Faculty Senate Pre-Draft Notes

November 12, 2012

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Deborah Brown, Dave Carter, Prakash Chenjeri, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Fredna Grimland, Mary Russell-Miller, Kevin Sahr (for Dan Harvey), Ellen Siem, Gerry McCain, Narcisa Pricope, John King, Byron Marlowe, Rich May, Kasey Mohammad, John Richards, Larry Shrewsbury, Tracy Templeton (for Robin Strangfeld), Jamie Vener, Jody Waters.

**Absent:** Amy Belcastro, Todd Carney, Doug Gentry.

**Visitors:** Craig Morris, Jim Klein, Sue Walsh, Robert Ellis Cochran. David Bithell, Alissa Arp, Pat Acklin, Craig Morris, Vicki Purslow, Robert Arellano.

**Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03p.m.

**Approval of minutes from October 29:**

Carter moved that the minutes from the October 29 meeting be approved. Verner seconded the motion. Motion passed with Siem and Russell-Miller abstaining.

**Announcements:**

* Chenjeri announced that the final two campus theme events are coming up this week.
* First, on Wednesday, November 14, SOU’s Devora Shapiro will present “The Virtue of Discontent.” Discussion will begin at 7 pm in the Meese Conference Room of the Hannon Library.
* The final event will be a discussion of the SOU production of Chekov’s *Three Sisters* in relation to the campus theme of Happiness. Presenters Eric Levin and Jackie Apodoca will lead this discussion following the performance of the play on Thursday, November 15, on center stage in the Theatre Arts building.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

* The OUS Chancellor visited campus on November 2 and was presented with details of SOU’s financial situation and potential models for the future. This same presentation was shown to the Budget Committee today, and it will be show to UPB next week. Provost Klein is willing bring this presentation to Senate if folks would like to hear it.
* George McHaffey visited campus on Friday. His slide presentation is posted on the Vision website.
* SOU’s football team is in the playoffs. They are doing a great job.
* The OUS Board’s visit is confirmed for November 28. The day’s activities will include an open forum, and AC will meet with them as well. Details will be announced.
* The Prioritization process kickoffs this week. Larry Goldstein will explain a consultant’s view of this process from 8:30-10:00a.m. in the SU Arena on Thursday, November 15 and Friday, November 16. Both sessions will be the same.
* House model: see Handout Proposals came in last Friday. Comments will need to be made this term.

**ASSOU Report:**

* Cochran reported that at the next meeting, ASSOU will approve their constitution. Students will have one week to vote on it. ASSOU won’t vote on the bylaws until next week. Faculty members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:00p.m. in SU 319.

**Advisory Council Report – John King:**

* Cullinen reported on McHaffey’s visit.
* Department reviews came to the dean today.
* AC discussed the role of course evaluations and potential problems the Library faculty face when teaching within other courses. This creates problematic issues for course evaluations.
* Fundraising for Honors College has reached $300,000 for scholarships. It will be an ongoing effort.
* AC met with the Chancellor and gave faculty’s perspective.

**Discussion:**

* Waters acknowledged that the Chancellor’s meeting with AC was productive, and she reminded everyone that the HEC discussion will take place on Wednesday, November 14 at 12:30.
* In regards to the House Proposals, Grimland would like time to meet with her department.
* Chenjeri proposes that the faculty who submitted proposals might meet with the committee to ask and answer questions. Nine proposals were submitted. Waters suggested a Survey Monkey to collect feedback after people have read the proposals.

**Information Items:**

**Master of Music Program, Graduate Council – John King, Terry Longshore:**

* Vicki Purslow explained that we already have a Masters in Music. This would reinstate the Masters in Music with an emphasis in Performance. Most of the courses already exist. Four new courses must be developed.

**Discussion:** King notes that the Grad Council approved this plan and commended it for its potential to increase graduate enrollment.

**Discussion Items:**

**Curriculum Committee – Pat Acklin: Bobby Arellano**

* Arellano is the director of the EMDA program. Course enrollment has tripled in last three years. EMDA has no core faculty—it is interdisciplinary and relies on collaboration. Courses have been piloted over the past two years.

**Discussion:**

* Carter asked about number of majors. Arellano says it will start small (five to ten students) and then growth each year.
* Sahr asked about the digital programming course. It’s a creative course.
* Bithell and Sahr discussed the nature of this course and how best to have this meet the Bachelor of Science requirements.
* Ettlich wonders about duplication of courses. Arellano suggests “Aligned by Design” instead of old term “double dipping.”
* King questioned what we have learned institutionally that will help us make this plan workable.
* Acklin reiterated that this program involved much work from Arellano and Bithell.
* Arellano extended his thanks to Waters, Klein and Cullinan for their support in developing this program.

**Action Items:**

* There were no Action Items.

**Adjournment :**

* The meeting was adjourned at 4:53p.m.