

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 29, 2013
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

UTAH VALLEY
UNIVERSITY

Present: Steve Allred, Tyler Brklacich (UVUSA), Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Kathy Black, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, Monica Campbell, Leo Chan, Alan Clarke, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Matthew Draper, Lars Eggertsen, Wioleta Fedeczko, Debora Ferreira, Doug Gardner, Phil Gordon, Barry Hallsted, Joel Herd (PACE), Vance Hillman, Vessela Ilieva, Jill Jaspersen, Ellis Jensen, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Rick Moody, CheolHwan Oh, Dennis Potter, Jacqueline Preston, Axel Ramirez, Leslie Simon, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Allison Swenson, Darin Taylor, Russ Thornley, Craig Thulin, Marcus Vincent, Kent Walker, Lorraine Wallace, Ian Wilson, Alex Yuan

Guests: Anton Tolman, Nancy Bartlett

Excused or Absent: Jon Anderson, Deborah Baird, Mark Bracken, Joel Bradford, Marty Clayton, David Dean, Tim Doyle, Matthew Holland, John Hunt, Yang Huo, Dianne Knight, Ryan Leick, Gary Mercado, Tyler Nelson, Machiel VanFrankenjuijsen

Call to order – 3:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2013. Minutes approved.

- SVPAA – Ian Wilson
 - Excuse President as he is attending meetings in Salt Lake.
 - PBA and Strategic Four-Year Plans are still under development. He encouraged faculty to attend presentations if available. Connelly will send senate a copy of the Academic Affairs Presentation Schedule.
 - Wilson informed the Senate that the Academic Affairs Council has developed a set of Objectives and Goals collectively with the deans.
- Policy Updates – Kat Brown
 - Policy 601 - *Classroom Management* – Kat Brown received comments from community and has incorporated those into the new version. The policy will go to President’s Council this week. Brown responded that language for final assessment was already included in the policy. Alan Clarke felt that the time and scheduled place are still a concern.
 - Policy 610 – *Credit Hour* – Brown informed Senate that this policy is being updated and getting ready to enter Stage 1 to reflect what the Department of Education has conveyed to Accreditors. If anyone wants to view the NWCCU definitions go to <http://NWCCU.org> . Departments will review with the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee to verify that the credit hour and course content coincides with definitions.
- UVUSA – Tyler Brklacich
 - Halloween Night – Tomorrow night, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.
 - Insomnia Halloween Dance – Thursday night, October 31, 7:30 p.m., UCCU Event Center

- SoTE – Anton Tolman
 - Tolman provided an overview and handout regarding the conference scheduled for March 27-28, 2014 at UVU. He indicated this is a peer review/regional conference and that colleagues from various institutions will be reviewing the proposals.
 - Keynote Speaker is Dr. Jenny Shanahan from Bridgewater State University
 - Call for Proposals due date is December 1, 2013. UVU would like to have a great representation and remind faculty that this is a great opportunity for dialogue.
- Faculty Senate Awards – Lars Eggertsen
 - There has been confusion over awards the last few years. The Committee has tried to streamline the process. In the current process a faculty member is nominated and the nominee is required to submit the appropriate paperwork which can be onerous. The Committee's desire is to 1) make sure all faculty are on the same page, and 2) do we want to change the process where the nominator submits the paperwork as is done for PACE, the President's and Trustee's Awards.
 - Senators were encouraged to discuss this issue with their departments and determine if there is consensus among faculty on their preference.
 - The current criteria went into effect in 2012-13. Some senators recommended that there be more flexibility on the criteria and allow departments to have more oversight on the percentages required. Another recommendation was to limit the criteria to the previous year; however, the problem is it does not recognize career performance.
 - The Faculty Senate would like to take back ownership of the awards.
 - Send Lars Eggertsen any feedback and he will bring that information back to the Senate at a later date.
- SRIs – Lars Eggertsen
 - The Committee is facing some bureaucratic glitches in regards to the pilot groups, but it looks like the proposed SRIs will not be addressed until spring and not go into effect until fall 2014.
- Action Items
 - Policy 425 - *Scheduling Campus Facilities* – **MOTION** – Alan Clarke motioned to accept the Policy Committee's recommendations and move them forward. Rick Moody seconded. All in favor? Motion passed. 1 Abstention.
 - Policy 141 – *Cost Transfers in Sponsored Programs* – The Policy Committee had problems with the way the policy was written, but that content was acceptable. They felt it needs reorganization. **MOTION** – Gary Measom motioned to send comments to the steward and have the steward bring clarification back to the Senate in two weeks. Leo Chan seconded. Discussion – Overall structure of the policy was odd, but no real substantive problems. All in favor? Motion passed. 2 Abstentions.
 - Policy 511 – *General Student Fees* – Policy entered Stage 2 . This policy deals with student fees not course fees. Some senators wanted to know the percentage of student fees that go toward athletics? Brklacich will provide feedback. He also indicated there is a growth factor built in for the new Student Center. UVUSA is trying to increase the financial transparency by distributing more information. To offer study abroad

scholarships could be problematic as it can become political to use student fees to fund their peers' experiences. Policy will be moved to first reading next time.

- Code of Conduct - Firewall between personal views and professional arena is difficult to define. Need to make sure we stay germane to disciplines. Recommend language regarding academic freedom. Connelly will review and see if more specific language needs to be inserted.
- Constitution/Bylaws
 - The Executive Committee discussed apportionment based on faculty percentages and distribution. One proposal is to assign one senator to every department, provide representation for three adjuncts, and possible library representation, with the remaining distribution of seats to large departments.
 - Adjunct representation on senate intent was to let the voice of adjuncts be heard. Recommend providing full voting rights to adjuncts. They will serve on a semester-by-semester basis.
 - Connelly will send the Adjunct Resolution to the Senate for information.
- Rick Moody motioned to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.