

**May 14, 2018**  
**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Link to Video Recording of today's meeting:** <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/may-14-2018>

**Present:** Melissa Anderson, Prakash Chenjeri, Paul French, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Donna Lane (for Carol Ferguson), Andrew Gay, Dennis Jablonski, Marc Koyack, Laurie Kurutz, Charles Lane, Jesse Longhurst, Michael Parker, Dominick Robertson, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Erik Palmer, Chad Thatcher, and Kemble Yates

**Absent:** Mark Tveskov, Marianne Golding, and Mark Siders

**Guests:** Lee Ayers, Dave Carter, Sue Walsh, Linda Schott, Sherry Ettlich, Alma Rosa Alvarez, and Dale Vidmar.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:03.**

**Approval of Minutes from April 30**

- Lane moved to approve the minutes from April 30. Yates seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Kurutz abstained.

**President's report: Linda Schott**

- Dr. Schott attended the Women's Softball game. They won and will play again at 9:00 a.m.
- The Governor's Educational Advisor, Lindsay Capps, met with President Schott and Jeanne Stallman to discuss pedagogy and the quality of education and teaching in K-12. Interested in thinking about the future and employability.
- Max Brooks, Lee Ayers, Jeanne Stallman and President Schott attended the Talent Forum last Friday in Portland. Topics included how can post-secondary education provide the talent needed for the workforce?
- Speakers included the Director of Lumina Foundation, and the keynote was given by a Harvard Professor.
- Conversations centered around the pace at which we work. How can post-secondary education provide the talent we need? How will we get the resources needed to produce that talent?
- Presidents of OIT, SOU, KCC and RCC had lunch together and discussed how the schools can all work together to help all institutions. How can new pathways be nurtured?
- Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble has accepted a position in Minnesota and will be leaving SOU. President Schott will be carefully considering any changes in reporting and staffing before searching to replace Trueblood-Gamble. We need to be in line with our Strategic Plan, especially Strategic Initiative 4.

**Provost's report: Sue Walsh**

- SOAR begins this week.

- George McHaffey will speak at 8:30 on Wednesday morning. He will discuss the challenges of higher education.
- Stewart Janes, Michael Parker, Vince Smith, and John Rodin took a field trip to Butte Falls Outdoor Educational Center, which is under construction. We are their university partner, so our students can use the new venue for internships and course-related activities.
- June 13: Faculty and Staff Breakfast. Many folks will be honored at this breakfast, so don't miss it.

**Senate Vice-Chair report: Dennis Jablonski**

- Deborah Rosenberg is the final faculty member who has been nominated to serve on the SOU Board of Trustees.
- Advisory Council made a formal request to the Directors, asking about their review process. How have Tenure reviews and Colleague Evaluations been handled?
- Jablonski noted that our own Alma Rosa Alvarez was published in the Medford Mail Tribune. He pointed out that publications such as this one and other community engagement activities all are examples of scholarship that should be valued. Many times, we don't know what our faculty colleagues are doing outside of the university.

**Assoc. of Oregon Faculties report: Kemble Yates**

- Please look at the recent newsletter

**Committee on Committees report: Marianne Golding**

- Golding was not in attendance.
- Gay mentioned that University Studies meets Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. They would like someone to begin right away if possible.

**New policy: Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble**

- Trueblood-Gamble was not in attendance.

**Three more new policies from Academic Policies: Dave Carter**

- Posthumous Degree Awarding has been approved through the President's office.
- First new proposed policy would place a six-month limit on grade appeals. Conditions may apply that would extend this limit at the Provost Office's discretion.
- IRR forms--committee suggested an amended policy to allow students to hand deliver the form once it's signed.
- Yates asked a question about what changes were being proposed in the grade policy. Carter just
- Yates moved to waive the two-week rule, and Shrewsbury seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.
- Kurutz moved to approve the policies, and Gay seconded. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Graduate Programs Catalogue changes--ENG, ED**

- Gay moved to approve the catalog changes for English and Education. Kurutz seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed. Bender abstained.

**University Studies Course Approvals: Dale Vidmar**

- Kurutz moved to approve the courses brought forth by University Studies, and Burke seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. Gay and Palmer abstained.

**Curriculum Co. Course Approvals: Andrew Gay**

- Gay explained that these were proposed earlier but had minor language changes.
- Kurutz moved to waive the two-week rule and vote today. Lane seconded the motion, which passed with 16 in favor and 1 opposed. Robertson abstained.
- Kurutz moved to accept the courses brought forth by Curriculum Committee, and Shrewsbury seconded the motion.
- Yates asked a few questions, and Ayers explained that the HSE 199 courses are being hard numbered.
- The vote passed with 16 in favor and 1 opposed. Robertson abstained.

**Senate Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary: Larry Shrewsbury**

- Nominations for officers are being solicited now, and elections will be held soon.

**At-Large Senators: Dominick Robertson**

- The At-Large elections are taking place now.

**Announcements:****Campus Theme: Prakash Chenjeri**

- Student panel will take place during SOAR about Truth.
- The proposed Campus Theme for next year will be "From Ignorance to Wisdom." Discussion began with an interest in "wisdom" and grew to include from ignorance to wisdom.
- Lane moved to waive the two-week rule. Kurutz seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.
- Burke moved to approve the campus theme, "From Ignorance to Wisdom." Gay seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.
- Carter asked about the possibility of waiving the two-week rule and approving the new policies he brought forth today, which happened. (Please see notes above).
- Kurutz announced that *A Man of No Importance* will run for the next two weeks.
- *Dear Brutus* will follow for the next two weeks.
- May 31--Student Film Festival will take place at the Varsity Theater.
- Thatcher announced that new videos are up on their website that showcase what OAL students are doing.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.