

# Faculty Senate Agenda

Monday, April 08, 2019

Present: Melissa Anderson, Deborah Brown, Paul Condon, Brian Fedorek, Carol Ferguson, Andrew Gay, Marianne Golding, Justin Harmon, Cynthia Hutton, Dennis Jablonski, Marc Koyack, Laurie Kurutz, Charles Lane, Anna Oliveri, Mark Siders, Chad Thatcher, Precious Yamaguchi, Kemble Yates,

Absent: Enrique Chacón, Paul French, Jesse Longhurst, Tiffany Morey, Aprille Phillips

Guests John Roden, Katie Pittman, Dustin Walcher, Pavlina McGrady, Dave Carter, Lee Ayers, Larry Shrewsbury, Rene Ordonez, Jody Waters

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm**

## **1. Approval of Minutes from 3/11**

- Kurutz moved to approve minutes. Ferguson seconded. Condon, Ferguson, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Gay, Fedorek, Anderson, Brown abstained. **Motion passed.**

## **2. President's Report: Linda Schott**

- President Schott was absent.

## **3. Provost's Report: Susan Walsh**

- Provost Walsh was absent

## **4. AC report: Marianne Golding**

- Elections were discussed; Senate seats are not evenly distributed across three year period, and Senate needs to decide if it should slow down or speed up terms to get back into the 3 year rotation
- IFS has an open seat; Senate should vote on this as well

- AC talked about FPARs, about encouraging people to discuss it further, maybe create some kind of group, such as a task force or working group, and have a discussion.
- Ferguson asked for clarification, and wondered if after reports from directors, maybe the bylaws are ok as is.
- Gay suggested that more work might be done on bylaws/FPARs outside of Senate meetings. Fedorek said that he thought a 30 minute Senate discussion on such a vague topic would be unwieldy.
- Ferguson stated that there are two issues, the timing of FPARs and the feedback, and post-tenure review. She wondered if we could create a task force. Gay will work on the potential charges for task forces on these topics for next time.
- Golding said that AC discussed accreditation; the eligibility requirements include the things taken out, it was redundant to have them in the standards. Our administrators had nothing to do with this, they support shared governance and qualified administrators etc. Gay stated that Provost Council is writing a letter about this.
- Ferguson asked who drafted changes to accreditation standards. Gay responded that NWCCU [the accrediting agency] drafted them. A discussion ensued what the NWCCU does and over whether or not we should write a letter. Anderson stated that a lot of standards relating to the library were taken out as well, which was a great concern to libraries in our consortium. Yates said he would write a letter from the Senate, and a recommendation was made to spread the word to faculty so that they can still write letters.
- Waters added that there will be another comment period over the summer, and then we are going to have a peer visit during Fall term. She added that she felt that the more concerning changes have to do with things that are not open to comment.
- Golding stated that after the vote on the contract, Gay reached out to Walsh on the topic of service loading and other issues; they are looking for faculty feedback, and Gay will inform Senate when we know more; timing will be difficult with elections coming up so quickly. Some of this may not be resolved until Fall term
- Yates stated that there are really two parts: how do we change the bylaws, and how do we figure out service loading for committee assignments
- Lee explained what UGS is doing about service loading. If faculty are currently sitting on a Senate committee now, or are planning on being on one, they were giving a placeholder ELU in addition to their one ELU for department work

## **5. ASSOU Report: Alexis Phillips**

- Alexis Phillips was not present.

## 6. Carpenter I Grant Awards

- Lane moved to waive the two week rule, Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Ferguson moved to approve Carpenter Grants. Kurutz seconded. Anderson, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Brown, Golding, Koyack, and Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

## 7. Clarification of University Studies Integrations Rule

- Ayers explained that this proposal is to make a rule change that will fix a problem happening with DegreeWorks. The university reached out to DegreeWorks but the problem is happening on our end. The intent of the rule was to require courses with specific prefixes, not to link to specific major requirements, and it confuses the computer.
- Lane moved to waive the two week rule. Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**
- Oliveri moved to approve the policy to update language to prefix not major. Kurutz seconded. Anderson, Brown, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

## 8. Re-appointment of Lore Rutz-Burri to Foundation Board

- Gay explained that Lore Rutz-Burri's one-year term on the Foundation Board is up, and she would like to serve another term.
- Yates asked if there is any term limit. [unknown] Ferguson asked where the language for this is located [presumption is Foundation bylaws].
- Lane moved to reappoint Rutz-Burri to Foundation Board. Fedorek seconded. Anderson, Brown, Condon, Fedorek, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. Ferguson opposed. Gay and Koyack abstained. **Motion passed.**

## **9. Academic Policy: Post-Bacc Catalog-Year (Possible Vote on 4/22)**

- Carter explained that when former students return for Post-Bacc work, their catalog year is the year they come back, not the year they originally started at SOU. This is not a change, but codifying what has been already in practice.

## **10. New Curriculum Committee Proposals (Possible Vote on 4/22)**

- Gay asked for any questions about curriculum proposals, but there weren't any.
- A discussion ensued about how the Curriculum Committee does its work and votes on proposals.
- Send questions about proposals, if you have them, to Gay before next meeting.

## **11. Program Reports: Online MBA & Wine Business Certificate**

- Gay explained that we asked new programs to come and report. Some things will be voted on afterward but not all due to agenda mixup.
- Ordonez presented on accepted vs. started students; total of 190 admits, average of 31 per term
- 174 students actually registered, which is a 92% conversion rate and much higher than undergrad
- Anomalous numbers (more than 100% on some charts) due to transfer from evening to online program
- Ferguson asked Ordonez to explain the financial relationship with Academic Partnerships; Ordonez stated that we split revenue 50-50
- Gay asked about retention; Ordonez stated that it is about 80-90%
- Lane asked about partnership; are both parties happy? Pittman responded that numbers are on track with expectations, but we would still like to see them go up a bit
- Jablonski asked if the 174 referred to unique individuals, and Ordonez stated that it did.
- Ordonez stated that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the students are from Oregon, about 50% of Oregonians are from our region, including, many alumni of SOU; about 50% are from Portland area as well
- A slightly higher percentage of students are women, largest age group is 30-39, which is intended target
- The program offers 10 core classes; 10 elective courses, and will be adding HCA courses (2) as well

- Larger courses have “coaches” from a 3rd party called Instructional Connections. We pay them \$46 per student per class
- Anderson asked how Business faculty are managing teaching both regular 10 week classes and shorter Online MBA classes simultaneously, and Pittman responded that they like it
- Discussion ensued about Education model for Academic Partnerships; it couldn't be the same because of Education's complicated commitments to other constituents. The intent is to boost M.Ed program that is already online;
- Ferguson asked if there is a limited return on investment if the program grows out of state due to funding model; Waters said that Oregon students are more lucrative but they are still contributing to overall institutional health;

## **12. Vote of Graduate Curriculum Proposals Presented on 3/11**

- Ferguson mentioned that she told Stuart Janes that catalog copy was wrong but changes weren't made yet. Waters responded that Senate could vote on it with the understanding that catalog copy change will be made
- Ferguson motioned to approve the proposals with the above caveat; Kurutz seconded. Anderson, Brown, Condon, Fedorek, Ferguson, Golding, Harmon, Hutton, Jablonski, Koyack, Kurutz, Lane, Oliveri, Siders, Thatcher, Yamaguchi, Yates approved. No one opposed. Gay abstained. **Motion passed.**

## **13. Discussion of New Graduate Curriculum Proposal (Possible Vote on 4/22)**

- Siders noted that grad classes in Business are small already, and wondered if these proposals were just “rearranging the deck chairs.” Pittman responded that this is why Business wants to recruit more than 25 students per term.
- Pittman stated that she thought it was a good idea to add the HCA concentration. She noted that they try to have concentration classes that can count for two different things, and they only have to add two classes to have a whole new concentration for the MBA. Even small classes add to the overall student population. She was initially worried about dilution but has “mellowed out” about it.
- There are some proposed changes in Education and Communication as well; senators should reach and get questions answered before the next meeting so the vote can happen

## **14. Announcements/New Business**

- Thatcher: Last week OAL hosted the Oregon Outdoor Alliance; lots of practica and jobs coming from it

- Yates: Elections committee had a FPC election, Gerry McCain was elected; everyone else on the committee is continuing
- Waters: The McNair process is starting; we would like to have more applicants and a large McNair cohort; Dee Souther is the person in charge/to contact
- Digital Cinema major is on the consent agenda for HECC on Thursday; you will see promotion about that

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.**