Faculty Senate Minutes

October 5, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 5:56 pm

**Present:** David Bithell, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Prakash Chenjeri, Curtis Feist, Carol Ferguson, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Jennifer Slawta (for Laura Jones), Donna Lane, Dorothy Ormes, Erik Palmer, Vicki Purslow, Deborah Rosenberg, , Kevin Sahr, Larry Shrewsbury, Dennis Slattery, Mark Krause, Ariel Tumbaga, Mark Tveskov, and Rich May.

**Absent:**  Laurie Kurutz and Douglas Smith.

**Visitors:**, Roy Saigo, Susan Walsh, Lee Ayers, Emily Pfeiffer, Mark Denney, Scott Rex, Dan DeNeui, Chris Stanek, Sherry Ettlich, Matt Sayre, Joanna Steinman, Craig Morris, Alma Rosa Alvarez, Jody Waters, and John King.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:00.**

**4:10 Approval of Minutes from June 15**

* + Motion passed with Curtis Feist, Rich May, Kevin Sahr, Mark Tveskov, and Prakash Chenjeri abstaining.

**4:12 Comments from President Saigo**

* + President Saigo introduced **Fred Creek** (Director of Campus Public Safety), who provided a brief update of the security risks at RCC and the HEC in Grants Pass and Medford Campuses.
    - New Active Shooter Training scheduled
    - Next four Wednesdays 12:30 in Rogue River Room
    - Includes introduction, video, and scenarios
  + The new-student move in was smooth
  + Finished year with good numbers
  + Retention rate is 72%--positive move
  + Demolition of McNeal will begin this fall

**4:17 Comments from Provost Walsh**

* + Provost Walsh praised Professor Craig Wright for his thoughtful address at Convocation on behalf of faculty.

**4:22 Advisory Council update**

* + Larry Shrewsbury was asked to gather five faculty members for the new Board President to interview: Elizabeth Whitman, Ed Battestella, Vicki Purslow, Charles Lane, and Kemble Yates.

**4:25 ASSOU Report (Torii Uyehara)**

* + Uyehara thanked faculty for making space for students to express viewpoints.
  + 600 students surveyed--surpassed goals
  + Focus Groups—consider offering extra credit for student participation
  + Need students to work on fee committees—sign up to have ASSOU talk to classes about this.
  + Support for UCC—Knitting scarves and hats to show support for UCC
  + New person to update Senate—Emily Pfeiffer

**4:30 Committee on Committees update (Deb Brown, Marianne Golding, Donna Lane)**

* + Work is underway to fill Senate committees. Most committees still have openings. Deb Brown, Marianne Golding, and Donna Lane will send out requests for new members, so encourage faculty to serve.

**4:35 Update on where we are with the Bylaw updates (Carol Ferguson)**

* Carol Ferguson explained that we are getting close to having a draft to Larry and to President Saigo.

**Information Item**

**4:40 Financial analysis for Athletics (Mark Denney, Matt Sayre)**

* See attached slide presentation
* Sayre and Denney explained the athletics budget situation and fielded questions.
* A robust discussion ensued following the presentation.

**5:15 Meeting was adjourned at 5:15, and Executive Session began.**

**5:54 Meeting was called back to order at 5:54.**

* Rosenberg moved that a working group be formed to craft an advisory letter to SOU’s Board. Ferguson seconded the motion. The committee will be comprised of Rosenberg, Ormes, and Whitman.

**5:56 The meeting was adjourned at 5:56.**