Faculty Senate Minutes

April 30, 2012

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Deborah Brown, Mary Carrabba, David Carter, Prakash Chenjeri, Fredna Grimland, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Steven Jessup, Byron Marlow, Rich May, Michael Naumes, Kasey Mohammad, Jamie Vener, Kay Sagmiller, Ellen Siem, Jody Waters, Elizabeth Whitman, Wilkins-O’Riley Zinn.

**Absent:**  Todd Carney, Donna Mills, Robin Strangfeld, Cynthia White.

**Visitors:** President Cullinan, Provost Klein, Lee Ayers, Jonathan Eldridge, Sue Walsh, Curtis Feist, Sheree Kerns, Jazmin Roque, Brad Christ, Erika Leppmann, Dustin Walcher

**Agenda:**

* The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.m.

**Approval of minutes from April 16, 2012**:

* Ettlich made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded by Zinn. The vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. Carrabba, Sagmiller, and Whitman abstained.

**Announcements:**

* **Chenjeri:**
  + On Thursday, May 3, Charlotte Hadella and Steve Thorpe will present “Going Global: Developing Empathy in Young Readers through Global Literature.” This lecture will be held in the Art Building’s Meese Auditorium at 7:00p.m.
  + On Thursday, May 17, Dr. Andrew Bacevich, from Boston University, will present “The Sources of American Conduct.” This lecture will be held in the Music Recital Hall and will begin at 7:00p.m.
* **Jessup:** The Committee on Committees sent out an email last week, so please encourage colleagues to respond and participate. Strangfeld and Jessup will both be on sabbatical for fall term, so this committee needs another member.
  + Waters explained that ideally, this committee will need two new members, perhaps one permanent and one stand-in, while Strangfeld and Jessup are on sabbatical.
* **Waters:** In honor of Dan Wilson’s recent passing, Waters led a moment of silence. There will likely be a plaque and a tree dedicated to Wilson, and more information about donations and details will be announced in early June, after family arrives to handle arrangements. Wilson will be missed at SOU.

**Comments from President Cullinan:**

* The Distinguished Lecture Series event was successful. Campus and community members packed the house.
* The groundbreaking ceremony for the North Campus Village was held on Friday, and it was well attended by the community. Work is underway.
  + Grimland asked where the new construction was taking place, and Cullinan explained that it is next to McNeal Hall.
* A recognition and retirement ceremony will take place on May 29. If you have heard that you will be recognized, please report to have your picture taken for the ceremony.
* The Budget and PlanningTask Force has delivered its report to President Cullinan, and she has forwarded it to the campus. The committee is holding an open forum on May 30, 4 PM, in Science 118 to discuss their report and other data coming forward from other committees. The task force will continue meeting in summer and through fall, and they are an important group to help bring budget and planning details together.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

* Klein presented the OUS Achievement Compact (see handout). The Oregon Investment Education Board (OEIB) was established a year ago spring. This board oversees achievement compacts with school districts, community colleges, early learning providers, and public OUS institutions in Oregon.
* All campuses will have an achievement compact (they are all quite similar with the exception of OSU, which includes an Extension program). In line with the 40/40/20 goal set by the state, 80% of high school graduates will participate in higher education in some fashion.

**Discussion:**

* Cullinan expressed that this document represents thousands of hours of hard work across the state.
* Marlowe asked what this looks like for SOU.
* Klein explained that last time, our report showed an 85% alumni satisfaction.
* Ettlich observed that certificate programs, since they aren’t degrees, actually would count against us.
* Klein explained that this document allows for individual institutions to add unique criteria, and we will likely include certificates there.
* Chenjeri wondered about employer satisfaction—how will participants be chosen?
* Cullinan explained that the high-tech industry will likely be first to participate because they are willing to fund the research.
* Klein explained that this compact will not likely affect our funding, and better performing schools will not get additional funding. Instead, the state is investing in good ideas. “Buying teams” will buy outcomes—the people “buying” these are not involved with education directly.
* Sagmiller wonders how a person could provide feedback to OEIB?
* Klein explained that Ted Nesbitt is the contact.
* Sagmiller expressed that it is sad to see descriptive language that just relies on numbers—there is no emphasis on the quality of education.

**ASSOU Report from Sheree Kerns**:

* Kearns reported that ASSOU Elections are underway, starting today and closing on May 4.
* Roque reported that ASSOU surpassed its voter registration goal by registering 520 students at SOU. Statewide, 14,511 students were registered. Thanks to faculty for supporting class raps. Students are now moving into the voter education phase of the campaign. Ballots are arriving now, so work is underway to get students informed.
* Many club activities have taken place in the last two weeks, including Take Back the Night, International Week, Luau, PowWow, Earth Day, and many meetings and activities.
* ASSOU Election results will be available by our next meeting.

**Advisory Council Report:**

AC discussed Senate agenda items as well as the status of the Committee on Committees. There are a number of rumors and much misinformation around campus. AC discussed a letter of support for the proposed tuition increase that Senate members would be asked to sign.

**Information Items:**

**IT Financing Proposal – Brad Christ:**

* Christ has prepared a proposal to go to Executive Council. Under his proposal, instead of purchasing tech equipment, SOU would finance the equipment.
* Christ delivered a PPT presentation outlining his proposal: “Equipment Replacement Financing.”

**Discussion:**

* Chenjeri questioned the possible increase in interest rates. Christ does not think that this is a worry since the interest rate is so low compared with other financing situations.
* Carrabba asked what privacy steps are taken when recycling computers.
* Christ explained that the process is the same as any recycling of tech equipment that occurs on campus. The hard drive is wiped clean using DoD standards.
* Naumes asked about the concept of leasing vs. owning equipment.  He voiced concern that with owning equipment, we have something at the end of the lease, and with leasing, several things could go wrong. How solvent is the leasing company, how is it different than leasing a car, etc.
* Christ said there is a market value for four-year old computers, often with the schools.  The leasing company is interested in the lease and the interest, and that is how they make their money.  With automobiles, the lease is with the auto company.  In this case, the lease is with the financial institution, and we then get much better deals with Dell than if we were to lease from the computer company itself.

**Discussion Items:**

* Waters explained the need for faculty to send a statement of support to the Emergency Board of the Oregon State Legislature.
* Waters circulated a draft of the support letter that faculty members are being asked to sign (see letter attachment).

**University Studies Courses –Lee Ayers**:

* Ayers announced two new courses that have been passed through University Studies Committee, ES 200 and CH330 (see attachment).

**Carpenter II Grants 2012-2013 – Faculty Development Committee; Erika Leppman:**

* Leppman and Walcher announced the FDC’s recommendations for Carpenter II grants (see attachment).
* Ettlich moved to suspend the two-week rule so a vote could be held. Zinn seconded the motion, and the motion carried with no opposition and no abstentions.
* Chenjeri moved that FDC’s recommendations be accepted. Sagmiller seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. Brown and Mohammad abstained.

**Action Items:**

**Priority Registration Policy – Academic Policies Committee; Curtis Feist/Matt Stillman:**

* Stillman was not in attendance.
* Ettlich moved to approve the new Priority Registration Policy recommended by Academic Policies Committee. Cleland-Sipfle seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04.