DRAFT Senate Agenda

April 20, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm

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

<https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/april-20-2015>

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Belcastro, Brown, Carter, Stonelake, Ferguson, Slawta (for Jones), Roden (For May), Nordquist, Ormes, Richards, Rosenberg, Russell-Miller, Harvey (for Sahr), Shrewsbury, Slattery, Whitman, Wilder; Walsh (*ex officio*)

**Guests:** Hala Schepman, David Oline, Erik Palmer, Alena Ruggerio, Sherry Ettlich, Lee Ayers

4:00 Call-to- Order; No Announcements

4:02 Comments from President Saigo; none.

4:02 Comments from Provost Walsh:

* SPREAD THE WORD! The Oregon House Ways and means committee will be meeting in Grants Pass on April 25th from 12:30 until 2:00 PM in the Performing Arts lecture hall on the G.P. High School campus; all faculty are encouraged to attend, as this meeting will help determine the SOU budget. Please also encourage your students to attend.
* May 15 is TRUs day at the Capital – please support your students who intend to attend, and attend yourself if possible.
* 4/10 was the penultimate meeting of the OUS Board. SOU metrics well-received as we appear on track to meet the requirements to have our own board as set under the retrenchment plan.

4:05 Advisory Council update (Slattery)

* AC met with Constitution Committee and decided to reserve the bulk of the remaining sessions of senate for Constitutional changes
* Remaining AC sessions to be reserved for special sessions of the Senate to discuss Bylaws & Constitution: 4/27, 5/5, 5/11 & 5/27; unless we can find a room, there might be no meeting on 5/20, due to SOAR
* Please send nominations for officers to John Richards by 5/27.

4:07 ASSOU Report – No Report.

4:07: **Action Item**: Moved by Belcastro to approve curriculum changes endorsed by Curriculum Committee and forwarded to Senate. Second (Rosenberg) Vote: Approved unanimously, no abstentions.

**Discussion Items**

**4:11** Proposed Bylaws changes

* Provost Office working with Directors to develop descriptions of chairs duties
* **4:13 Motion to reject language added to draft revision of 5.132a** (by request of Dominick Robertson) (Nordquist; 2d Belcastro) Motion approved – unanimous with one abstention (Russell-Miller); language dropped.

**4:14** Discussion of changes to Article III: Discussion centered around clarifying the meaning of faculty “power” vis-à-vis the President, Provost or appropriate administrators with regard to academic policy. The new language is intended to recognize that the Senate’s role is in fact advisory, but also to establish that when the faculty Senate makes academic recommendations to an administrator, the administrator is obligated to inform the Senate of the action taken with regard to the recommendation.

**4:43 Move to accept proposed changes to Article 3 as described in the document: “Proposed-changes-Article-3.docx”** but also striking the word “Academic” where it modifies the word “administrator” in Section “V. Faculty Senate.” (Nordquist; second, Slattery). Discussion included the acceptance of the friendly amendment, which was to re-insert the phrase “act upon and” where it appeared in Section 2-I, “Advice to the President”.

**4:46 VOTE: Passed –** Unanimous, no abstentions.

Information Item (Action taken):

**4:46** Recommendations for Carpenter II Grants – Anne Connor

**Motion to suspend 2-week rule** (Whitman); second (Stonelake) Vote **passed** unanimously with one abstention (Ormes).

**Motion to accept recommendations of the committee** (Belcastro); second (Rosenberg). **Passed** unanimously with one abstention (Ormes).

**4:49** Resumption of discussion of By-Laws changes:

* Discussion of changes proposed for Section 5 to bring the By-Laws into compliance with the proposals of the “SOU X-Factor” initiative to allow for extension of time-lines for faculty review and tenure and promotion in recognition of major life-events impacting faculty members.
* Constitution Committee to review language changes and ensure proper placing of and cross-referencing between paragraphs in the section for distribution to Senators before next meeting and possible action by the senate at the next meeting (on 4/27/15 in Senate Chambers.)

5:19 Adjourned