Faculty Senate Approved Minutes

January 7, 2013

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Amy Belcastro, Deborah Brown, Dave Carter, Todd Carney, Prakash Chenjeri, Kate Cleland-Sipfle, Sherry Ettlich, Doug Gentry, Fredna Grimland, John King, Steve Jessup, Mary Russell-Miller, Ellen Siem, Gerry McCain, John King, Byron Marlowe, Rich May, Kasey Mohammad, John Richards, Larry Shrewsbury, Robin Strangfeld, Jamie Vener, Jody Waters.

**Absent:** Kevin Sahr

**Visitors:** Mary Cullinan, Jim Klein, Sue Walsh, Robert (Ellis) Cochran, Lee Ayers, Jennifer Fountain, Sam Longnecker, Chris Stanek, Dan DeNeui, Steve Thorpe.

**Agenda**

**Approval of minutes from November 26:**

Richards moved that the minutes from the November 26 Senate meeting be approved. Gentry seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. Strangfeld and Jessup abstained.

**Announcements:**

* Chenjeri announced that six new campus theme programs are planned for winter quarter.On January 24, Cody Christopherson from Psychology and Michael Rousell from Education will present “Finding, Pursuing, and Creating Happiness.” This event will take place at 7:00pm in the library’s Meese Room.
* Bill Hughes will present a lecture, “Politics--It's a Happiness Thing. You Wouldn’t Understand,” on Thursday, January 31, at 7:00pm, in Stevenson Union 319.
* John Richards announced that a presentation of ancient Chinese music and authentic Shao-lin Kung-fu will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, January 14th in the Music Recital Hall

**Comments from President Cullinan:**

* President Cullinan announced that she has accepted UPB's recommendation to endorse the Transition Team’s plan for the Student Affairs/Academic affairs reorgnization (See attached).
* Senator Wyden held an open forum town meeting on January 6 in the Rogue River Room. The event was well attended. Wyden has committed to hold a town hall meeting in each county in Oregon each year.
* The upcoming legislative session is a concern, but we have had no real update. Our focus must be on money. The governor’s new budget eliminated the allocation of lottery funds to athletics. Requests for capital construction funding will be considered.

**Comments from Provost Klein:**

* House construction is underway: The two approved pilot houses are the Social Justice House and the Green House. Training sessions have been scheduled for leadership members in each house.
* The proposal to create an EMDA major is at Provost's Council for approval.
* SOU’s basketball team is doing well. They beat OIT at Klamath Falls for the first time since 1999.
* Promotion and Tenure: Faculty Personnel Committee vets Departmental expectations next and then they come to Senate for approval.

**Discussion:**

* King asked about timing--is it at the applicant’s discretion to use existing guidelines? Or could applicants use the newly approved guidelines?
* Waters explained that existing bylaws at the time of application apply.
* Gentry wondered if catalog changes will come out of house models, and if so, what is the timeline? Klein says the usual deadlines for submission of curriculum changes will apply.
* Will there be graduation differences? Klein does not have an answer on that yet.
* Grimland asked if Gen Ed for approved houses have been discussed. Klein explained that a House is not its own Gen Ed. Only part of Gen. Ed. will be in each House.

**ASSOU Report:**

* Cochran thanked the faculty for supporting students with internship programs. Thanks for inviting leadership to faculty meetings. Tonight at 6:00pm, ASSOU will hold an executive meeting in Sours Meeting Room.
* Samuel Longnecker: UNA (United Nations Alliance) club will hold a MLK Day event from 5:00-9:00pm in the Rogue River Room on the 29th.
* Waters encourages faculty senate members to continue attending student ASSOU meetings.

**AC Report**: King: AC did not meet since last Senate meeting.

**Information Items:**

**Program Prioritization Update:** De Neui and Stanek:

* De Neui hopes everyone has looked at the documents posted on the Vision website. Prioritization groups are working diligently. On December 17, criteria were posted with programs that will be reviewed. Departments need to look at list of programs and provide feedback using the form on website. All feedback is public and will be visible on the website. Feedback forum is open until January 21.
* On January 28, Wave One will begin, and selected programs will have one month to write reports. Stanek preloads templates with data.

**Discussion:**

* Waters wonders how waves will be determined. Stanek explained that he indentified 20 departmental areas on the academic side and randomized them. Wave One includes 40% and Wave Two includes the remaining 60%.
* Waves information (which programs in each Wave) will be sent out after PPG meets.
* King asked about the populated data, and Stanek explained that it is more course-based rather than student-attribute based. Majors are easiest because they are declared, unlike emphasis or licensure, which may not be declared. SCH figured. Minors are based on conferred degrees x 26. SCH is attributed to each minor, program, etc.
* How will PPG members review these? De Neui said all members will look at each item.
* Thorpe asked about the character limitations. For scholarship, would they want qualitative numbers? Summary? De Neui says to provide data where you can, and include narrative to explain.
* Belcastro wondered if rubrics will be shared with campus. Yes, this is still being worked on. Waters expressed how important it is to look at this now—this work is time sensitive and must be given time and feedback.
* De Neui is willing to spend time answering questions that might exist. Contact him or Stanek with any concerns.
* Marlowe asked about reports about similar school undergoing Prioritization. De Neui lists about fifteen schools on web page that are comparable.

**Discussion Items:**

**Action Items:**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.