**Faculty Senate Minutes**

April 18, 2017

CB 511, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Kim Abunuwara, Christa Albrecht-Crane, Huda Al-Ghaib, Steve Allred, Anne Arendt, Jensen Astle (UVUSA), Brian Barthel, Howard Bezzant, Dean Bohl, Mark Borchelt, Mark Bracken, Bret Breton, Kat Brown, Alan Clarke, David Connelly, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Courtney Davis, Debora Escalante, Sara Flood, Doug Gardner, Lindsey Gerber, Darrell Green, Laurie Harrop-Purser, Jia He, Robert Jorgensen, Matthew Holland, Ryan Leick, Dianne McAdams-Jones, Tanner McQuivey (UVUSA), Duane Miller, Anthony Morris (Library), Shalece Nuttall (PACE), Jeff O’Flynn, Jeff Olson, Hong Pang, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Karen Preston, Arianna Reilly, Denise Richards, Robert Robbins, Anthony Romrell, Sheri Rysdam, Makenzie Selland, Tyler Standifird, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Robert Warcup, Paul Weber, Stephen Whyte, Alex Yuan

***Excused or Absent***: Josh Cieslewicz, Steve Fellows, Lydia Kerr, Gary Mercado, Leo Schlosnagle, Stuart Stein

***Incoming Senators:*** Pauli Alin,Jonathan Allred***,*** Laurel Bradshaw***,*** Suzy Cox,Reid Elem,Merrill Halling, Dan Hoffman, Jamie Johnson, Alan Parry, Matthew Taylor

***Guests:*** Justin Jones

Call to order – 3:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2017. Minutes approved.

SVPAA

Thank Senators who have served this past year and for all the hard work. Welcome to the new Senators and encourage them to follow the work of their predecessors.

AVPAA

There are still some policies that will be coming up in the fall. Stay tuned.

ELECTIONS

* Elections & Service Committee
  + Overview - When a position is vacant for Faculty Senate or a university committee, handles all contact and communication for individual elections. Maintains senators term lengths.
  + Nominations
    - Lindsey Gerber
    - **MOTION** - Ken Crook moved to close nominations. Steve Allred seconded. All in favor? 36. 0 Opposed. 1 Abstention. Motion passed.
    - Congratulations Lindsey!
* Retention, Tenure & Promotions Committee
  + Overview - Review Tenure and Rank Appeals at mid-term and tenure. Reviews RTP Guidelines every five years. Opportunity to review policies. Invited to assist in training Department Chairs and new faculty on the tenure process.
  + Nominations
    - Jim Pettersson
    - **MOTION** – Steve Allred moved to close the nominations. Ken Crook seconded. All in favor? 36. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.
    - Congratulations Jim!
* Special Topics & Investigations
  + Overview - Major role is organize subgroups to dive deeper into topics and facilitate in meeting. When there is confusion on a topic, conduct research and present data to Faculty Senate.
  + Nominations
    - Pauli Alin
    - **MOTION** - Alan Parry moved to close nominations. Huda Al-Ghaib seconded. All in favor? 36. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.
    - Congratulations Pauli!
* CAGAS
  + Overview - Serve as the last stage of student appeals in regards to grades and academic standards and review policies as they relate to the concerns. Chair should not being a sitting senator.
  + Nominations
    - Howard Bezzant – Declined
    - Darrell Green – Faculty in Aviation Sciences and member of CAGAS for 2 years
    - Diane McAdams-Jones – Nursing, confident could manage CAGAS
    - **MOTION** – Bret Breton moved to close nominations. Duane Miller seconded.
    - Vote by Ballot
    - Congratulations Dianne!
* Faculty Development
  + Overview - Concerns itself with three issues: 1) faculty travel, 2) overseeing of Faculty Excellence Awards process each year, and 3) overseeing evaluating of Teaching Excellence. Works in tandem with Faculty Senate and Office of Teaching & Learning (OTL).
  + Nominations
    - Kim Abunuwara – Assistant Professor in Integrated Studies. Served on Senate for more than term in addition to a few ad hoc committees.
    - Denise Richards – Supportive of Faculty Development and selected as coach with OTL. Feels OTL and Faculty Senate can complement each other.
    - Susy Cox – At UVU 11 years. Worked with OTL in past as Instructional Designer.
    - **MOTION** – Bob Robbins moved to close the nominations. Debora Escalante seconded.
    - Vote by Ballot – Denise Richards and Susy Cox tied. Held run-off.
    - Vote by Ballot – Congratulations to Denise!
* Member of ATSC
  + Overview – Need faculty member to make sure faculty have a voice on the technology decisions at a strategic level. Need to be a member of Faculty Senate.
  + Nominations
    - Alan Parry – New Assistant Professor in Math department and has an interest in technology.
    - **MOTION** – Bret Breton moved to close nominations. Robert Jorgensen seconded. All in favor? 38. 0 Opposed. 1 Abstention. Motion passed.
    - Congratulations Alan!

PRESIDENT

* Safety Concern – Barrier was extended and informally named the “Alan Clarke Memorial Barricade”
* Holland plans to acknowledge award recipients in the Faculty Senate and share their accomplishments.
  + - Trustee Awards of Excellence - Highest award given on campus.
    - Newell Dayley
    - Dan Fairbanks
    - Michelle Kearns
    - Christopher Clark
    - Kristine Doty-Yells
    - Kerri Howlett
  + President’s Awards of Excellence
    - Marcus Jorgensen
    - Julie Anderson
    - Robert Carney
    - David Connelly
    - Bryan Waite
    - Olga Kopp
* Thank you, Mark Bracken and Doug Gardner!
* Welcome, Craig Thulin!
* Aspiring to National Excellence – Believes UVU has the opportunity to achieve the “Nation’s Very Best Open Admissions Platform for Student Success.” Shared message at State of the University, All Leadership meeting and Divisional/Faculty Senate forums. Challenged leaders to incorporate the idea into their planning and PBA requests. Would like to provide a holistic review on Founder’s Day on September 12, 2017. This fall is the 40th anniversary of the Orem Campus.
  + Consider the following in your conversations:
    - Core Themes and Mission
    - “Nation’s Best”
      * National model, not a national mecca. Focus remains on UVU’s service area.
      * Not chasing a singular “best” institution. Define benchmarks against a variety of excelling institutions. Inspire with cohesive set of best practices.
* Higher Education Funding
  + Will be announcing the spending of approximately $16M. Had a better year with the Legislature expected. Will continue to move the institution forward, but keep national perspectives in view when announcements are made.
  + Hoagies with Holland – April 19th at Noon in Ballroom
* Pembroke College, University of Oxford
  + Holland will serve as a Senior Associate this summer.
  + Work he will be engaged in:
    - Will be writing about UVU and the model for higher education for both national and international levels.
    - Return to project of Jefferson and Madison at Constitutional Convention about protecting assets of freedom for the future.
    - Visiting with student groups

BYLAWS

* UVUSA Representative is only Ex Officio on the Executive Committee.
* **MOTION** – Susy Cox moved to ratify the Bylaws. Alan Parry seconded. No discussion. All in favor? 38. 0 Opposed. 1 Abstention. Motion passed.

POLICY

* Leick reported that Faculty Senate reviewed 14 policies during the spring semester. Great work!
* Policy 251 – *Traveling on University Business*
  + This policy deals with all travel both domestic and international for university business.
  + Section 3.4 clarifies that this policy addresses field trips.
  + Section 3.5 – All questions in regards to international travel as it pertains to university business can be addressed to the Global Engagement Advisory Board.
* Policy 252 – *International Travel for Students, Faculty, and Staff*
  + One concern that is germane to both policies is the allowance of having a spouse/partner travel only with the graduate programs and not the undergraduate programs. Olson shared that in the MBA program they originally promoted this as a selling point for recruitment. There is no clear cutting point. He also reported that this policy is a combination of reviewing other university policies on travel and Risk Management agreed to the revision. Have recommended language change from “spouse” to “accompanying adult” in both policies. One concern about extending it at all for graduate students they felt this was manageable.
  + Leick inquired about domestic travel or extended-day travel. Need to clarify the overlap between the two policies and reference each other where needed.
  + Rysdam expressed concern about individuals making their own arrangements and “showing up” at a conferences, etc.
  + Borchelt expressed dissatisfaction of Concur Travel especially when it comes to group travel arrangements. Olson will take comments back to President’s Council.
  + Clarke expressed concern about the liability issues. Olson noted they are substantial. Stage 2 comment period closes in May.
  + Comment – Consider extending to undergraduates if they determine that it is logistically feasible to process the applications and that there are not significant liability issues. **MOTION** – Kim Abunuwara moved to pass existing comments and adding Jeff Peterson’s comment to consider extending option to accompanying adults to undergraduates if they determine that it is logistically feasible to process the applications and that there are not significant liability issues. Craig Thulin seconded. Richards recommended adding due process for individuals who have been rendered a punitive action. Gardner noted her comment was already listed in the comment section. All in favor - 32. 0 Opposed. 3 Abstained. Motion passed.
* Information - Policy 161 – *Freedom of Speech* passed into Stage 3 last week. There is a 60-day response period. Olson noted that this is such an important policy they extended the comment period to 60 days.

UVUSA

* Tanner McQuivey, Exec VP will be the UVUSA representative next year.
* Make nameplate for UVUSA. Do not include specific name.

PACE

* Nominations are open for PACE Board.

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* Bracken and Gardner presented the outgoing Senators certificates of service.
* Robbins shared concerns about a unit on campus in which the highest educated most experienced adjuncts didactically were told they would receive an $8/hour decrease in pay. Brown noted that this was a departmental decision not from Administration. Robbins will follow-up with Brown.
* Rysdam expressed thanks for the google docs and all the links to comments and policies as it made the policy process more effective.

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.















