**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**November 2, 2015**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/november-2-2015>

**Present:** David Bithell, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Curtis Feist, Carol Ferguson, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Mark Krause (for Douglas Smith), Laurie Kurutz, Donna Lane, Dorothy Ormes, Jennifer Slawta (for Laura Jones), Rich May, Vicki Purslow, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Dennis Slattery, Ariel Tumbaga, Mark Tveskov, and Elizabeth Whitman.

**Absent:**  Prakash Chenjeri, Eric Palmer, and Erin Wilder

**Visitors:** Roy Saigo, Susan Walsh, Lee Ayers, Emily Pfeiffer, Dan Morris, Sherry Ettlich, Charles Lane, Brian Stonelake, and Jody Waters.

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

**4:01 Announcements**

* Larry Shrewsbury reported for Prakash Chenjeri:
	+ “Exploring Reality,” a Panel Discussion will be held on Wed., Nov 4, in SU 330, from 7:00-8:30.
* Dennis Slattery reminded folks that this is Race Awareness week. Activities will take place all week.
* Jody Waters announced that the HR Candidate presentations will take place this week—please attend.
* Deborah Rosenberg announced that two shows will open in the Theater Dept. this week: *Caliban’s Dream* and *The Seagull* opening this week.

**4:02 Approval of Minutes from October 19**

* Bithell motioned that the minutes from October 19, 2015, be accepted. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which passed with Ormes and Ferguson abstaining.

**4:05 Report for Advisory Council (Dennis Slattery)**

* UPB will be coming to us soon with revisions on language and how to balance membership to account for new Divisions.
* Should Student Success become a Senate Committee?
* Lee Ayers will present to Senate about Houses on Nov. 16
* Provost Walsh will present an update about the reorganization of the institution on Nov. 30

**4:08 Comments from President Saigo**

* Latest report from Chris Stanek shows another increase in enrollment
* Racial Awareness week is this week
	+ Evening with Claudia Alick “Exploring the Racial Divide” will occur tonight. Please try to attend one or more of this week’s events.
* President Saigo, along with other leadership from SOU, attended a meeting that revealed statistics on 8th Grade Student Health issues.
	+ Reveals instability in home life and use of drugs
	+ Bullying

**4:13 Comments from Provost Walsh**

* Large meeting of executive leadership from around Jackson and Josephine Counties. (Southern Oregon Success Cabinet). Walsh explained that this is a huge effort by many educators as well as business and community leaders.
* Pirate to Raiders program has now expanded to Bulldogs to Raiders—McLoughlin and Middle School

**4:17 ASSOU Report (Emily Pfeiffer)**

* Interviews and training for student fee committees are underway.
* SOU students will be attending the Oregon Student of Color Conference Nov 13-15

**4:18 President Evaluation Summary**

* Waters reported that the results of the faculty evaluation of President Saigo have been completed and discussed with the President.

**4:20 Curriculum Committee items and new degree program for Bachelor in Music**

* Jody Waters reports on new proposal brought forward from the Music Department.
	+ Bachelor of Music Degree
	+ Responds to significant request from students that will create pathways to become a music educator and other career paths.
	+ Two concentrations: Performance and Music Education
	+ Vicki Purslow explained that we lost 36% of first-year music students because they can’t get a BM degree here.
	+ Marianne Golding expressed her dismay that the program will no longer require foreign languages. Purslow explained that this is unavoidable in order to align with the standards for the BM.
* See document for catalog changes related to the BM degree.
* Feist moved to waive the two-week rule. Rosenberg seconded. Discussion ensued
	+ Ferguson wonders why students wouldn’t understand the limitations of our program before they commit to coming to SOU? Purslow explains that they often don’t understand the nuances of the degree options.
	+ Golding regrets that the language aspect will be lacking in students who choose this option.
* Motion passed with all in favor; none opposed. Purslow abstained.
* Rosenberg moved that we approve the new Bachelor of Music Degree. Ferguson seconded the motion.
	+ A lively discussion ensued about the loss of language in the Music degree program.
	+ Vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. Golding, May, and Purslow abstained.
* Rosenberg moved to waive the two-week rule on the catalog changes. Ormes seconded.
* Rosenberg moved to approve the catalog changes; Ormes seconded.
* Vote to approve the changes passed with all in favor, none opposed. Purslow abstained.

**4:57 New University Studies Courses**

* Brian Stonelake brought five courses from University Studies as information items.

**5:00 Report from Task Force on Professor of Practice**

* Carol Ferguson, Dennis Slattery, Ed Battistella, Elizabeth Whitman, and Vicki Purslow served on the POP task force.
* Committee met, conducted extensive research, and wrote a detailed report. *See attached report.*
* Committee recommends that we not create a new, non-tenured track here at SOU.
	+ Stonelake firmly objected to the charge and findings of the committee.

**5:15 IFS resolution on addressing violence in our schools**

**5:30 The meeting was adjourned at 5:34, and Senate moved into Executive Session.**

**5:35** **Executive Session**

* Purslow moved to go into Exec session. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which passes with all in favor and none opposed, Bithell abstained.

**6:01**: Executive session ended; regular session opened.

**6:02 Back in session—**

* Purslow moved to approve IFS Resolution. The motion was seconded by May, and the vote passed with all in favor, none opposed.

**6:05: The meeting was adjourned.**