Senate Minutes – Special Session

April 27, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm

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**Minutes**

**Members present:** Belcastro, Carter, Ferguson, Hughes, Nordquist, Purslow, Richards, Rosenberg, Russell-Miller, Harvey, Shrewsbury, Whitman. As the bylaws require 50% for a quorum and there were 22 senators, a quorum was present.

**Guests:** Sherry Ettlich,Hala Schepmann, Jody Waters

As this was a special session of the Senate, called exclusively to consider revisions to the Bylaws, minutes from earlier meetings were neither read nor approved, nor were reports made.

There were two announcements, however:

* Vicki Purslow is attending training sessions on resolving workplace conflicts and is seeking volunteers to role play or work through conflicts.
* There will be an Open forum, Tuesday, 4/28 at 6:00 in the Rogue River Room to discuss the proposed closure of the Schneider Children’s Center and alternatives thereto.
* Provost Walsh conveyed and seconded President Saigo’s gratitude to those who attended the Ways and Means committee meeting in Grants Pass, and reminded us that there is still time to submit written testimony.

**Bylaws changes:**

* Section 5.212 b: Motion (Rosenberg; 2d, Russell-Miller) to accept all changes proposed by the Constitution Committee, but amending part b to read as follows: “Seven Year Master Sheet summarizing student evaluations of teaching effectiveness must be provided by the Division Director; see Section 5.526 of these bylaws.”

Vote: Ayes: 11, Nays, 0; Abstention 0 (President Shrewsbury did not vote.) **Passed.**

* Motion (Ferguson; 2d, Purslow) to amend last sentence of section 5225 d to read “… and/or grant applications during that evaluation period.” and accept remainder of the Constitution Committee’s changes to that section.

Vote: Ayes: 11, Nays, 0; Abstention 0 (President Shrewsbury did not vote.) **Passed.**

* Motion (Nordquist, 2d Belcastro) Accept Constitution Committee’s proposed changes to Section 5.220.1 with the restoration of the final phrase, “June 15th, 2016, the last day of the current academic contract.” (5:16 pm)

Vote: Ayes: 11, Nays, 0; Abstention 0 (President Shrewsbury did not vote.) **Passed.**

* Motion (Purslow; 2d, Ferguson) to amend section 5.224c to strike “existing” from the table under “Curricular Development” section of the “Acceptable” column to read “Integrates courses into programs that: (etc.) and under the “Preferred” column to read “Beyond integrating courses into programs (see acceptable column)” etc.

Vote: Ayes: 11, Nays, 0; Abstention 0 (President Shrewsbury did not vote.) **Passed.**

* New proposed language for section 5.255 to be submitted to the Constitution committee and circulated among all senators before next (regular) meeting of the senate on 5/4/2015.

Meeting adjourned, 5:32 pm

Minutes submitted by John Richards.