**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**October 21, 2013**

**SU 313 4:03 - 5:55 p.m.**

**Present:** Jackie Apodaca, Amy Belcastro, Deborah Brown, Dave Carter, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Carol Ferguson, Byron Marlowe, Richard May, Kasey Mohammad, Pete Nordquist, Garth Pittman, Vicki Purslow, John Richards, Mary Russell-Miller, Larry Shrewsbury, Marlene Alt (as a substitute for Robin Strangfeld), Erin Wilder, and Roni Adams (as a substitute for John King).

**Absent:**, Todd Carney, Steve Jessup, John King, Kevin Sahr, Jamie Vener,

Visitors: Karen Stone, Mark Tveskov, Dan DeNeui, Craig Morris, Dennis Jablonski, Steve Thorpe, Jim Rible, Hannah Miller, Danielle Mancuso, Hannah Howell, Max Goldman, Lee Ayers, Dustin Walcher, Jim Klein.

**Agenda**

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

**Announcements:**

Carter:

* We still need to get a faculty appointee for the Budget Committee. They don’t need to be a Senator but they do need to be a faculty member. We need to get this as soon as possible. The next meeting is at 3:30 pm on Wednesday.
* We would also like to have some senators come forward for a rotation on the ASSOU senate meetings. I sat with them last Tuesday. They do weekly meetings.
* The promotion and tenure reminder, to get with Bill Hughes, who is chair of the faculty personnel committee, to ensure that your tenure requirements have been put into process.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

* We’re at the end of the third week and our enrollment is down 3.5%. If we look at that in amount of dollars it’s about a $1 million loss in revenue if that 3.5% holds throughout the whole year.
* For academic reorganization, we had an open forum on Wednesday, and that will be repeated today and will be video taped. There is a website that’s available that was sent out in an all-campus email. This way all of the inputs will be put into one place where you can see what all of the thoughts are. I will meet with the chairs a week from this Wednesday.
* The Chancellor was on campus; did many of you get to see her open forum? I can answer any questions on that. I wasn’t at the open forum but I had a 2-hour meeting with her earlier.
* Purslow: I was on a campus that had a similar downturn in enrollment and we had to boost our end of term numbers. So we added a bunch of classes in week 5 that were Gen Ed classes to try and pick up students who dropped courses. Is that the sort of strategy that we could use here?
* Klein: It certainly is. That’s a great idea.
* Purlsow: If we could just identify the courses that would be the most likely to fill, and if we’ve got the adjuncts, I think it’s well worth trying.

It would be a compressed 5-week session (similar to a summer session).

It worked really well. It bailed us out big time.

* Klein: We’re down about 120 - 130 FTE. If we figure out what we’re going to do in the Winter and Spring terms, similarly; if there’s some way to catch students with the compressed formats.

**ASSOU report:**

* Goldman: In terms of governance ASSOU is making an outreach with other regional and technical university student governments. We’re going to be having conversations with them and about what they are feeling about the governance structure. Our student body president, Tommy, made a call out to Western and Eastern Oregon Universities and spoke with their student body presidents yesterday. And from what it sounded like, there are 3 options on the table. One of those options is becoming a satellite campus of Oregon State University. Out of all of the options presented so far all of the regional universities, well, we really haven’t spoken with OIT yet, but Eastern and Western are very vehemently opposed to the idea. The three student body presidents of those schools will be writing a letter this week that they will be sending out to the state board as well as the OUS chancellor, and I believe other entities as well, saying that we are opposed to the third option on the table. The other two options we are still objective about and there’s been no consensus on either of those. So we’re going to be doing an outreach, and we’ll keep you updated on what the student government’s are going through with governance. We’ve been encouraging Dave (Carter) to keep us updated on what the faculty at these universities are feeling about governance as well.
* The student body at SOU was recognized as the Green Business of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Ashland, and we got an award (applause from the audience).
* We’re having our Kick-Off Party this Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Sours Leadership Center. It would be really great if a few faculty members could attend, so if any of you would like to step up and coalesce and network with some of our students here, it’s a great opportunity to do that, as well as meet all of the people involved in leadership here on campus.
* We are finishing up with our campaign of Class Raps, so that will end Wednesday. We all appreciate you letting us take the time to let us come in and register people to vote and take the Oregon Student’s Survey.
* Any questions?
* Nordquist: Can you give us an idea why the students are so opposed to joining OSU?
* Goldman: I haven’t heard one faculty or student member who has even said “Yes, we would like to become a satellite for Oregon State University.” We would like to keep a balance of regional schools along with the larger universities. We would like to maintain our name. That would be my argument for it.

**Discussions:**

* Carter: UPB has brought forward a nomination and an alternate for Kurt Knudsen and Curt Bacon for certification by the Senate. In our bylaws it reads that we will certify individuals of the UPB, however, I can’t recall ever doing this before. So part of this is kind of “process-less” in the sense that it’s not been done, and part of it is a formality. We might want to consider adding something to our bylaws that kind of lays out this process more formally. So there’s two things at hand: I’m certainly willing to hear a motion to certify those two individuals for UPB representing School of Business, and also discuss later, an amendment on the constitution, if someone wanted to bring that forward.
* Ferguson: For clarification, what do we mean by “certify”?
* Carter: The UPB has their individual and has their alternate, but according to our bylaws, it says we will certify the nominations for the individuals on their board. So all we’re saying is that we ratify their selection.
* There was some debate about how there really is no procedure for how this occurs. It was brought up that there’s some history here involving checks and balances, and that this probably isn’t the best time to be making amendments to the constitution since so much is in flux right now.
* Ettlich: This is from the same paragraph as “election committee”. It says “The Election Committee will hold elections of department chairs, member of faculty personnel committee, and faculty senators, and all votes of the general faculty. The committee will also certify faculty nominations from the university planning board.”

**Action Item:**

* Ettlich: As long as the election committee is happy with this, I move that we take it.
* Nordquist: Second.
* The vote carried with no one opposed and four abstentions: Adams, Apadaca, Belcastro, and Wilder.

**Information Items:**

Model presentations (which was recorded)

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.