**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

September 13, 2016

LI 516, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Jon Anderson, Anne Arendt, Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Logan Cottle (UVUSA), Karen Cushing, Doug Gardner, Ryan Leick, Tanner McAllister (UVUSA), Anthony Morris (Library), Jeff Olson, Jim Pettersson, Craig, Thulin, Sean Tolman

Visitors:

***Excused or Absent:***

* Call to order – 3:00 PM
* Approval of Minutes from August 30, 2016. Minutes approved.

SVPAA

* State Legislators and K-16 leadership are on campus for the Joint Education Conference. Most issues are dealing with K-12. Olson reported that Utah has a high attrition of faculty in K-12 in the first three years. Family life and compensation are the primary causes.
* Homecoming Week with lots of events on campus. Encouraging everyone to attend the Men’s Soccer game on Saturday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m.
* Men’s Basketball opening game is November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Would like to create a major movement of enthusiasm.
* Many policies are working their way through the pipeline along with the Academic Master Plan. The University Master Plan is having conversations with Board of Trustees.
* Roots of Knowledge unveiling will be November 18 at 1:00 p.m. Board of Regents and other key leaders and individuals from the community have been invited.

AVPAA

* Several policies are moving through the pipeline. Policy 637 – *Faculty Tenure* neither allows nor disallows for the SVPAA to establish an RTP Advisory Committee. The reason for the formation of this committee are: 1) workload warrants and 2) time for faculty to understand the problems that are occurring within the system in regards to cultural change. Intent is to have the committee review the mid-term or final review portfolios where there appears to be discrepancies. Recommendation is for three to four faculty to review specific material. Would like to have seven or nine faculty members on the committee. Discussion about the value in all members reviewing all files or only specific files. Any member appointed to the committee would need to be tenured. Want to be sure the faculty serving on the committee will be able to focus on the mission of the institution and not pushing their own agendas. Connelly recommended seven members and need promote a massive cultural change within RTP committees and schools/colleges. He argues for an elected position for the committee members with final approval by the SVPAA. Academic Affairs can provide guidelines for the selection of the committee members. Integrity of the committee is imperative. Initial service would vary, but would like three-year terms of service. Olson recommended that one to two of the committee members review all the files while the full committee reviews only the problematic files. In order to change review deadlines, the policy would need to be revised. Connelly noted that some acknowledgement of the RTP Advisory Committee would need to be included in the SVPAA’s recommendations. Tolman expressed pushback that the current school/college/department RTP committees should be doing this extensive review and that there needs to be cultural change to get them to conduct a proper review. Pettersson felt that quality is something that can be addressed no matter what discipline a faculty member comes from. Brown noted that the committee would have access to the criteria from all the departments of the faculty portfolios being reviewed. Creation of the committee is a practice change. Changing the review dates would need to be a limited scope policy change. Gardner recommended receiving nominations for the committee which is managed by the SVPAA. Discussion over the selection of the committee. Brown et al will make a presentation in Faculty Senate and seek feedback for final discussion in the Executive Committee meeting. Need to stress that this is a concern that the RTP Committees are not fulfilling their responsibilities. Elections will be handled by the Senate. Can mimic the Special Elections form with responses to Bracken or Gardner. Express the commitment to serve. Brown should be an Ex-Officio member of the committee.

UVUSA

* Family Fun Fair on Saturday, September 17, 4:00 p.m. in the UCCU Center Visitor Parking Lot.
* Emerald Ball on Friday, September 16, 8:00 p.m. in the Grande Ballroom.
* First UVUSA Senate Speaker Series on October 12, Noon in the Ragan Theatre. Tim Ballard, Operation Underground Railroad, is the featured speaker.

BYLAWS

* Reviewed outline of the Bylaws previously sent as a link to OneDrive.
* Thulin and Anderson will review old bylaws for information they want to be included or draft new information to be included in the new bylaws.
* All edits can be made in the OneDrive document by using track changes or send them via email to Gardner.
* ExCo members will review the draft bylaws and provide edits by September 27 for review and discuss at the next ExCo meeting.

CAMPUS ENTITIES

* Discussion over the list of campus entities that ExCo would like to bring to senate for and update or presentation. Proposed list per discussion:
* Fall 2016
  + Kat Brown – University RTP Advisory Committee
  + IRI – Great Colleges to Work for Survey
  + Linda Makin - Accreditation
  + Craig Thulin – Faculty Development/SRI
  + Jeff Olson – Academic Master Plan
  + Student Success
* Spring 2017
  + Cameron Martin – Legislature
  + Eugene Seeley/Maureen Andrade - GE Committee
  + Sean Tolman – Curriculum/Course Leaf
  + Jon Anderson - CAGAS
  + Open

WEBSITE COMMITTEES

* Currently only Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate are listed on the website. Recommendation was made to add CAGAS and Faculty Development to the Senate Committee list with the potential to add other committees. Faculty Development is already listed. Decision was made to add only CAGAS under Additional Senate Committees.

SRIs

* Thulin inquired as to what does ExCo want to open from the senate discussion in spring 2016 such as 1) what are the complaints of SRIs? 2) how do you measure teaching? 3) what are the alternatives/compliments to SRIs? and 4) are there adjustments to SRIs in usage?
  + Share with Faculty Senate who are the groups that are grappling with these issues.
  + Would like to be able to present questions or aspects of SRI issues that would be interesting similar to a 1st Reading, field comments, and bring those into the actual conversation on November 1 for an open exchange/debate on the issue. Discussion regarding the goal to produce a resolution of what the Faculty Senate thinks ought to be done in terms of quantifying teaching quality. Connelly expressed that without an extensive amount of preparation, the Senate will get bogged down. What is it that senate really hopes to accomplish as SRIs are only one measure of effective teaching? Recommendation was to form an ad hoc committee to examine other forms of measuring effective teaching and bring the findings back. Thulin’s presentation is to address what the questions/concerns are, propose the Faculty Development Committee in conjunction with a few others to investigate and determine the charge and bring findings back to the committee for recommendations to the Senate.

MyUVU

* Need to work with Kat Brown and Laura Busby to determine what Faculty Senate wants behind the fire wall. Discussion about granular Faculty Senate “access only” items on MyUVU. Needs further exploration.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS & INVESTIGATIONS

* I/W/E and Syllabi Follow-up – CAGAS will address.
* Adjunct Guidelines will not be addressed until spring 2017.
* Discussion about lecturers and what they can/cannot do. Brown will draft response back to Arendt. Arendt intends to do an information item only.
* Potential information item – Arendt received a report that foreign nationals were told they cannot take courses at UVU. Waiting for response from Judy Martindale.

SERVICE & ELECTIONS

* Steve Allred is new rep for CAPS
* Missing a TAC rep for CAGAS. Gerber will follow-up with Abraham Teng or Cheryl Hanewicz.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

* Developmental Math has a 090R course and Math has 100R course. Olson indicated that they are pretty much identical courses and each department feels the other should shut down. He would like the Curriculum Committee to review both courses and provide a recommendation. Tolman will follow up with Andrade for details.

Anderson moved to adjourn. Gerber seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.