

Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019

SU 313

Present: Melissa Anderson, Deborah Brown, Enrique Chacón, Paul Condon, Brian Fedorek, Carol Ferguson, Paul French, Andrew Gay, Marianne Golding, Justin Harmon, Cynthia Hutton, Dennis Jablonski, Marc Koyack, Laurie Kurutz, Charles Lane, Jesse Longhurst, Tiffany Morey, Anna Oliveri, Aprille Phillips, Mark Siders, Precious Yamaguchi, Kemble Yates

Absent: Linda Schott, Chad Thatcher

Guests: Sue Walsh, Lee Ayers, Jason Catz, Michele Barlow, Younghee Kim, Dale Vidmar, Bret Anderson, Ellen Siem, Jeremy Carlton, Larry Shrewsbury, Max Jensen

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

Gay thanked Janet Fratella and the Foundation, who donated the wine for the meeting.

[Note: No recording is available for this meeting]

1. Approval of Minutes from 05/20

- Kurutz moved to approve the minutes; Ferguson seconded
- Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Anderson, Gay, and Lane abstained. **Motion passed.**

2. President's Report – Linda Schott

- [The president was participating in the parade for the women's softball team and so was absent.]

3. Provost's Report – Sue Walsh

- Walsh reported on the trip faculty, students, and administrators made to Guanajuato. Walsh stated that they met a lot of alumni and the faculty were amazing.

- Anne Connor did a presentation with faculty from Guanajuato, Terry Longshore and David Blithell performed, and it was a very successful trip. The two universities “knocked it out of the park” and we couldn’t have asked for a better experience for our students.
- Walsh reminded faculty that there are two forums on budget and tuition this week, on Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 in the Gallery and on Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 in SU 202
- These forums are different from the presentation given to Senate, and are in response to the fast-changing dynamic around budget and tuition setting; they are about keeping us all informed. Gay asked if they would be recorded, and Walsh responded that she didn’t think so, so it would be great if programs could send representatives to report back. Ferguson asked if we could get a summary of the forum if it is not recorded. Walsh said she would ask, but it is changing very quickly.

4. Accessibility Policies (Discussion Only) – Michele Barlow & Jason Catz

- 2 years ago Catz presented resolution agreement with Federation for the Blind around improving accessibility, especially around information technology and textbook selection
- Faculty all want to make materials accessible to students and providing information helps
- Catz wants faculty to choose the textbook that is right for them, but also wants people to be able to plan ahead when creating and choosing new materials
- Catz is leaving it to Senate discretion for how to deliver comments; Catz wants the process to work in real life, wants to know what concerns faculty might have, etc.
- Golding asked how she would go about getting access for a student to the materials she has created online. Barlow suggested she work with Disability Services. Catz added that they want to help faculty with templates to make items accessible from the start; for materials like Golding’s, some conversion could be done and some materials could be created as accessible from the beginning
- Ferguson noted that it is difficult to plan ahead when you don’t know what disability a student might have in the future. Catz gave an example of choosing textbooks based on accessibility, lots of different people will be working on this; faculty, disability services, maybe Hart in CIS as well
- Fedorek asked about a requirement that resources be accessible, and wondered who pays for this; Catz said this was only going forward; for software and IT purchases for the university, IT would most likely pay; accessibility will be part of the RFP process

- Faculty can forward thoughts and comments to Gay, who will forward them to Catz

5. Request to Waive the 2-Week Rule: Proposed Campus Theme – Prakash Chenjeri

- Next year's Campus Theme is Uncertainty. Chenjeri requested that Senate waive the two week rule so the Campus Theme committee could start making plans over the summer. Many jokes were made about uncertainty.
- Fedorek moved to waive the two week rule; Yates seconded. Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay and Harmon abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Oliveri moved to approve the campus theme; Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay and Harmon abstained. **Motion passed.**

6. Request to Waive the 2-Week Rule: Carpenter II Grants – Bret Anderson

- B. Anderson explained that these grants were Carpenter II grants, to fund 2019-2020 conference travel
- \$9,500 was available, and a total of \$20,000 requested in 27 proposals
- This round there were some very strong applications that did not get funded. Some proposals were from individuals that had been funded many times, others never, so that was given some weight; B. Anderson wrote to strong applicants who were not funded to explain this
- Lane moved to waive two week rule; Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Lane moved to approve the grant awards; Longhurst seconded. Fedorek asked how much money would be awarded in the next round. Both B. Anderson and Walsh both believed that each round is about half the total, so the next one would be similar. Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri,, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Ferguson, Phillips, and Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

7. Vote on Undergraduate Curriculum Proposal (Introduced 5/20)

- Yates moved to approve the curriculum proposal and Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

8. Vote on University Studies Course Proposals (Introduced 5/20)

- Ferguson moved to approve the proposed Exploration courses; Fedorek seconded; Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay and Oliveri abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Yates moved to approve the Integration courses, Chacón seconded
- Ferguson said she was still concerned about affiliate faculty proposing hard numbered Integrations courses instead of using courses we already have
- Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. Ferguson opposed. Gay and Oliveri abstained. **Motion passed.**

9. Information Item: End of Year Report and Changes to J-Strand Template

- The big thing thing the committee did this year is revise the goals and proficiencies of the J strand. Vidmar thanked Kylan de Vries as “the man behind the screen” integral in writing the template; the committee did the changes to make language more current and more relevant
- Vidmar also thanked Ayers and Gretchen Woelke; he stated that their work is immensely helpful to the chair of the US committee
- Gay asked if the changes were retroactive, and they are not. Going forward they will use the new form.
- Fedorek asked about the ellipses in the report in the “status” column for some of the courses. Ayers responded that those were pending courses that were not resubmitted yet.

- Ayers clarified that this revision started earlier with Marjorie Trueblood Gamble, and that the committee wanted to treat it with a transparent assignment design lens, stating the EDI goals clearly. The committee wanted to give everyone tools for success with the first submission. Vidmar stated that courses are built for their programs, not directly for University Studies, which can make the process difficult at times.

10. Vote on Transforming General Education Task Force (Introduced 5/20)

- Oliveri moved to approve the task force; Fedorek seconded.
- Ferguson asked about the origin of the concept. It was based on recommendations from one of the PLCs, but she wondered why there weren't any task forces coming out of other PLCs.
- Gay responded that an early suggestion for the task force came to Senate in the fall, but the president suggested it would be helpful for a PLC to do some of the research first.
- Ferguson asked if it wouldn't be logical to have the same PLC people serve on the task force. Gay answered that this was discussed in Advisory Council, and the assumption is that some of the people will be same, but there will be new voices as well. The process will be a little different now that the PLC work is done.
- Ferguson asked if there was already a reason we are looking at Gen Ed, and Walsh answered that it is in the strategic plan, SD1.
- Gay added that across campus, faculty are saying we need to look at Gen Ed. Ferguson stated that she would hate to see us doing it just to be more attractive to students; we don't want to lose sight of the goals of liberal arts.
- Gay clarified that the proposal of the task force is only part of the process; any changes will still have to go through the Curriculum Committee and University Studies, then to Senate, etc. There are lots of checks and balances. Ferguson stated that she would like to see people thinking larger.
- Fedorek asked about the bullet in the proposal stating that the task force will be assessing the efficiency of Gen Ed courses that also count for the major, and wondered why it will not be looking at the efficiency of all courses.
- Gay said he was open to a friendly amendment; the bullets just came from the PLC report
- Fedorek wondered if we are getting at the ways majors propose courses--are programs trying to get SCH, or trying to fulfill other goals
- Fedorek motioned for the friendly amendment and Yates seconded
- Vidmar said that Ed Battistella had forwarded the names of the people from the PLC who want to serve on the task force. There have been a lot of courses grandfathered into University Studies, and there is a lot that needs to be figured out

- Ayers stated that when we look at active Exploration courses, we have a lot, 350 different University Studies courses. There have been a lot of shifts, pivots, and turns, and we will see the Gen Ed catch up to the courses. We could start by reviewing the 350 already on file.
- Jablonski said that he was unable to attend the PLC expo, and looked for the Gen Ed report. We might want to put a link out there to the original PLC report.
- Yates said that previously we wanted to improve the current system, not throw the baby out with the bathwater. To do it right takes a lot of hard work, because there are a lot of moving parts. He appreciated that the proposal was not committing us to a change by a fixed deadline.
- Anderson, Brown, Chacón, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Longhurst, Morey, Oliveri, Phillips, Siders, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted to approve. None opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Ferguson asked if the call would go out to all faculty, and Gay said it would. She also requested that it be representative of campus.

11. Seating of New Senators

- Gay announced that Brown, Ferguson, Lane, and Oliveri were stepping off Senate, and thanked them for their service
- Ellen Siem and Jeremy Carlton were seated as the new at-large and BCE senators.
- All senators introduced themselves and stated what program/division they are in and what committees they serve on.

12. Senate Leadership Election

- Gay complimented Anderson on her work as secretary, and Longhurst moved to re-elect her. Kurutz seconded. Carlton, Chacón, Fedorek, French, Gay, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Siem, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted in favor. None opposed. Anderson abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Gay reminded Senate that we changed the bylaws have a chair-elect who would automatically become chair the following year, and Yates had agreed to serve in this role. Yates reminded everyone that this is contingent on him being re-elected next year.
- Fedorek moved to elect Yates as chair-elect; Kurutz seconded. Anderson, Carlton, Chacón, Fedorek, French, Gay, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Siem, and Yamaguchi voted in favor. None opposed. Yates abstained. **Motion passed.**

- Kurutz moved to re-elect Gay as chair; Fedorek seconded. Senators thanked Gay for agreeing to serve again. Anderson, Carlton, Chacón, Fedorek, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Siem, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted in favor. None opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

13. Filling of Senate Committees

- Golding noted that we are still waiting on the ELU equivalencies for the various committees. Now the proposed equivalencies are going to APSOU to be bargained. The call for committees will go out tomorrow; the committee can't guarantee what the ELUs will look like, but they are being worked on.
- Golding explained what the Committee on Committees does and said that it needs someone to replace Golding in the fall when she is on sabbatical, and to replace Yamaguchi in the fall and winter when she is on maternity leave. Chacón volunteered for fall, Fedorek for fall and winter.
- Gay explained what Advisory Council (AC) does--meetings are informal; people discuss issues to bring forth to Senate or how to approach something (via committee or full Senate, for example). There are no cookies. Longhurst and Siders volunteered to continue on AC; French volunteered to serve as well.
- Fedorek moved to approve Longhurst, Siders, and French for AC. Anderson, Carlton, Chacón, Fedorek, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Morey, Phillips, Siem, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted in favor. None opposed. Gay, French, Siders, and Longhurst abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Kurutz explained the Constitution committee; it has flexible meetings and works primarily by email. It is exacting but fascinating. The committee writes and brings forward proposals for bylaws changes. Ferguson and Lane will no longer be on it, so two new senators are needed. Anderson and Carlton volunteered to serve with Kurutz on the committee. Kurutz has created some materials to help new people learn the process.
- Chacón moved to approve Anderson and Carlton as additions to the committee; Harmon seconded. Chacón, Fedorek, French, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Longhurst, Morey, Phillips, Siders, Siem, Yamaguchi, and Yates voted in favor. None opposed. Gay, Anderson, and Carlton abstained. **Motion passed.**

14. Announcements/New Business

Walsh: There will be a celebration for Lane Wednesday in the Meese room at 4:45, and Senate applauded him.

Max Jensen: Oregon Student Association Rally Day is this Thursday at noon; students will be gathering in SU courtyard to make a point to legislators that universities need more funding. They will be livestreaming the whole event, students sharing stories, faculty speakers, etc.

Harmon: He and Chacón are collaborating with art students in a multimedia project on Friday at 830 pm in the Marion Ady building and him collaborating on Friday 830 pm marion Ady building.

Golding: Students going to be on Jefferson Exchange tomorrow at 8 am

French: Friday at 7:30 is a senior concert; Sunday at 3 there is a choral concert addressing student suicide. 7

Gay: Weds June 12 is the end-of-year breakfast, where they will award faculty teaching and service awards, and celebrate of promotions, tenure, and sabbatical announcements

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 for refreshments