Faculty Senate Minutes

April 2, 2012

SU 313 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Deborah Brown, Todd Carney, Mary Carrabba, David Carter, Prakash Chenjeri, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Fredna Grimland, Steven Jessup, Rich May, Michael Naumes, Jamie Vener, Ellen Siem, Dennis Slattery, Jody Waters, Cynthia White, Elizabeth Whitman, Wilkins-O’Riley Zinn, Dan Wilson.

**Absent:**  Anne Connor, Donna Mills (on sabbatical), Dennis Slattery, Robin Strangfeld, Garth Pittman, Kay Sagmiller, Cynthia White.

**Visitors:** President Cullinan, Provost Klein, Lee Ayers, Jonathan Eldridge, Sue Walsh, John King, Laura O’Bryon, Jessica Stone, Craig Morris.

**1. Agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04p.m.

**2. Approval of March 19 Minutes:**

Grimland motioned to table the approval of the March 5 and March 19 minutes, pending minor revisions. Carter seconded the motion, which carried with all in favor, none opposed. Both sets of revised minutes will be sent out for approval with the next meeting’s materials.

**3. Announcements:**

* Chenjeri announced that six Campus Theme events will be held this quarter (see poster sent with meeting materials). Chenjeri encourages attendance at these events, especially Richard Stallman’s talk tomorrow night.
* Wilson adds that Stallman is known as a “rockstar” in his field, very unique and controversial as a result of his opinions about software ownership and copyright issues. Wilson hopes that local software merchants will attend the talk and challenge Stallman’s position, which will surely result in a lively discussion.
* Zinn announced that this Saturday, a workshop for adjunct instructors will be held from 8:30-12:00 in SU 319. Provost Klein will speak at the event. As always, discussion will center on new information. It will not be a repeat of earlier workshops.

**4. Comments from President Cullinan:**

* President Cullinan explained that she spent much of her spring break attending a conference at SUNY Plattsburgh, where the weather was cold but the conversation was interesting. Cullinan noted that SUNY has many similarities to OUS but has a more directive, less collaborative, approach than we have here.
* Dr. William Cook will be this year’s commencement speaker. He is a Distinguished Professor of History at SUNY, and he speaks worldwide. He is flying in from Italy for this event. He was part of the deToqueville series here at SOU several years ago.
* SOU has been in the news lately regarding the OUS audit of JPR. Some discrepancies were noted, and President Cullinan must address the findings of the audit. An outside mediator will be consulted to ensure that we are in compliance with the OUS and state of Oregon findings.
* President Cullinan announced that new layoff notices went out last week. These unfortunate cuts must be made in order to close the gap between revenue and budgeted expenses. While the president cannot speak about particulars, both she and Provost Klein are working to keep departments informed about the necessary cuts.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

* Mid-January brought the news that some funds would not come as expected this year. The visit from the OUS chancellors required a plan, and the recent layoff notices were necessary to meet the budget shortfall.
* Waters asked if only classified staff members were given notice, and Cullinan explained that the cuts were not limited to one area.
* Waters assumed that more cuts could come by June 30, and Cullinan confirmed that this could be true.
* Cullinan explained that the combined budget group (Budget and UPC) should weigh in for next year to help plan for the anticipated budget shortfall, but the group was not formed early enough this year to help with current cuts.
* Provost Klein announced that the Capacity Committee has a Human Resource subcommittee. He encourages faculty to respond to email requests for information. We need qualitative data to go along with our quantitative data.

**Discussion Items:**

**Academic Advising—Jessica Stone/ Mary Carrabba:**

* Stone explained the proposed change in new student registration. Under this proposal, students would pay a registration fee and have an AV Hold placed. This hold would only be released when the student completed the required orientation program to ensure accurate advising in University Studies requirements.
* Waters wonders if ASP is sufficiently staffed to handle the increased need, and Stone said yes. Phone appointments are available for HEC and online students, and notification about the holds would go out in time for ASP to accommodate all student advising needs.
* Ettlich wants to know how many students we’re talking about, and Stone says around 50.
* Waters wonders if maybe this does not warrant a hold.
* Zinn agrees that some students perceive this hold as a barrier to attending school.
* Grimland wonders if the student’s advisor gets a notice as well. Waters does not want this, as most faculty advise a large number of students.
* Stone says the hold emails is an IT issue.
* Ayers confirms that transfer students she has worked with have had trouble with this—she meets with these students, but they fall through the cracks.
* Stone reminded faculty that advising plans can still be set to future dates if appropriate.
* Ettlich asks if this change addresses the problem faculty had in not being able to add information because the “student record is not complete,” and Stone confirmed that it does.

**Curriculum Changes: John King**

* Naumes moved to accept the new courses brought forward from Graduate Council, and May seconded the motion. The vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. Grimland abstained.

**Curriculum Changes: Garth Pittman**

* Pittman was not in attendance.
* Ettlich asked Grimland for a clarification of the catalog wording concerning the MAT in Music and Elementary Education.
* Grimland explained that a student cannot gain licensure without an MAT. This is a work-intensive MAT, which accounts for the two-year program. It would be difficult to complete in under two years because it includes three work samples.
* Vener moved to accept the Curriculum Committee’s recommendation to create a new concentration in Elementary General Music. Cleland-Sipfle seconded the motion. The vote passed with all in favor and none opposed.
* Grimland thanked the senate for passing this change as it gives our students more options for employment as music specialists in schools and helps provide more opportunities for music education.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.