Faculty Senate Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

 4:00-5:30 pm

*Senators Present:* Alma Rose Alvarez, Melissa Anderson, Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates

*Senators Absent:* Brendan McMahon, Michael Parker (STEM)

*Guests:*  Adam Corman, Dale Vidmar, Danny Santos, Erik Palmer, Holly Gabrial, Jody Waters, Larry Shrewsbury, Lee Ayers Prebosk, Linda Schott, Rene Ordonez, Sherry Ettlich, Sue Walsh, Teresa Coker

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

1. 4:00 pm Approval of minutes from 6/07/2021

* Motion to Approve Minutes (Mark Siders) → Seconded (Mike Stanfill): 21 senators present at the time of vote. **Passed Unanimously**
  + 13 Vote to Approve: Mike Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Mark Siders, Andrew Gay, Brian Fedorek, Merrilyne Lundahl, Anna Oliveri, Amy Velcastro, Michael Parker, Kemble Yates, Ellen Siem, Jesse Longhurt, Matt Moreali
  + 8 Abstain (if you were not here): Alma Rose Alvarez, Anne Connor, Rachel Jochem, Lisa Wileman, Krisin Hocevar, Jessic Piekielek, Chris Lucas, Melissa Anderson
* Ellen (past secretary) suggested to Anna (new secretary) to create a google sheet/excel spreadsheet to sort the votes from the chat.

1. 4:05 pm President’s Report – Linda Schott [00:03:40 of recording]

* Search for Vice President of EDI. Great candidates, she has made an offer, waiting to hear from them (hopefully next week). Interviews were all Zoom so they are trying to build in a campus visit for their #1.
* Staff Assembly has been created and held their elections. Working on bylaws and becoming organized.
* Before she leaves at the end of term Linda wants to make an organizational push for outlining the current governance structure of the university in a document. This is to increase visibility and transparency about campus governance for us, for the next president, and for the community.
* Question-Kemble Yates: Updates on going back in person next week?
  + On track to open Oct 11th. Vaccination rates are high enough in our campus population that public health says campus is as safe as we can get. People with exemptions will have to get tested weekly.

1. 4:10 pm Provost’s Report – Sue Walsh [00:08:17 of recording]

* Sorry she can’t be here on the 11th, she will be in Maine 10/5-10/13. Reach out to Patrick Stubbins while she is gone if you need anything.
* Question-Kemble Yates: Should we be checking the Cleared/Not Cleared Sunday night?
  + Banner updates daily and there will still be clearances being finalized during next week. There will be updates to Banner and the Cleared/Not Cleared status into next week, after Oct 11th.

1. 4:15 pm  Advisory Council Report — Chair-elect Brian Fedorek [00:20:25 of recording]

* AC met in person in the library and set agenda
* In search of new IFS representative/senator (Vote: Eric Palmer/Jesse Longhurst)
* Updates on Presidential Search
* General Education Task Force Update
* TextBook Affordability (OERs)

1. 4:20 pm Update on Presidential Search — Trustee Daniel Santos [00:11:42 of recording]

* As of Oct 1, Daniel Santos is the new chair of the board of trustees! Previous chair has stepped down, he is staying on the board, but will no longer be chair.
* Search committee of 18 members (5 board members, 3 faculty, 3 staff, 3 students, 3 community members, 1 public university president) have been working together
* Over 100 applicants: narrowed it down to 5 candidates already
* These will be mostly online interview, but some in person portions will happen
* Weeks of Oct 11th, 18th, and 25th will be used for interviews
* First week of Nov there will hopefully be an offer and in the contract signing process
* Goal is that the new President will start in Jan.

1. 4:30 pm Report from Committee on Committees — Brian Fedorek [00:23:07 of recording]

* They still need people to sign up. Contact Brian if you see an opening you would like to fill.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19ywkM6RuS9JsfIa71VnU4hYAfIdBKk8byhHmTDqOU1o/edit>

* When ASSOU meets we will also need to get student representatives on some of these committees.

1. 4:35 pm MBA Program Catalog Changes (Discussion & possible waiver of 2-week rule; see folder for details) — Jody Waters [00:26:48 of recording]

* This request was submitted at the end of last term and then was presented to AC over the summer. It's time sensitive because they want to get this into the catalogue ASAP. AC did not feel comfortable approving it without the Senate. This is why the 2-week rule waiver is being discussed.
* Rene Ordonez spoke on behalf of this program. He says they want to offer the Information Analysis and Decision-Making (IADM) concentration that already exists in their MBA Evening program to the Online MBA. THere are no new courses being added, nothing major being changed, only the pre-existing concentration being offered to the fully Online MBA.
* Motion to Waive Two-Week Rule (Andrew Gay) → Seconded (Mike Stanfill): 22 senators present at the time of vote.
* **Unanimously Approved** (21 votes: Alma Rose Alvarez, Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates)
* Motion to Approve the MBA Concentration Addition (Kemble Yates) → Seconded (Andrew Gay): 22 senators present at the time of vote.
* **Unanimously Approved** (21 votes: Alma Rose Alvarez, Amy Belcastro, Jeremy Carlton, Anne Connor, Brian Fedorek, Andrew Gay, Kristin Hocevar, Rachel Jochem, Jesse Longhurst, Christopher Lucas, Merrilyne Lundahl, Matt Moreali, Anna Oliveri, Michael Parker (OCA), Jessica Piekielek, Mark Siders, Ellen Siem, Michael Stanfill, Chad Thatcher, Lisa Wileman, Kemble Yates)

1. 4:45 pm Report from OER Advisory Group — Holly Gabriel & Dale Vidmar [00:36:52 of recording]

* The OER Advisory Group started in June 2021
* Save students money and improve retention at SOU
* The Draft Southern Oregon University Textbook Affordability Plan can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3L9ZLYNRq0HZekLN_L9TwNgG1YN767MTyvhD31rcCQ/edit>

Send your feedback to Holly Gabriel & Dale Vidmar

* There is a difference between “No Course Materials” and “No Cost Course Materials”
* “Low Cost” is defined as <$50 by the Oregon house bill
* They NEED YOU to send you textbook adoptions to the bookstore **by Oct 15th**. This is to comply with Oregon's transparency in cost laws.
* There are stipend and grants for you to work on changing your courses over to OER.
* Looking for 2-3 faculty members to serve on the OER advisory/working group!
* Working on the issue of sequence courses using the same book. $$/3 in reality. What can we do? They are seeking advice. (Maybe we can put this in the footnotes)
* If you list an OERon the bookstore website, they will still print hard copies, for a price. They cannot list $0 because there are printing costs for them.
* The schedulers (within the division) must know if a book is “low cost”. There must be some communication between the schedulers and the faculty picking the books.

1. 5:00 pm Report on Transforming General Education — Andrew Gay [01:02:03 of recording]

* If you have questions, email Andrew Gay.
* Many intent to apply submissions are coming in at the last minute. Can’t judge our students since we wait till the last minute too. 247 total submissions.

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| **UD** | **24** | **27** | **50** | **45** | **12** | **158** |
| **SUM** | **47** | **40** | **75** | **78** | **34** | **274** |

* They are okay with late comers. BUT, they have plenty of proposed courses to be comfortable going into next year.
* Stipend support from the provost will be available. 95 faculty members submitted these 274 courses. Andrew will be looking into this and emailing individuals about prioritizing courses and which may or may not need stipend support. Some courses may roll into the new system more easily than others.
* Some departments are concerned about the double dipping and how it becomes detrimental to students that have very interdisciplinary majors.

1. Update on course approval process

* Capacity mentors for approval process:

**Inquiry & Analysis:** Melissa Anderson, Bonnie Holmes, Prakash Chenjeri

**Comm. & Expression:** Alena Ruggerio, Leslie Eldridge, Elizabeth Whitman

**Creativity & Innovation:** Eric Levin, Bret Anderson, Rachel Jochem

**Numerical Literacy:** Erik Palmer, Lisa Wileman, Daniel Kim

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:** Kylan de Vries, Amanda Casto, Brook Colley

* Each capacity will have a Moodle course associated with it
* Andrew will reach out to people with next steps about course design
* There will be sessions scheduled to assist in course design

1. Purposeful Learning Capacity (Discussion - please see folder for details)

* This used to be called purposeful living, it has been renamed purposeful learning.
* 2-4 credits, upper or lower division
* Goals for Self-Awareness, Health, and Well-Being  
  Goals for Learning & Growth  
  Goals for Career & Finances  
  Goals for Relationships & Community

1. Revised Capacity Model (Discussion (please see folder for details)

* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VX2EexUpbRbp6znhXPBIhKaeClj6GmAdBbb7w8aX_bg/edit#heading=h.5qoqj0rl9rkg>
* Should EDI only be one 3-4 credit course or should we allow two 2 credit courses?
* Lower division courses would be 3-4 credits, but should we open upper division to 1-4 credit courses? Move flexibility.
* Culminating Portfolio Class Requirement: recommending to remove this component as a class. They still need to do a portfolio, but not take a class to make it.
* MORE discussion to come in the upcoming weeks. Review the materials. Ask questions.

10) 5:25 pm Announcements/New Business [01:24:31 of recording]

* Melissa, welcomes new senators. Thank you for agreeing to serve.

11) 5:30 pm Adjourn