version from April. President and VPAA not at point to make final decisions yet.
      c. Likes flowchart idea
      d. Discussed role of data collection. How can we be more intentional? As we move forward, what is the mechanism to collect data and look at new programs? Rather than having departments spend time gathering data, can go to individual/committee to assist department in getting useful data. Group can also scan environment and recommend degree/program based on data presented. Reports from committees are online for review. Email Kyle Reyes for web location.
e. Role of faculty feels minimal – needs to be clarified as continue to review process.

   i. Develop Executive Summary for Dean’s review.
   ii. Develop R401 submit to Curriculum Committee then to Eva Bernfeld for review/suggestions.
   iii. Submit to VPAA & President for comment then to Board of Trustees.
   iv. Board of Trustees review and provide input. After approval, sent to Commissioners office for approval then to Regents.

g. Third part – NWCCU/Accreditation/Regents review – look at review process and ask is it solid enough – should we expand internal review process?
   i. Where are now? Kathie Debenham and Presidential Intern conducting research.
   ii. VPAA would like input to answer question raised at Faculty Senate. How should we reshape/reform program review?
   iii. Priority placed on maturity of program review process then to development.

4. Senate Comments
   a. A conversation in isolation seems defeating. Is there another iteration from faculty?
   b. Key in first paragraph is role of goal; fear is program being axed. Procedure needs to be articulated clearly.
   c. Insert agenda item for department meetings and include a copy of red-lined white paper and analysis for discussion.
   d. What should Faculty Senate do? Ian Wilson will get back to John Balden or David Connelly with faculty numbers to participate in white paper discussion.

5. President Holland reiterated idea of not being so caught up about new programs they existing programs are forgotten. Think about building core elemental programs.

6. Ad hoc committee will continue to review white paper a section at a time. Next section “Clarify Faculty Credential Standards and Expectations for Tenure and Rank.”

5. Motion to Adjourn by Lars Eggersten at 4:00 pm. Motion passed.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting will be October 25, 2011.