**Faculty Senate Minutes**

April 17, 2018

CB 511, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Kim Abunuwara, Pauli Alin, Jonathan Allred, Jon Anderson, Brian Barthel, Laurel Bradshaw, Bret Breton, Clay Brown, Kat Brown, Alan Clarke, Suzy Cox, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Reid Elem, Sara Flood, Nathan Gale, Lindsey Gerber, Phil Gordon, Darrell Green, Merrill Halling, Basil Hamdan, Dan Hoffman, Matthew Holland, Jamie Johnson, Reza Kamali, Lydia Kerr, Chelsie Kraczek (UVUSA), Duane Miller, Margaret Mittelman, Jeff Olson, Terrance Orr, Hong Pang, Alan Parry, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Karen Preston, Denise Richards, Robert Robbins, Sheri Rysdam, Tyler Standifird, Mike Stearns, Matthew Taylor, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Sandie Waters, Robert Warcup

***Excused or Absent***: Mark Abramson, Howard Bezzant, Josh Cieslewicz, Anthony Morris (Library), Shalece Nuttall (PACE), Jeff O’Flynn, Meghan Roddy, Anthony Romrell, Leo Schlosnagle, Paul Weber

***Guests:***  Kellie Hancock, Dianne McAdams-Jones

***Incoming Senators***: Maureen Andrade, Max Eskelson, Jessica Hill, Ben Jarashow, Diana Lundahl, Jeff Maxfield, Rick McDonald, Ron Miller, Thomas Roybal, Ryan Vogel, Geoffrey Zahn

Call to order – 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2018. Minutes approved.

**PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

* Open forums on 4/19 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in CB 101B. The meetings will not be broadcast.
* Expect an announcement between 5:45-6:15 p.m. on Friday, 4/20. The announcement will be broadcast.

**PRESIDENT**

* Commended Justin Jones and the Transition Committee for their outstanding work. Expects to be in office for most of June with the new President taking over July 1st. Noted that one of the things that unites these candidates is a clear commitment to UVU’s mission.
* Will share a reflective statement at Hoagies with Holland.
* Expressed gratitude for the way Faculty Senate has evolved over the last nine years improving the level of engagement and interaction.
* On May 16-17, UVU will be holding a national summit on Dual Mission Institutions in the nation. Since the event announcement, have been contacted by many other institutions that want to participate. Number one investment of Holland’s administration has been in building the faculty. Paid tribute to the faculty.
* Expressed appreciation for his student lunches and hearing from them and hearing their stories. One common factor with most of the students has been their connection with a faculty member.

**SVPAA**

* Expressed appreciation to the outgoing senate and the Executive Committee members for their efforts in trying to improve policy and make decisions that will have a positive impact on the institution.

**AVPAA**

* Senate addressed major policies over the academic year and Brown appreciated faculty input and guidance. Will be bringing the corrections policy forward in the fall.

**UVUSA**

* UVUSA Senate Speaker Series - Sarah Kay: Spoken Word Poetry on April 12 at Noon in the Ballroom.
* Introduction of Kenzie Prows the new UVUSA Vice President of Academic Senate.
* Kraczek expressed her appreciation to serve with the Faculty Senate.

**OTL**

* HEA Fellowship Application or Online Certifications can be completed over the summer.

**GOODWILL ASSOCIATION**

* A link will be added to the Faculty Senate web page to access the Goodwill Association information.
* The Association is 100% funded by faculty and staff. Hancock shared how to become a member. Any leftover funds will help support a Goodwill Steak Fry.

**LIBRARY**

* Smith shared that she is working on the Faculty Emeritus Report.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW SENATORS**

**ELECTIONS**

* Service & Elections Chair
  + Nomination: Sandie Waters
  + All in favor? 39. Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0.
  + Congratulations Sandie Waters!
* RTP & Appeals Chair
  + Nominations: Rick McDonald – 16 votes; Jim Pettersson – 24 votes
  + Congratulations to Jim Pettersson!
* Special Topics Investigations Chair
  + Nomination: Pauli Alin
  + All in favor? 39. Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0.
  + Congratulations Pauli Alin!
* Policy Liaison
  + Ex Officio member of Faculty Senate and assists in navigating pathway of policies through the pipeline. Works closely with Jon Anderson on Google Docs.
  + Nomination: Anne Arendt
  + All in favor? 39. Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0.
  + Congratulations Anne Arendt!
* Parliamentarian
  + Ex Officio Member for ExCo or Faculty Senate and should not be a sitting senator.
  + Nominations: Mark Bracken, Howard Bezzant, and Brett Breton. Final votes after Instant Run off were Bracken – 23 and Breton – 14.
  + Congratulations to Mark Bracken!
* Ratification of Bylaws
  + Reviewed some of the proposed changes:
    - Language put into place if President or Vice President needs to be replaced and how this would be handled.
    - Re-phrasing of the Executive Committee positions
    - Created Debate Process for non-policy items. Anderson provided a brief overview. This change came because of actions taken in December 2017 and discussed in January 2018. (Specifically, the apportionment of the Re-Envisioning the Undergraduate Experience Committee in December which led to the discussion about a debate process for non-policy in January).
  + All in favor? 35. Opposed – 0. Abstained – 0.

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS (4:11 pm)

* McAdams-Jones provided an overview on academic standards and the purpose of the committee. She highlighted types of cases CAS reviews and what types of information/documentation CAS needs to have in order to make the most informed decision.
* Clarke inquired about an academic misconduct policy. Currently, UVU does not have policy. Faculty Senate will address in the fall.
* Link to presentation - <https://voicethread.com/share/10707375/>

**RE-ENVISIONING THE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE** (4:24 pm)

* Tolman provided an overview of the committee charge and what has been accomplished during the spring semester. Committee was to review the entire undergraduate experience. They met with various individuals and groups ( i.e., USHE, Tristan Denley, Trustees, IR) in addition to participating in various activities. Three areas identified to focus on: 1) First year seminar, 2) GE should be independent of departments, and 3) Assessment of GE.
* Moving Forward
  + Committee voted unanimously to continue work into next academic year. Developed strategic process. All recommendations will be approved by the faculty and administration.
* Future Considerations
  + Investigate change in GE credit hours
  + Examine ownership of GE
  + Implement assessment systems
  + High Impact Practices in the curriculum
  + Effects of proposals on faculty workload
* Proposed Actionable Steps
  + Formation of an Undergraduate Assessment Committee
  + Move the current General Education Committee under the University Curriculum Committee
  + **MOTION** – Sandie Waters moved to table the placement of the GE committee until next semester. Alan Parry seconded. All in favor? 32. Opposed – 1. Abstained - 2.
  + Send copies of report and link. <https://www.uvu.edu/facsenate/reenvisioning_undergrad_exp.html>

**TASK FORCE ON THE EVALUATION OF TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS** (4:43 pm)

* Taskforce was created to determine how teaching effectiveness should be evaluated at UVU. Reviewed charge issued in September 2017 and what work the committee performed such as gathering data and reviewing literature.
* Presented Fink’s model of teaching effectiveness with representative evaluation tools. Committee proposed the model presented as a starting point. Model provides fairly specific evaluation tools.
  + Design of courses
  + Teacher-student interactions
  + Quality of student learning
  + Efforts to improve over time
* Discussion about UVU and USHE policies and how they map to the proposed model.
* **MOTION** – Alan Parry moved to extend discussion until 5:05 pm. Lindsey Gerber seconded. All in favor? Motion passed.
* Significant item noted is that there is no UVU Teaching Effectiveness policy. It was noted there are inconsistencies across the institution. Recommendation is to develop a policy and align other policies and guidelines to this new policy.
* The committee is developing a white paper over the summer that Faculty Senate will review in the fall.
* Cox agreed that departments should be able to weight certain aspects of the four primary duties to meet their individual department needs. She also noted that Policy 601 – *Classroom Instruction and Management* does not address teaching effectiveness at UVU and not sufficient in addressing teaching effectiveness.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm











