Faculty Senate Minutes

November 16, 2015

SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/november-16-2015>

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

**Absent:** Alison Burke, Vicki Purslow, and Marianne Golding.

**Visitors:** Susan Walsh, Lee Ayers, Torii Uyehara, Gretchen Woelke, Maria Macy, Dustin Walcher, Connie Anderson-Cohoon, Amy Belcastro, Brian Stonelake, Chris Stanek, Sherry Ettlich, Tim Becker, Jake Scott, Karen Stone, Anne Connor, and Jody Waters.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:02.**

**4:00 Announcements**

* Mark Tveskov—UPB—website is up and functional. Search “UPB”
* Prakash Chenjeri---Democracy Project is still looking for interested faculty to travel with them. $100 discount if you register before end of November. It’s filling up quickly.

**4:02 Approval of Minutes from November 2**

* Ferguson moved to approve the minutes from November 2, and the motion was seconded by Rosenberg. The motion passed with all in favor; Palmer and Slattery abstained.

**4:05 Report for Advisory Council (Larry Shrewsbury)**

* Discussion at AC focused on use of All-faculty email list. In May, Donnie McClurcan suggested an alternative email forum that could be opted out of if that is your preference.

**4:10 Comments from President Saigo—**President Saigo was not in attendance

**4:20 Comments from Provost Walsh**

* Policy information. Three people should be appointed to create SOU’s policies as we transition from OUS to our own governing boards.
* Provost thanked Elizabeth Whitman for sending out a clarifying email on this topic.
* HECC—update on what we are doing with the 30 million extra dollars ($582,000 each year for two years).
* Liz Shelby’s retirement celebration will take place on Nov. 21.
* Academic and Student Affairs Meeting 1:30-3:30
	+ CTC Update—Dan Denui
	+ Bridge Program—Amy Belcastro
	+ Accreditation and Assessment
* Open forums will take place on 1:30-2:30 Monday and 10:30-11:30 Tuesday in the Meese Room.

**4:25 ASSOU Report (Emily Pfeiffer)**

* **Torii Uyehara gave the ASSOU update.**
* CU Thrive—using peers to educate about health issues
* Please allow students to come in and give quick presentations in class.

**4:30 Houses update (Lee Ayers)**

* Ayers presented an update on the House program. (See attached Slideshow)
* Ayers fielded questions about her presentation.

 **Action Items:**

**5:00 University Studies Courses presented Nov. 2**

* Ferguson moved to approve the courses recommended by University Studies; Rosenberg seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. Wilder and Palmer abstained.

**5:03 Curriculum Committee items presented Nov. 2**

* Rosenberg moved to accept the music courses brought from Curriculum Committee last meeting. Ormes seconded the motion. After some clarification, the motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. Wilder and Palmer abstained.

**Discussion Items**

**5:06 Making “Student Success Committee” a Faculty Senate committee**

**(Amy Belcastro)**

* Belcastro proposed that the Student Success Committee become a Faculty Senate committee. This would allow more faculty involvement and better reporting back to the university.
* Walsh spoke in favor of this change. She believes it will connect faculty more directly to student success.
* Belcastro believes that this will allow us to focus our efforts.

**5:11 New University Studies Courses (Brian Stonelake)**

* Stonelake brought forward four new courses recommended for approval.

**5:16 Carpenter II Grant recommendations (Anne Connor)**

* Connor brought forward Carpenter II Grants (20 out of 23 were funded).
* Connor answered questions about the funding process.
* Slattery moved to waive two-week rule. The motion was seconded by May. Motioned carried with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.
* Slattery moved to approve the recommendations of the Faculty Development Committee for the funding of Carpenter II Grants. Ferguson seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor, none opposed. Brown and Palmer abstained.

**5:21 Professor of Practice**

* Shrewsbury suggested that we all read the new documents that came forth today.
* Feist moved to table the discussion.
* Slattery seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**5:30 The meeting was adjourned at 5:31.**