Senate Minutes

February 23, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 5:45 pm

Link to video recording: [http://youtu.be/z4fhDQuIUnA](http://youtu.be/z4fhDQuIUnA" \t "_blank)

Members Present: Belcastro. Brown, Carter, Stonelake, Ferguson

Hughes, May, Jones, May, Nordquist, Ormes, Lane, Purslow, Richards, Rosenburg, Sahr, Shrewsbury, Slattery, Whitman, Wilder, Saigo, Walsh

Guests: Mark Siders, Jody Waters, Lee Ayers, Hala Schepmann, Sherry Ettlich

4:08 Announcements:

* (Carter) Annual CCJ lock-in this Friday; expect substantial police presence on campus for this educational exercise.
* (Walsh) Open forums on class size, Tuesday, 12:30 & Wednesday, 2/26 @3:30, both in Meese Rm.
* (Rosenburg) *Glass Menagerie* and *She Stoops to Conquer* running nest two weeks

4:11 Approval of Minutes for January 26 and February 9

* January 26: Moved (Nordquist); Second (Ormes). Approved, 1 abstention.
* February 9: Moved (Jones); Second, (Carter). Approved, unanimous.

4:12 Comments from President Saigo

Still on the road a lot, making contacts, making friends for SOU:

* Ashland Peace House.
* Grants Pass Rotary with Ron Hren, Matt Sayer, Coach Howard, Mike Beagle, and the NAIA trophy. SOU delegation well received.
* Friday night accompanied by Sherry Ettlich, Pete Nordquist and Peter Wu attended a meeting with CEO and about 15 representatives from Lighthouse Global, a manufacturer of particle counters from LA which is considering moving to the Rogue Valley and was checking out SOU as a possible partner. Commissioners from local municipalities also attended and represented us well and Chris Maples (OIT president) was there; Dr. Saigo passed the sincerity test by breaking a ¾” board Taekwondo style.
* Possibility for further cooperation.

4:15 Comments from Provost Walsh

* Met in Portland with Provosts’ Council, HECC, IFS representatives, and OEIB
* Setting up criteria for monitoring the performance of institutional governing boards (which are replacing OUS Board); work should be completed and on Ben (Executive Director of HECC) Cannon’s desk by end of June for implementation in the fall.
* Working through a lot of confusion around future roles of and relationships between Community Colleges and 4-year institutions (and high schools); meeting of Provosts and Chief Academic officers of CCs scheduled for 3/5 in Gresham.
* Senate Bill 84 is under discussion and will (re) define relationships between k-12, community colleges and 4-year universities.
* Question (Belcastro) – any opportunities for teachers to have input? (Walsh) Meeting tomorrow and opportunities for people to weigh in via internet; will provide information to Larry Shrewsbury; Liz Shelby and Steve Thorpe are involved.
* Comment (Belcastro) This seems to be getting done without the benefit of research into cognitive, emotional and social development research.
* Walsh – or costs of providing support to deal with those issues; Provosts are working closely together because of the impacts on us all.

4:23 Advisory Council update (Shrewsbury) We are discussing and distributing information about: Faculty Professional Plans and Activity Reports, Class Sizes, and Retrenchment Metrics.

4:24 ASSOU Report – No Report this time.

4:24 HECC update – Lee Ayers

* Met 2/11, 12, &13
* Attempt to respond to request for list of requisite qualities for the new U of O President;
* Claim that each State dollar invested in U of O returns $40 to the Oregon Economy.
* SOU will try to learn from U of O’s process.
* Hand-outs from HECC: “”Priorities for improving Student Outcomes and Completion Rates in Oregon (2015-17)”; Priorities for Affordable Access & Completion (2015-17)”; ‘2015 Legislative Issue Brief”.
* Presentation of details followed.
* Question (Slattery) Will the change in governors derail this process? (Ayers) We will proceed until told to stop.

4:37 Graduate Council update – Mark Siders

* There will be a few new classes for approval
* New joint Business and Arts Program proposal was withdrawn,
* Math will be losing its graduate program
* Question (Walsh) GPA? (Siders) Will revise recent modification of requirements to allow “Cs” and this will put us into conformance with other COPLAC schools; Individual programs can set a higher requirement where required for certification
* Need to review policy regarding allowance for application of non-admitted credits.
* Need to review policy on years allowed for completion.
* Need to review policy regarding application of staff rates to on-line courses; this is a restriction imposed by banner.

4:43 **Action Item**

* Motion (Sahr) to approve the three University studies courses, following the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee. Second (Rosenburg) Passed unanimously.

**4:46 Information Items**

SOU X-Factor proposals – Hala Schepmann, Carol Ferguson, Erin Wilder

* Purpose is to support faculty as they advance through their careers at SOU
* 2 budget-neutral proposals to allow flexibility in how we assess for and grant promotion and tenure:
  1. (4:50) (Details by Ferguson) Extend the tenure clock to allow for major family event constraints; make the extension automatic for birth/adoption of a child; requested for other family circumstances; conform with Oregon and national standards.
  2. 4:57 (Wilder) Extend limit on considering faculty productivity from current 5-years to all production since last promotion.
* Comment (Purslow) Thank you for introducing more humanity to our process.
* Question (Sahr) Discussion next time? (Yes)
* (Stonelake) – Proposal applies to all faculty? (Yes)

**Discussion Items**

5:03 Proposed Bylaws changes

* Detailed discussion available on video recording.
* Specification of voting and non-voting members of Senate
* Need for 2-step process: Language fix to conform with new administrative structure and deeper line-by-line examination and revision to keep the document current. “Deep issues” should be put onto the agenda separately, when possible, from “clean-up language”.
* Comment (Saigo) Tenure is a privilege that requires faculty to speak courageously.

5:39 Motion (Nordquist) that Senator’s recommendations for By-laws and Constitution language changes intended only to allow conformity with the new administrative structure must be submitted to Pete Nordquist or Carol Ferguson by March 9th. Second (Slattery) Passed unanimously.

5:45 Adjourn