**Faculty Senate Executive Council Minutes**

April 18, 2023

Via Microsoft Teams, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present:*** Hilary Hungerford, Ben Moulton, David Frame, Dianne McAdams-Jones, Evelyn Porter, Jaden Muir, John Hunt, Jon Anderson, Jonathan Allred, Kathren Brown, Laura Ricaldi, Nizhone Meza, Sandie Waters, Skyler Simmons, Wayne Vaught, Wioleta Fedeczko

***Excused or Absent:***

***Guests:***

Call to order: Hilary Hungerford called at 3:00 pm

**PROVOST**

* We are coming to the end of another semester. There was an email sent out about the GOP speaker this Saturday. We tried to create a statement stating that we respected academic freedom in the classroom. This is controversial, but universities need to embrace some level of controversy.
* Academic Affairs has moved into the old presidential suite. You can come by anytime.
* We don’t have any more town halls scheduled for the semester.
* Sandie Waters: Who will be providing security this Saturday and is UVU taking any kind of measures to preempt any kind of issues?
  + Wayne Vaught: I don’t have any details on that. I know that our police department is aware of it. I don’t want to speak for them though because I don’t know the details.
* Hilary Hungerford: I did see that it is an open carry event.
* Skyler Simmons: I stopped by a vending machine the other day and there is a flyer going around for a call of action to go around on Saturday, basically meeting at the pedestrian bridge then going to the UCCU Center. I’m sure that wasn’t us.
  + Hilary: There are groups organizing protests though Senate isn’t involved in any official way.
  + Wayne: The flyer has made rounds and is up to the Legislature level, so I know they are aware of it.
* Hilary: A lot of people in the comments are saying they didn’t get the email about the speaker.
  + Wayne: I know the server they sent it out on is one that faculty have the option of opting out of. Sometimes the sports channel goes through the same channel, so if you unsubscribe to it, you won’t get any of it. We are working on another method.
  + Hilary: Skyler suggested in the chat that they can put it on the myUVU homepage.
  + Wayne: They are actually taking out the top paragraph of this letter and putting the rest on the main University webpage for any future speaker.
* Hilary: These are issues universities all around the US are navigating. We can’t be in the business of regulating content or ideas. It’s a tricky thing to navigate. I think this is the position that most higher ed institutions around the country take. We crafted our message based on those things.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

* This is our last business meeting of the year. I wanted to take a minute and celebrate all we have done this past year. I learned working on Senate that it’s a work in progress because you push things forward little by little.
* Brandi sent out the Senate letters earlier and I will be writing all of you a service letter for ExCo. I will get that done this week.
* In the bylaws it says people are supposed to write about why they want to do it. How do we do it on the day of?
  + Jon Anderson: They can speak it out loud or we can add the paragraph to the vote through some type of Windows form or Qualtrics.
* Wioleta Fedeczko: If you on ExCo think of anyone for these roles, please give them a light push.

**UVUSA**

* Jaden Muir: Things are going really well. This is the last week for things that UVUSA is doing. We finished our last forum this morning. It was cool seeing students show up and being informed on how next year is going to go.
* Hilary: We have our last ExCo event from 3-5pm on May 2nd if you could come and bring Kenzie to that as well.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

* Advancement of Teaching:
  + Jonathan Allred: Our committee has been lucky enough to be part of the SRI conversations and getting a better idea of what we want to see in that tool as we move forward. We are using our information from that activity to reform the effective teaching model.
  + We have had a lot of people taking advantage of the faculty grants through Senate. We have been able to mostly fund all the faculty who applied.
  + We were part of the teaching symposium for the OTL and my committee reviewed the presentations and submissions for that. We have been able to stay on top of things and had some things come about that we were able to take care of.
  + Hilary: We had a few hiccups with the FEA awards but it’s a learning experience so I know what to do better next year.
* Council on Academic Standards
  + Dianne McAdams-Jones: The Council of Academic Standards have had 300 petitions for re-enrollment. So far we haven’t had any petitions for grades.
  + For equity, diversity, and inclusion, we have a few things going on but nothing to report yet.
* Curriculum Committee
  + Ben Moulton: We are staying afloat. We have been bombarded with curriculum.
  + We have some big things coming next year. We are looking at getting that doctorate in nursing, but it will be outside the UVU purview, so we are looking at that. Laurie Sharp has been fantastic; I can’t keep up with her.
  + We are expanding Course Leaf. More to come on that.
  + Hilary: I heard our catalog is basically like a PDF where people have to go in and manually change things, so this will be a great move forward.
  + Ben: We’ve had a major overhaul in the Curriculum Office.
* Retention, Tenure, Promotions & Appeals:
  + John Hunt: There is not much to update. 646 has been approved by the Board of Trustees. We are going to keep looking over 632 this summer.
  + I’m not sure if anyone is staging an appeal for tenure denial or rank denial, but I will be working with Hilary and forming committees.
* Service and Elections:
  + Sandie Waters: I just want to give a little FYI that there is a little bit of a bru-ha-ha that was brewing in CET this week. People were wanting to run elections very differently than they are written in the bylaws. Anne was able to step in and quote policy. Things seem to be okay now. I’ve never had anything happen like that in the four years I’ve done this job. I’m super proud of my chairs across the board; they have totally tackled these elections that needed to happen and we are almost completely staffed. I’m contemplating writing up some kind of manual for the person who takes my position.
* Special Assignments & Investigations
  + Laura Ricaldi: I feel like I got a late start but was pushing the ball along. I don’t know if I helped with the ombudsman, but kind of made people aware of the position and hopefully it will get approved. I helped administration be more transparent about how we are getting paid. I can put together the document we talked about with Marnie.
    - Kat Brown: It seems like P&C is in flux going forward on how to do it different from how Judy was doing it. They didn’t even ask our office about merit pay before they put it up. Just be aware that document may need to change in six months or so.
  + Wioleta: We were talking about a faculty compensation committee. What happened with that?
  + Hilary: This year we had a de-facto one. We don’t have an official one; we were exploring about what that may look like and what others do. We might be able to do the work without an official committee especially since Laura mostly did it with the Special Investigation Committee.

**Senate Agenda**

* Jon Anderson: I just want to remind Hilary that it’s still her meeting. She turns the time over to Wioleta. Current senators vote on policy and resolutions.
* Hilary: Can I yield my time over to Wioleta?
  + Jon: You can as in turning it over to your VP to lead it.
* Hilary: President Tuminez will talk for 45 minutes. It will be mostly Q&A. Christina Baum, VP of Digital Transformation, wants to come and see what they should be working on next year.
* There is the one vote and there is the standing committee positions and bylaw changes.
* Skyler Simmons: With the policy and bylaws, there isn’t much on the official document yet.
* Hilary: I am going to give SRI updates. We have one last SRI meeting this Friday where we invited Kat and Wayne.

**NON-POLICY**

* Hilary: Last year we had a retreat that was a half-day in Orem. I think those are really useful, but I know timing is kind of hard in the summer. It will be the old and new senate getting together to discuss things.
* Sandie: I think it’s a great idea.
* Hilary: Let’s do it. Maybe early August? We’ll send out a scheduling time with certain dates in August. I want to get off campus and have some time to take a step back. Hopefully Academic Affairs will buy us lunch.
* Kat: I’m sure we can swing that.
* Hilary: It looks like maybe the week of August 7th.
* Laura: I’m still teaching in the afternoons this summer, so not-afternoons will be nice.
* Hilary: We will have fun things planned on May 2nd. Brandi is helping me find a room. Wayne, Kat and Nizhone are also invited. It is two weeks from today and will be our last hurrah.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm