Faculty Senate Draft Minutes

March 19, 2012

**Present:** Deborah Brown, Mary Carrabba, David Carter, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Steven Jessup, Rich May, Michael Naumes, Garth Pittman, Ellen Siem, Dennis Slattery, Robin Strangfeld, Jody Waters, Cynthia White, Elizabeth Whitman, Wilkins-O’Riley Zinn, Dan Wilson.

**Absent:**  Todd Carney, Prakash Chenjeri, Anne Connor, Fredna Grimland, Donna Mills (on sabbatical), Jamie Vener, Kay Sagmiller.

**Visitors:** President Cullinan, Lee Ayers, Jonathan Eldridge, William Greene, Sue Walsh, Cody Bustamante, Curtis Feist, John King.

**Agenda:**

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

**Approval of minutes from March 5, 2012:**

Siem moved to table the approval of the March 5, 2012, minutes pending slight revisions. The motion was seconded by O’Riley-Zinn. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Announcements:**

Carter, on behalf of the Faculty Elections Committee, needs to populate a position on the Faculty Personnel Committee. He has emailed two requests for nominations to faculty in the former School of Arts and Letters departments. Please forward nomination to him, but make sure the nominee is willing to serve if elected.

**Comments from President Cullinan:**

* A faculty question and answer forum was held right before the CAS party on Friday, March 16. As a result, the meeting ended promptly. The meeting provided a good venue for the discussion of important issues.
* The Vision Group looking at long-term vision of SOU held their first meeting today, and Cullinan reports that the group looks promising.
* Cullinan leaves on Saturday, March 24, for SUNY Plattsburgh, where she will attend an accreditation seminar.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

Provost Klein was not in attendance.

**ASSOU Report:**

Kearns was not in attendance.

**Advisory Council Report:**

Water reports that AC’s discussion last week focused on agenda items and vetted Academic Policies materials.

**Discussion Items:**

**Graduate Council Report—John King:**

* King reported that a number of new courses, many in Special Education, have been approved in Graduate Council. King explained that there is a new certificate with a concentration in Autism at the state level, so many of the new courses reflect the need for courses in that area. A consortium of institutions offers the READ Oregon Program. We are expanding offerings at SOU to meet the needs of this online program. Students from all over the state will take this course.
* Waters asked for clarification of the Autism Certificate, and King explained that this is a Certificate, not an Endorsement, which is a more involved process. The certificate offers more formalized, recognized training in response to local needs by districts.
* The Master in Mental Health Counseling program has a number of revisions. It now aligns with the national accreditation standards and reduces the required number of practicum hours from 900 to 700.
* The Master in Management (MIM) is proposing shifting its course offerings to Chemeketa Community College in Salem.
  + Slattery indicates that School of Business is in favor of this move.
* King briefly reviewed the status of the Doctor of Education program through the University of Oregon. While courses are offered through SOU and include some local students, it is the U of O’s program. It is a first step towards the possibility of a doctoral program at SOU. Four applications have been submitted for the first cohort.
* $48,000 in graduate scholarships has been awarded through the Oregon Lottery scholarship programs.
* Graduate applications are time and labor-intensive, so Graduate Council is renegotiating with Admissions to have the fees shared.

**Academic Policies Committee—Curtis Feist:**

* Feist explained that the APC recommends that the credit requirements for minors be reduced from 15 credits to 9 credits, and the last term in residences requirement has been dropped.
* The last 45 credits in residence requirement has been retained.
* Scott Morell has been working with Jessica Stone to keep our policies in line with national trends.
* Cleland-Sipfle motioned to accept the residency in requirements from Academic Policies Committee, and Naumes seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

**Action Items:**

**Academic Policies Committee:**

* Concerning the auditing of art courses policies, art would like stronger wording with regard to requiring instructor approval for studio art courses.
* Pittman moved to suspend the two-week requirement, and Ettlich seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.
* Pittman moved that we accept the proposal. Ettlich seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Curriculum Committee**

* Changes discussed included the new course, CH 320, Elements of Disaster as well as clean up from various departments.
  + Ettlich wonders about the Music concentration double major—Elementary Education Degree.
  + King clarified that students can go through the program and earn a degree but not earn the professional license. Then, some return to take the Master’s program (one or two year options).
  + Pittman explained that some students are having trouble finding positions as music teachers, so this may offer another option.
  + Ettlich wanted clarification about the wording “students may” or “students will” continue on to the Master’s Program.
  + Waters suggested getting more clarification and return to this issue next time.
  + Pittman agreed, and Walsh suggested emailing Penny and Pat Acklin for clarification.
* Vote on Communication (zipped file from last time).
* Carter motioned to approve curriculum changes from March 5, and Ettlich seconded vote passed with all in favor, none opposed.

**Bylaws Changes:**

* Ettlich recommends that we not make further changes to the student evaluation sections at this time. Math has determined that response needs to be mandatory in order to be effective. The online taskforce will work on this issue in the spring, and we can look at possible bylaws implications after that work is concluded
* Wording changes are going through Waters agrees that the revised bylaws allow us to go forward and make adjustments as we go along. 5.250 and 5.260 are the sections on procedures for evaluations and determining the ratings.
* White wants to know who is on the Online Task Force committee. Waters explained that the committee consists of Mike Naumes, Deborah Rosenberg,

Greg Miller, Daniel Kim, and John Taylor.

* White reports that SSPC is ready to move forward with a vote but wants to express concern for resources for additional required research. Will time and resources be allocated for these new requirements?
* Cleland-Sipfle wonders if other departments who were hesitant to vote are ready.
* May reports that Biology still feels that this vote has been rushed.
* Carrabba reports the same from Chemistry.
* In Chairs’ discussions, the same concerns have not been raised.
* Pittman asked what issues were still objectionable to some departments, and Carrabba explained that an email from a colleague inquiring about what evaluative terms meant went unanswered.
  + Ettlich does not recall an email asking about this, but the objectionable language was removed.
* Carter moved to approve the bylaws revisions with the earlier discussed amendments. Pittman seconded the motion, and the vote passed with 15 in favor and 2 opposed. Cleland-Sipfle and Jessup abstained.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. Senate meets again in two weeks on April 2, 2012.