**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Date:** November 8, 2010

**Location:** SU 313

Members Present: Mary Carrabba, Dave Carter, Prakash Chenjeri, Anne Connor, Dennis Dunleavy, Sherry Ettlich, Paul French, Bill Hughes, Steve Jessup, Doyne Mraz, Pete Nordquist, Fraser Pierson, Ellen Siem, Mark Siders, Robin Strangfeld, Cynthia White, Elizabeth Whitman, Wilkins-O’Riley Zinn

Visitors: Connie Anderson, Alissa Arp, Jonathan Eldridge, Katherine Gohring, Jim Klein, Jordan Marshall, Craig Morris, Laura O’Brian, Alena Ruggerio, Matt Sayre, Susan Walsh

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate Chair, Bill Hughes, at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes from October 25, 2010 were not available for approval.

**Announcements**

1. Jonathan Eldridge, Vice President for Student Affairs, briefly described the plans for a Diversity and Oversight Committee. The committee will oversee meaningful changes concerning diversity on campus. Dr. K. Silem Mohammad and Jonathan Eldridge will serve as co-chairs of the committee.

The committee will oversee the work of four subcommittees.

1. Commitment and Institutional Policy Committee (Sue Walsh, Chair)
2. Curricular, Education, and Training Committee (Roni Adams, Chair)
3. Access and Success Committee (chair to be determined)
4. Campus Climate and Intergroup Relations Committee (chair to be determined)

President Mary Cullinan will introduce the Diversity and Oversight Committee to the campus community within the next week. There will be a website with a vehicle for faculty members to indicate interest in being actively involved with the work of the committee. Jonathan Eldridge will send a summary document that highlights the committee’s responsibilities to Bill Hughes.

1. Jonathan Eldridge highlighted the following recent accomplishments of SOU athletes:
2. The women’s volleyball team won their Cascade Conference game against Northwest University.
3. The men’s cross country squad is first in the nation.
4. The women’s cross country squad is 10th in the nation.
5. The football team won their game playing against Menlo on November 6th.

 Senate members expressed appreciation and pleasure at these accomplishments.

1. Provost Jim Klein made the following announcements:
2. Budget planning for 2011-2012 is in the beginning stages.
3. CAS will conduct an internal search for a qualified candidate to assume the position of Associate Dean.
4. The Faculty Personnel Committee will get tenure and promotion documents out this week.
5. Bill Hughes provided an overview of recent Advisory Council topics of discussion, which included the resolution of the OSU Faculty Senate regarding PEBB decisions (see attached document); consideration of a Liberal Studies degree, consistent with SOU’s liberal arts theme; and the discontinuation of Elderhostel on the SOU campus. Interest in the liberal studies proposal was expressed among Faculty Senate members to the extent that it will be included on the agenda in the future to allow for further discussion.
6. Jordan Marshall, ASSOU Executive Director of Administration and Finance, reported that SOU is bringing 26 students to the Oregon Students of Color Conference; students enjoyed a variety of SOU Homecoming events; and c) the Pacific Consortium Conference, held on campus last weekend, drew many participants. The Pacific Consortium is a residence hall association. Programs included a seminar on SOU residence hall education.

**Information Items**

Matt Sayre, SOU Athletic Director, presented an overview of proposed athletic committees and their structures (see 3-page document attached). He highlighted the functions and membership of the Athletic Advisory Council, Affiliation (NCAA DII) Task Force, Raider Club, and the charge to the Foundation Board Athletic Representative.

Doyne Mraz raised a question about the role of the Faculty Senate in regard to committee membership. Discussion ensued as to who appoints faculty to the committees, the President or Faculty Senate. This question will be discussed at the next Advisory Council meeting.

Matt Sayre and Jonathan Eldridge will draft a revised version of the document to include Faculty Senate involvement and will present it at the next meeting on December 6th.

**Discussion Items**

1. Alena Ruggerio, Chair of the Faculty Development Committee, presented the Carpenter Grant II recommendations and discussed recommendations to have one due date for Carpenter Grants I and II in the future. Faculty Senate members supported the suggestion of the committee to consolidate the dates for the submission of the grants, provided there is sufficient flexibility to submit applications in a way that doesn’t lock faculty out of conference opportunities that are not known more than a year in advance.

ACTION

Motion: Sherry Ettlich moved to set aside the two-week rule. Paul French seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion: Doyne Mraz moved to accept the recommendations of the Faculty Development Committee for Carpenter II Grants. The motion was seconded by Mary Carrabba.

Vote: All in favor with two abstentions (Ann Conners and Wilkens-O’Riley Zinn, as they are recipients of awards).

1. Bill Hughes presented the OSU Faculty Senate resolution on PEBB (see document attached). Discussion centered on questions of how many faculty members have suffered due to the current default to minimum coverage. Senate members support a revision of the current default system to the individual’s most recent coverage.

ACTION

Motion: Pete Nordquist moved to suspend the two-week rule, so that senate members could proceed to a vote. Wilkens-O’Riley Zinn seconded the motion.

Motion: Shelly Ettlich moved that the SOU Faculty Senate endorse the resolution as presented by the OSU Faculty Senate (see resolution attached). Pete Nordquist seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous in favor of the resolution.

1. Elizabeth Whitman presented the Integration courses approved by the University Studies Committee (see document attached). The courses will be presented as an Action Item at the next Faulty Senate meeting.

**Meeting adjourned**: 5:10 p.m.