Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022

 4:30-5:30 pm

*Senators Present:* Melissa Anderson, Jackie Apodaca, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matthew Moreali, David Oline, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker, Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Nigel Waterton, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates

*Senators Absent:* Alma Rosa Alvarez

*Guests:*  Lee Ayers, Daniel DeNeui, Dilyn Del Rosario, Sherry Ettlich, Derek Keller, Terry Longshore, Sue Walsh, SOU ROTC

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm

1. 4:00 pm Approval of minutes from 3/07/2022

[00:00:09 of recording]

* Motion to Approve Minutes (Ellen Siem) → Seconded (Jeremy Carlton): **Approved**
* **15** yes:Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matthew Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher
* **4** abstain: David Oline, Michael Parker, Nigel Waterton, Lisa Wileman
* Arrived after the vote: Jackie Apodaca, Rachel Jochem, Kemble Yates
* Welcome to David Oline and Nigel Waterton, substitute senators during sabbaticals.

1. No President’s Report (President Bailey is traveling to DC)
2. 4:05 pm Provost’s Report – Provost Walsh

[00:01:47 of recording]

* Back to acting as presi-vost and doing the double report
* Rick is traveling to DC to talk about solar on our campus with Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley
* We currently have visitors on campus from Guanajuato Mexico!
  + Colleagues at both universities worked to secure a grant funded by the US embassy that allows students from both schools to visit each other and learn more about the cities, and analyze the businesses in both regions.
  + Nine students and two faculty are here for a week and then in May our students and faculty will go there for a week.
* Hopes we got the three Rs over break: Rest, Relaxation, and Rejuvenation
* Questions:
  + Updates on the search for the PBS position? President/CEO of PBS retired, so there is a search to replace them. Sue is on the Board of Directors for PBS, and they worked with JPR to form a search committee. Three final candidates were interviewed during spring break. The board is closing in on choosing a final candidate.

1. 4:15 pm  Advisory Council Report – Chair-elect Brian Fedorek

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* A lot of change in the past week around bargaining. A bit despondent in AC until the APSOU email from Donna Lane came out about reaching a tentative agreement on the contract.
* Rick talked about doing a thorough deep dive into the process to avoid the same types of challenges in future bargaining. We discussed this for a large portion of the meeting.
* Carpenter I Grants are ready for Senate (See item #9)
* Continued to discuss what the Senate makeup will look like in the future due to the change in the number of divisions.
* We talked about Straighterline, do we really want to do this?
* End of the year breakfast and faculty awards timeline
* We discussed federal financial aid changes relating to E and I grades. If there are lingering questions about the new policy, contact Dan DeNeui or Matt Stillman.

1. 4:20 pm ASSOU report – Dilyn Del Rosario

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* Student Senate: applications for their elections open April 15th. Rules will be posted on their website soon.
* Walk around planned with CPS is Wednesday to determine areas that need improved lighting in dark areas of campus
* They want to have another town hall but the date is TBD (Possibly April 27, May 11, or May 25) from 6:30-7:30.
  + The students agree to report back to us after their town hall on what that students are interested in and care about on campus.
* Interviews for new associate justice, which would mean that all of their branches are filled
* Cleaning up their website and shared drives for the transition of officers
* Planning to improving social media outreach
* Question: What is the current policy for getting burnt out light bulbs replaced in a timely manner? Why are so many out across campus? Good question for facilities, if you see one around your building you can submit a request to your building manager.

1. 4:25 Elections Committee Update – Kristin Hocevar

[00:19:50 of recording]

* Biology chair election is over: Rich May
* History/Political Science/Economics department election is happening now
* More elections happening soon
  + English
  + Theater
  + CCJ
  + Psychology
  + Chemistry
* 1 university FPC replacement from DEHL (affected by losing a division)
* Saving senate makeup for last

1. 4:30 Gen Ed Course Submissions Update – Andrew Gay

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* 48% response rate (as of now-will keep going up), of what Andrew expected to apply (82 submissions as of now, 170 courses he was expecting to be submitted)
  + 19 CE
  + 13 CI
  + 19 EDI
  + 21 IA
  + 10 NL
* As for compensation:
  + 18 people have asked for ELU release
  + 57 people have asked for stipends.
* A few people might have only submitted to Moodle, not the actual application page
* Some intent to apply people have not participated actively but may still be submitting
* Next year we want to maintain rigor while not making it too onerous on faculty.
* Find time to have discussions
  + Small divisions seem to be submitting a lot, a few faculty fighting for all SCH, but there will be less GE SCH to go around and this is our new reality
  + We lowered the number of gen ed credits, that was the goal, so now there will be less
* Some people did not submit their new courses to the undergraduate curriculum committee. We are going to try to get these into the curriculum committee ASAP.
* We have surpassed our minimum target number of courses we anticipated needed to launch the program (still waiting till Fall 2023 to launch)

1. 4:40 pm Senate Makeup – Melissa Anderson & Kemble Yates

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* We need a **transition plan** and we need a **permanent plan**.
* One less division, and uneven sized divisions are leading to possible bylaws changes about the senate makeup
  + Currently 24 total senators: 3 per division (except UGS and LIB, who each have 1) and then 4 at large.
* Rules say no less than 4 at large members
* Potential Solutions/Ideas:
  + Distribute the 3 senators from the dissolved division of Humanities and Culture into the larger divisions BCE, SS, and DEHL
  + Make those 3 seats become at large senators
  + Have fewer senators overall, it's hard to find people that commit to service
  + Senators could come from programs instead of divisions, every group with a chair or coordinator. But some programs have a chair and are only two people.
* Small programs are concerned about losing their voice.
* Maybe this needs to be a much bigger much longer conversation, we could make them at large for now while we continue to work on a solution.
* Making them at large for the long term makes the elections committee a bit nervous.

1. 4:55 Carpenter I Grants (possible waiver of 2-week rule) – Melissa Andreson

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* Everyone gets 67.7% of what they requested for a total of $24,991.69
  + Bret Anderson, Economics $ 3,385.00

(Developing a New Research Focus in Place-Based Economics)

* + Bobby Arellano, Creative Arts $ 846.00

(Center for Arts Research Incubator Fellowship)

* + Amy Belcastro, Education $ 3,385.00

(Scholarship on Supporting Historically Underserved Learners)

* + Alison Burke, Criminology and Criminal Justice $ 2,240.00

(Restorative Justice Trainer Certification)

* + Kristin Hocevar, Communication $ 3,376.20

(Pilot Study: Health and Social Support Network Impacts of Wildfire)

* + Younghee Kim, Education $ 2,369.50

(Research into Core reflection and Holistic Educational Approaches in Early Childhood Education)

* + Jesse Longhurst, Education $ 846.25

(Dark Sky Island School Study Continuation)

* + Terry Longshore, Music $ 3,385.00

(balance | flow, an intermedia percussion experience)

* + Merrilyne Lundahl, English $ 846.25

(Adventure Risk Challenge: Examining a Novel Context for Teaching Rhetorical Grammar)

* + Pavlina McGrady, Business $ 981.65

(Global Sustainable Tourism Council Conference)

* + Kelly Szott, Sociology and Anthropology $ 3,330.84

(Pilot Study: Health and Social Support Network Impacts of Wildfire)

* Motion to Waive 2-Week Rule (Brian Fedorek) → Seconded (Anne Connor): **Approved** 
  + **20** yes:Jackie Apodaca, Jeremy Carlton, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matthew Moreali, David Oline, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker, Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Nigel Waterton, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates
  + **2** abstain: Anne Connor, Kristin Hocevar
* Motion to Approve Carpenter I Grants (Brian Fedorek) → Seconded (Michael Parker): **Approved** 
  + **17** yes:Jackie Apodaca, Jeremy Carlton, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Rachel Jochem, Matthew Moreali, David Oline, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker, Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Nigel Waterton, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates
  + **5** abstain: Anne Connor, Kristin Hocevar, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl

1. 5:10 pm Curriculum Proposals from Curriculum Committee – Anna Oliveri

[01:08:22 of recording]

* New Programs:
  + BA or BS Major in Music Industry & Production Studies (Music)
  + Certificate in Restorative Justice (CCJ)
* New Courses:
  + BI (2)
  + CCJ (2)
  + COMM (1)
  + HE/PE (2)
    - Question: Is this similar to the courses being offered already for health care admin by sociology? There is a healthcare and justice course that sounds similar. How are they different?
    - Melissa will request a representative from HE/PE to come next meeting
  + MUS (4)
  + Question: Why are the proposals that are given to the provost for new programs and certificates different from what is submitted to the curriculum committee?
    - Provost gives a rough approval to vet things before they come to the curriculum committee so the information they need relates to that process. The goal is to stop people from doing extra work in case there is an issue that could be anticipated early on.
    - Curriculum Committee proposals match what is needed outside of SOU, for the HECC approval. So its build around that information
    - Can this be streamlined? Can the first pre-proposal be submitted with the curriculum committee one so we don’t have to copy and paste the repeated information?
    - We can start to provide both documents as material moves forward through the process of approval?

1. 5:25 Announcements

[01:26:06 of recording]

* Jeremy Carlton: 1000 strong. Large group of students from our sister school Guanajuato, say hello to them!

1. 5:30 Adjourn

* 5:30!