**Faculty Senate Minutes**

September 29, 2015

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Kim Abunuwara, Christa Albrecht-Crane, Steve Allred, Anne Arendt, Brian Barthel, Howard Bezzant, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Dean Bohl, Mark Borchelt, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Rob Cousins, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Courtney Davis, Debora Escalante, Doug Gardner, Lindsey Gerber, Ron Hammond, Laurie Harrop-Purser, Sherry Harward (PACE), Matthew Holland, John Hunt, Ellis Jensen, Robert Jorgensen, Lydia Kerr, Ryan Leick, Dianne McAdams-Jones, Gary Mercado, Duane Miller, Tyler Nelson, CheolHwan Oh, Jeff Olson, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Karen Preston, Robert Robbins, Matt Robins (UVUSA), Sheri Rysdam, Makenzie Selland, Allison Swenson, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Violeta Vasilevska, Alex Yuan,

***Excused or Absent***: Joel Bradford, Josh Cieslewicz, Alan Clarke, Dustin Fife (Library), Barry Hallsted, David Morin, Anthony Romrell, Cyrill Slezak, Stuart Stein,

***Guests:***

Call to order – 3:02 p.m.

* Brief discussion and clarification regarding the options for the faculty vote on SRIs. **MOTION** – Bezzant motioned to take the vote. Unsure who seconded. All in favor of Option 1 which is the SRI with combined questions from the old and the proposed, but will only count the old SRIs for RTP purposes? Yes – 27, No – 0; Abstention – 0. All in favor of Option 2 which is staying with the old SRI questions? Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstention – 0

Academic Master Planning Session

* Olson provided a brief introduction and overview of the purpose for the meeting. He reported that USHE projects significant growth for UVU. For the planning sessions, UVU is not changing the basic assumptions about the university and its dual mission and serving the three counties. The Utah Foundation recently completed a Utah 2050 study. Stephen Kroes, Utah Foundation President, and Mallory Bateman, Research Analyst made a presentation regarding their findings.
* Kroes provided a brief overview of the Utah Foundation. Information was shared about population growth in Utah and that UVU will see the most growth over the next decade. Notable trends: higher education will be more diverse, Utah has a higher number of married students than nationally which might contribute to the fact that students in Utah take longer to finish a four-year degree than the national average. Higher Education tuition in Utah now covers about have the cost of education.
* The 2050 Series covers population growth from four angles: demographics, transportation and utility infrastructure, water, and education. One area of focus they touched on was South Salt Lake, Western Utah County and the Wasatch regions and how the cost of transportation affects overall growth. Bateman noted that State and Water agencies side on the need to build, but we need to be conscientious of water resources.
* K-12 Projections
  + Still in wave of echo baby boom. By 2025, K-12 student growth will begin to flatten out.
  + 50% of growth in school population will occur in Utah County.
* Bateman responded to questions from the audience. Her research did not encounter Utah Lake pollution figures. The bridge across Utah Lake is not on the UDOT Long-Range plan.
* Attitudes of younger population research – see website [www.UtahFoundation.org](http://www.UtahFoundation.org) for more details.
  + Utah millennials more conservative
  + Some social issues not far away from national averages
  + Many are politically registered independents
  + Less likely to move around in jobs
  + Like single family housing and suburban setting, but still want city life
* Most of the driving force behind growth is coming from natural increase, but data is varied on this subject. She reported that over the last 30 years, Utah’s economy has diversified in terms of not relying on particular sectors. High density housing is in respond to the high market demand at the present time.

Table Exercises

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.