

## Faculty Senate Minutes

February 25, 2014  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



**Present:** Steve Allred, Jon Anderson, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown, Monica Campbell, Leo Chan, Alan Clarke, Marty Clayton, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, David Dean, Tim Doyle, Matthew Draper, Lars Eggertsen, Debora Ferreira, Doug Gardner, Barry Hallsted, Vance Hillman, John Hunt, Yang Huo, Vessela Ilieva, Jill Jaspersen, Ellis Jensen, Mi Ok Kang, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Rick Moody, Tyler Nelson, CheolHwan Oh, Dennis Potter, Jacqueline Preston, Leslie Simon, Nancy Steele-Makasci, Allison Swenson, Darin Taylor, Violeta Vasilevska, Marcus Vincent, Kent Walker, Lorraine Wallace, Ian Wilson, Alex Yuan

**Excused or Absent:** Deborah Baird, Tyler Brklacich (UVUSA), Kathy Black, Joel Bradford, Kat Brown, Violeta Fedeczko, Joel Herd (PACE), Matthew Holland, Dianne Knight, Ryan Leick, Gary Mercado, David Morin, Russ Thornley, Craig Thulin

Call to order – 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2014. Minutes approved.

### Announcements

- Clayton Christensen has agreed to visit UVU and speak with Faculty Senate. The President has suggested we expand the venue and open the conversation to other groups.
- The request for Technology Committee nominations were received from Jon Anderson and Ryan Leick. Jon provided a brief statement in his support. Ryan Leick was absent. Voting was done via secret ballot. Jon Anderson received the nomination.

### Academic Calendar – Eva Bernfeld

- Eva discussed the three options of the Academic Calendar that are being presented to President's Council. The options included a 14 week, 12 week, and an 11 week proposals. Eva provided an overview of the various options and indicated that the final decision will be left up to President's Council. Faculty presented pros and cons for each option.
- **MOTION** – Vance Hillman motioned to take a vote on the three options and provide the recommendation to President's Council. Marty Clayton seconded. All in favor of the 14 week – 6. All in Favor of the 12 week – 22. All in favor of the 11 week – 2. Abstentions – 2. **The 12 week academic calendar was approved for recommendation.**
- **MOTION** – Alan Clarke motioned to vote on what the 12 week semester model would look like: Options are 6/6, 7/5, or 5/7. Gary Measom seconded. All in favor of the 6/6 model – 22. All in favor of the 7/5 model – 5. All in favor of the 5/7 model – 1. Abstentions – 5. **The 6/6 model was approved for recommendation.**

- **MOTION** – John Hunt motioned to vote on the preferred start date of either a Monday or Wednesday and the preference of a week-long break. Marty Clayton seconded. Faculty would like to reduce the fall break or the thanksgiving break in order to end the semester earlier in December and move up the date grades are due. All in favor of keeping a Monday start date– 9. All in favor of moving the start date to Wednesday – 27. Interpretation of the vote is Monday start date should be a lower priority. All in favor of keeping the break at thanksgiving a week long? All opposed. Abstentions - 4. **Recommendation is to reduce the Thanksgiving break to three days.** All in favor of maintaining a full week during Spring break and having two weeks at the end of semester – 24. All in favor of moving to a shorter spring break with two weeks at the end of the semester – 7. Abstentions – 5. **Recommendation is to keep the full week of spring break with two weeks at the end.**
- **MOTION** – Mark Bracken motioned to vote to move spring break back to an earlier time in the semester so it's not so close to the end of the semester versus keeping it in alignment with the school districts. John Hunt seconded. All in favor of moving spring break back a few weeks – 28. All in favor of keeping spring break aligned with school districts – 1. Abstentions – 8. **Recommendation is to move spring break back a few weeks in the semester.**
- Eva shared that consistency in the Academic Calendar is extremely important to a university.
- **MOTION** – Leslie Simon motioned to move the 6<sup>th</sup> priority of the Academic Calendar Priority List to the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. Monica Campbell seconded. All in Favor? 17. Opposed – 6. Abstentions – 11. **Recommendation is to move the 6<sup>th</sup> priority up to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority.**

**MOTION** - Marcus Vincent motioned to reorder the Agenda – All in Favor? Motion passed.

- 1) Office of President – Establish a process to elect an interim president in order to gain traction for the next year.
- 2) Vote for an interim Vice President to assume some duties to keep senate moving forward.
- 3) Rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws by December 2014.

**MOTION** - Marcus Vincent motioned to vote on each item to take the action to act on each item. Jon Anderson seconded.

**MOTION** - Marty Clayton motioned to vote on the process to move forward on an interim president. Jon Anderson seconded. David Connelly indicated that the process needs to be specific on how faculty is going to vote for the interim president: 1) either put out a general call for nominations and supersede the 52 signatures or 2) write in ballots. Marcus suggested a call to all faculty for an interim president and a vote on naming/electing an interim Vice President. Amendment to the motion was made that the general call have a deadline by the end of spring break and then have a general faculty vote shortly thereafter.

- 1) All in favor? Motion passed. The motion called for a general call for faculty nominations which are due by March 14 and voting will occur March 17-21. Ian will send out an email regarding the elections and their importance. Faculty Senate would like the deans to encourage participation.

Jon Anderson will draft an email that will seek nominations and ask for short bio and position statement.

- 2) **MOTION** – Gary Measom motioned to add the candidates for interim Vice President to the email. Vance Hillman seconded. All in favor? Motion passed. 1 Opposed.
- 3) **MOTION** – Mark Bracken motioned for the Bylaws and Constitution to be put into Stage 2 by fall 2014. Marty Clayton seconded. All in Favor? Motion passed. Abstentions - 4.

#### Policy

- Policies 504 and 638 are now in Stage 2 and will be on the agenda as a 1<sup>st</sup> reading next time. Please read the policies on the pipeline and be ready for discussion.

**MOTION** – Gary Measom motioned to table the Service Resolution. Lars Eggertsen seconded. The Service Resolution where it currently stands and given where policies are coming forward, would like to table the resolution until the discussion of policies have been concluded. All in Favor? Motion passed. 1 Opposed -1. Abstentions - 2.

Mark Bracken motioned to adjourn. Rick Moody seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.