DRAFT Senate Minutes

April 6, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 4:40 pm

**A video recording of the meeting is available at:**

<https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/april-6-2015>

**Members Present:**

Belcastro, Brown, Carter, Stonelake, Ferguson, Hughes, Slawta (for Jones), Harvey (for Sahr), Nordquist, Ormes, D. Lane, Purslow, Richards, John Roden (for May),

Russell-Miller, Shrewsbury, Slattery, Whitman, Wilder; Saigo.

**Guests:** Battistella, Uyehara, Waters, Jablonski, Ruggerio, Palmer, C. Lane, Oline, Ettlich.

**4:02 pm: Call-to-Order**

**Approval of Minutes** for March 9, 2015: Moved, Belcastro; second Ferguson; approved – 1 abstention (Russell-Miller).

**4:05 Comments from President Saigo:**

Provost Walsh in San Francisco. 600 attendees at Preview Day. Note: Small things tip the balance in recruitment; we have 500 students committed so far – departments should call their admitted students who have not yet committed.

**4:15 Advisory Council Report (Slattery):**

Robust discussions regarding workload of Senate for remainder of schoolyear & possibility of special sessions for discussion and updating of by-laws. AC has had several requests to act on issues, and these have been discussed with the Provost and Provost’s office is working to respond:

* Chairs roles and responsibilities
* Cost savings due to re-organization (Provost will be reporting these to ASSCU in July and will present to campus at start of school year 2014-15)
* Curriculum issues
* Retention issues, including development of a campus-wide plan for retention.

**4:20 ASSOU Report (Uyehara)**

* Students planning another lobbying trip to Salem
* Meet with legislators and leave informational materials
* Attend University funding hearing
* Seek replacement funding from S.B. 270 on TRU day, 5/19/2015.
* Seek lottery funds
* Request: Please direct interested students to Sours Center, Torii Uyehara
* Students wish to send a strong, unified message to the legislature
* Oregon Students’ Union meeting wil be on SOU Campus 4/18 9:00am – 5:00 PM; contact Uyehara.

**Information Items:**

**4:15** Revisions to the Sabbatical application form – Faculty Personnel Committee --  
 (Ed Battistella presenting)

* Committee’s intent was to simplify the application process and provide more, and more public celebration and exposure of the work done during sabbaticals.
* Major critique of new proposal (Purslow), that by requiring multiple reports for year-long sabbaticals taken one-term at a time over multiple years, the committee is inadvertently discouraging this type of sabbatical and introducing inconsistent monitoring; Battistella conceded that interim reporting might not survive senate scrutiny.
* Comment (Jablonsky) A report is independent of the success of an attempted study and can be very short. (Belcastro) Need to word the reporting requirement carefully to ensure it is supportive of faculty efforts. Memo to be forwarded to senators.
* No vote taken.

**4:32** IFS Report (Charles Lane)

* Senate Bill 81: Free tuition to Community College proposal out of committee and moving forward
* House Bill 3237 – would add graduate students to University Boards
* Outcomes-based funding model moving ahead with stop-loss/stop gain provisions; IFS quality metrics proposals have been largely omitted; does not look good for TRUs.
* OEIB (Oregon Educational Investment Board likely to be extended for a few years past its scheduled sunset.
* IFS to work with HECC to attempt quality control for accelerated learning proposals now in front of legislature; attempt to include faculty input to proposals to condense H-S, CC, 4-yr experience.
* (Donna Lane) 40% of funding to be fixed under new funding model, 60% variable to be distributed by politically preferred metrics.
* (Slattery) Once metrics are posted, we will need to learn to achieve the posted goals.

**4:42 (Saigo):** Lobbying has been very stressful for Executive Cabinet who have been working very hard

* Need to be careful not to offend people who have control, but represent our own needs
* SOU has very little power relative to the system as a whole
* The new funding template (from HECC) will not be good for us; we will be third from the bottom
* The big universities will have control and we will have to play the game by their rules
* Graduation and retention will be the most important metrics
* The good news is our metrics (under retrenchment) look very good.
* Craig Morris has done well to get stop-gain & stop-loss structure into place; we had to offend a few people in order to do so.

**Discussion Items**

**4:46 New Courses and New Degree Concentrations from Curriculum Committee** – David Oline presenting

* While the list of changes looks long, most of the changes are superficial:
* Cross-listing of Philosophy of Political Science, reduction of prefixes in Communication; in Communication, three concentrations will now be under the same prefix. Major remains at 48 credits.
* Political Philosophy concentration based on in-house demand by students and complementarities between PS and Phil.

**5:00 By-Laws Revisions**

* Summary of nine points for revision circulated as follows: (Original proposers’ names follow the revision title.)

1. Criteria for Professional Ranks (Section 5.132a) (Dominick Robertson)

2. Definition of voting faculty for no confidence vote (section on confidence votes) (Kevin Sahr)

3. Program Chair budget authority (Section 4) (Vicki Purslow)

4. Proposed changes to Constitution (Article 3) from Advisory Council (Elizabeth Whitman)

5. Professor of Practice (5.132c) (Brian Stonelake)

6. Selection and evaluation of Directors (Section 3)

7. Duration of evaluation period for P&T (remove 5-year restriction) -5.225 (SOU “X-factor” group)

8. Exceptions for tenure applications (tenure clock extension) – 5.223 (SOU “X-factor” group)

9. Typo-type changes received from Dave Carter and Kevin Sahr.

* Points 1-4 have new draft language and were discussed at length.
* Bugetary authority of chairs under review among Provost and Directors.

**5:40 Adjournment**