Faculty Senate Minutes  
September 4, 2012  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

Present: Marlene Bacon, John Balden, Lyn Bennett, Kathy Black, Bret Boyer, Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, Arlen Card, Leo Chan, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, David Dean, Lars Eggertson, Vivienne Faurot, Doug Gardner, Erin Haskell (UVUSA), Joel Herd (PACE), Matthew Holland, Carolyn Howard, Yang, Huo, Xiaoyi Ji, Pierre Lamarche, Ryan Leick, Phil Matheson, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Tyler Nelson, Jeff Packer, Dennis Potter, Jacqueline Preston, Axel Ramirez, Kim Strunk, Darin Taylor, Russ Thornley, Craig Thulin, Haijing Tu, Elaine Tuft, Marcus Vincent, Kent Walker, Lorraine Wallace, Ian Wilson

Excused or Absent: Steve Allred, Deborah Baird, Matthew Draper, Dwayne Erdman, Wioleta Fedeczko, Debora Ferriera, Stott Harston, Vance Hillman, Mark Jeffreys, Dianne Knight, Lisa Lambert, Rick Moody, Evelyn Porter, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Paul Taylor

• Call to order - 3:05 PM
• Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2012 Senate meeting. Minutes approved.
• Senate Roll – Review information and make corrections.
• Student Government - Erin Haskell – Speaker Joe Torrillo a survivor from 9/11 will be held on September 11th at 11:00 am in the Ragan Theater.
• President Holland
  - Welcomed back all faculty. Informed faculty that he is team teaching an Honors Ethics & Values class with Elaine Englehardt.
  - Observations
    o Enrollment expected to dip due to the economy and new policies such as firmer deadlines, tuition due date, and structured enrollment. President Holland affirmed UVU is on the right path and that policies are in place. Staff experienced fewer angry students and students received better advising due to proper paperwork in place.
    o State perspective on budgets/funding – The USHE Presidents are starting earlier to talk about budgets for legislature. Will continue to focus on compensation increases including equity money and mission based initiatives.
      ▪ President posed the questions what do we do about the 66% goal and how do we get more students in the system and to completion? He noted that if the legislature were serious about this goal they would need to step up and provide the funding necessary to accomplish this goal. He shared a strategy for year-to-year funding and what would be done with the funds each year. If they don’t provide funds, then we can say they are not serious about this goal.
    o Senate Comments
      ▪ Faculty wanted to know how many students got wiped off the system due to new processes? President commented that we learned some things and
that Michelle Taylor is conducting a postmortem evaluation. If Senate has any input/suggestions please send to Michelle.

- ACT scores for structured enrollment is currently at 23. Is this too high? Should it be backed down to 21? Wanted to have something uniform across campus. 20-25% of students admitted were either at 23 or below. Do people have strong feelings about the ACT score?
  - Faculty mixed on what the score really reflects and want to be sure we don’t error on the side of those who might do well.
  - Ian noted UVU is working closely with local high schools to predict where a student is placed when he/she come to UVU.
  - Suggestions: Differentiate scores instead of using composite. Conduct study on the correlation between ACT scores and retention/completion.
  - Senate asked to take issue back to departments for input.

- Is USHE looking at the expansion of summer school as a system? Hired Tiffany Evans to draw more enrollments into summer school and get more faculty support to get it going. Change in Pell Grant funding was blow to summer school. Would like to see change on Federal level. UVU is trying to be more aggressive of this expansion. Ian Wilson is coordinating with department chairs to work with faculty to expand courses during summer particularly upper division courses. Aggressive marking campaign and earlier summer registration deadlines will help facilitate planning for spring/summer schedules.

  o VPAA - Ian Wilson
  - Smoother start to semester with a few changes to larger classrooms. Hired about 70 new faculty on tenure and non-tenure track.
  - 400 seat classroom – not filling up as we expected, but some have been successful. Technology is working and those teaching are enjoying the experience. This is a cultural shift in progress.
  - If you have any feedback on Faculty Convocation, please send to Ian Wilson or Kat Brown.
  - Concern from faculty about classes canceled for low enrollment and what can be done. Ian indicated that there is talk about how we can offer classes with lower enrollments. He has also has the deans and department chairs to take a fresh look at the summer semester.

  o PACE – Joel Herd, Vice President with PACE introduced himself as a new member and looked forward to working with the Faculty Senate.

  o Policy – Reschedule Cara O’Sullivan

  o Committee Requests and Elections
  - Textbook Preplanning Committee seeking nominations - Lisa Lambert, Elaine Englehardt
• Taskforce on Underage Safety & University Responsibility – David Connelly felt this issue warrants faculty concern as UVU does have classes that are out working with K-12 students. Bring back to Senate for nominations.
• Fine-tune the election process - Senate needs to get much better control over election process so members are not appointed or strongly encouraged. Need to get handle on structural side first.

 o Debate Calendar
    ▪ Policies for information item and review:
        • 165 – *Discrimination, Harassment, and Affirmative Action* - policy in response to request by students
        • 302 – *Hiring of Staff and Student Employees* - directly related to PACE and Senate will coordinate with PACE
        • 403 – *Restrictions on the Use of Skateboards, Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Bicycles and Motorcycles* – updating of existing policy
        • 423 – *Space Assignment and Space Change* - puts burden from VPAA to others
        • 601 – *Classroom Management* – Senate committee meets next week, but waiting for specific direction from Senate; Dennis Potter motioned to take back to first reading. Gary Measom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
        • 631 – *Student Evaluations of Faculty and Courses* - was brought back to Senate but no formal action was taken, will bring back next time.

 o Discussion Items
    ▪ Proposed discussion items for the academic year
        • Grade inflation policy - would like to have strong policy from faculty with stronger language and definitions. Need to define the problem, scope, and intended outcome. Craig Thulin agreed to bring the issue to the Executive Committee for discussion.
        • Constitution & Bylaws – David Connelly has been working on, but not done.
        • Academic Integrity – what can faculty do with students when repeated offender in other classes. Mark Bracken informed the Senate that there is a process in place and maybe just needs to be reviewed. David Connelly will schedule this for a regular meeting.

 o Faculty Development - receiving requests already and will be setting up meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – Lars Eggertson; Seconded – Brent Bargeron.

Adjourned at 4:05 pm