**Faculty Senate Minutes**

February 9, 2016

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Kim Abunuwara, Christa Albrecht-Crane, Steve Allred, Anne Arendt, Brian Barthel, Nicholas Ball, Howard Bezzant, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Dean Bohl, Mark Borchelt, Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, Josh Cieslewicz, Alan Clarke, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Courtney Davis, Debora Escalante, Dustin Fife (Library), Doug Gardner, Lindsey Gerber, Barry Hallsted, Ron Hammond, Sherry Harward (PACE), Matthew Holland, John Hunt, Ellis Jensen, Robert Jorgensen, Lydia Kerr, Ryan Leick,Dianne McAdams-Jones, Gary Mercado, Duane Miller, CheolHwan Oh, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Karen Preston, Robert Robbins, Matt Robins (UVUSA), Anthony Romrell, Sheri Rysdam, Makenzie Selland, Allison Swenson, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Violeta Vasilevska, Alex Yuan

***Excused or Absent***: Joel Bradford, Clayton Brown, David Connelly, Rob Cousins, Laurie Harrop-Purser, David Morin, Tyler Nelson, Jeff Olson, Cyrill Slezak, Stuart Stein

***Guests:***

Call to order – 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2016. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT

* Big week getting message to Legislature. Presented at two hearings: 1) Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee (IGG) talking about the $30M ask for the Arts building. Holland announced the previous week that UVU has secured $20M. Message well received by Legislature. Challenge – costs have shifted so projections now are at $55M and we are asking for $2M more from State. Keeping eye on revenues during session. 2) Made pitch to Appropriations committee for access and affordability, compensation, and performance based. Goes to body for further discussion.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

* Reviewed weekly handout. Contains bills that UVU is monitoring. Highlights bills that have traction and moving through the process. Gun bills do not have traction at this point, but will keep Faculty Senate updated.
* Can go to Legislative website and track bills individually.
* Have nine UVU Interns on the Hill. One with speaker of house and governor’s office. They are better prepared.
* UCAT focus – HE Appropriations subcommittee is scrutinizing and recommending changes. They play an important role in public education and ecosystem.
* Recognized Holland for his presentation to IGG and UVU’s efficiencies. Credit to faculty.

SVPAA Update

* Thanks to all for work on your academic master plan. If have not submitted your department recommendations, please send to Karen Cushing.

PACE

* Sponsoring Wolverine Wednesday on February 10 from 11:30-1:00 pm, Centre Stage.

UVUSA

* First ever political action week. President Holland lecturing February 12 at 1:00 p.m. in LI120. Will send list of all events.
* Thursday Open Forum about Testing Center.

FINANCIAL AID

* Trish Howard reviewed funds that funnel through Financial Aid.
* 43% of UVU students receive Pell Grant. Covers 107% of tuition and fees.
* Provisions
  + Only pay for one repeat of a previously passed course with a D- or above.
  + Only receive financial aid for 30 remedial credits. Prerequisites that are not part of student’s program are considered remedial. This will affect students who are required to take certain courses to get into a pre-professional field. Howard noted these could be taken as an elective.
  + Will only receive financial aid for courses that count towards the student’s program. Upgrades should be completed by spring break for testing and will be implemented in fall 2016.
* Certificate programs
  + If a student in a bachelor program for three years and received subsidized loans and then goes back to earn a one year certificate, they might be impacted by the 150% loan cap.
  + Margaret Bellon is trying to be sure to set students up in Banner so they are not impacted on financial aid.
* Students can receive aid for 150% of program (180 credits). It will impact students towards the end of their education. Can do an appeal and demonstrate they will graduate at a certain point in time.
* Census Date
  + Last day to add classes on the full semester student timetable and financial aid credit hours become locked. Even if add class for whatever reason, cannot receive Pell grant.
* Attendance
  + Department of Education requires students to begin attendance in all classes for which they receive financial aid. If can’t confirm attendance, student is ineligible for funds.
  + UVU assumes attendance if earns grade A-E. If student withdraws, means began attending.
  + If student withdraws, their financial aid is impacted and the university must return all or a portion of the aid based on their actual reported attendance.
  + Once funds are returned to Federal government, unable to get back even if an error was made.
* FAFSA
  + Beginning October 2016, students will use their prior-prior year (PPY) tax data to complete their FAFSA.
* Send PPT and Grading Policy to Senate.
* Last day of attendance applies only if receive UW or E in regards to financial aid.

POLICY 510 – *Graduate Admissions and Continuation*

* Amending current policy to insert university level expectations. Programs can increase the requirements if desired.
* Concern about students successfully passing a TOEFL test does not mean they are conversant.
* Albrecht-Crane inquired about an international degree that is equivalent. Bailey will follow-up with her for language and suggestions.
* Robbins noted there is a clearing-house in the U.S. that would validate foreign credentials and provide a certificate of equivalence for admissions. Breton noted that students are responsible to obtain the equivalency for admissions.
* There are provisions for exceptions for admissions. Bezzant question the term “only” in Section 4.5. Consider a different word.
* Section 4.9.1 – recommend reflecting federal rules in regards to Visas.
* Prior to excluding international students from graduate programs, recommendation was made to have some additional resources available to determine if a student should be accepted. Section 4.8 covers this.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

* Special Assignments & Investigations – None
* Service & Elections – Clayton Brown will conduct election business from home. Will be contacting each department to review who rotates off and number of representatives.
* Curriculum – Leick/Bracken will be presenting at Board of Trustees on the new curriculum process. Developed subcommittee to design forms for process.
* RTP – None

**MOTION** - Bezzant motioned to take the leftover cookies to Clayton Brown. Robbins seconded. All in favor? Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

* Albrecht-Crane expressed concern about the cost of food, delivery charges, and quality. Bezzant reported that food services needs to be self-sustaining and follow food-handling procedures. Swenson expressed that West Campus does not have appropriate food services and are conducting a survey. Arendt recommended sending comments directly to Food Services first. If not receiving appropriate responses, do a collective analysis. Harward recommended seeking permission to go off campus more. Arendt would like a summary of findings presented to Senate. Send comments to Bracken.
* Jorgensen announced George Hickman’s wife, Dellyce, passed away on February 8, 2016. Funeral services will be held February 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mt. Nebo Stake Center, 608 West 1400 South in Payson. A viewing will be held Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 587 South 100 West in Payson, or on Friday from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. at the Stake Center prior to services

**MOTION** – Bezzant motioned to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Robbins seconded.