**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**November 30, 2015**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/november-30-2015>

**Present:** David Bithell, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Curtis Feist, Carol Ferguson, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Laurie Kurutz, Donna Lane, Dorothy Ormes, Erik Palmer, Rich May, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Mark Tveskov, Erin Wilder, and Elizabeth Whitman.

**Absent:**  Prakash Chenjeri, Dennis Slattery, Mark Krause (for Douglas Smith), Jennifer Slawta (for Laura Jones), Ariel Tumbaga, and Vicki Purslow.

**Visitors:** Roy Saigo, Susan Walsh, Brian Stonelake, Emily Pfeiffer, Amy Belcastro, Dan DeNeui, Karen Stone, Chris Stanek, and Connie Anderson-Cohoon.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:03.**

4:00 Announcements

4:02 Approval of Minutes from November 16—these will be approved at our next meeting.

4:05 Comments from President Saigo

* The Lee Mun Wah event on racial diversity was successful. Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble may plan for another session next year.
* Announced change in mascots—President Saigo wrote a letter 10 years ago to encourage universities to move away from mascots featuring Native Americans.

4:15 Comments from Provost Walsh

* Meeting today on racial awareness was well attended. It was held in response to President’s message and some YikYak postings.
* More open dialogue is needed. We need to provide that space for students (not necessarily in class) to talk about these issues.
* Open forums were held last week to discuss enrollment and budget.
* Both were well attended and video taped. Watch for those coming through email.
* Portland recruitment will be a focus.
* Kelly Moustatsen traveled to SOU to You events in Northern California and saw increases in all attendance (student, parent, guest).
* President and Provost will present update on retrenchment to the HECC next week.

4:20 ASSOU Report (Emily Pfeiffer)

* ASSOU is conducting a coat drive.
* New student board trustee position is open, so refer students who might be interested.

 **Action Items**

4:25 University Studies Courses (presented on Nov. 16)

* Feist questioned why one of the History courses was not a unanimous decision.
* Ferguson moved to accept the courses; Ormes seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.

4:30 Making “Student Success Committee” a Faculty Senate committee

* Ferguson asked if Belcastro had consulted with folks who had previously been working around this topic, and Belcastro confirmed that she has consulted with the appropriate people.
* Feist asked about procedure, and Walsh explained that this was Senate’s purview.
* Rosenberg moved that we make SSC a Faculty Senate Committee. Golding seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor, none opposed.

**Discussion Items**

4:29 Professor of Practice

* Jablonski asked Provost Walsh if she knew any of the history of the P of P rank as someone who had been part of the previous administration, and Walsh explained that she has knowledge of what was discussed in Senate, but no further knowledge.
* Chair Shrewsbury gave a brief overview of where the Pof P discussion is at the current time.
* Tveskov inquired about the original impetus for the discussion.
* Walsh explained that each OUS campus had this discussion. The decision to adopt (or not) is solely up to the campus, and the final decision is that of the President, not the Faculty Senate. Senate only makes a recommendation.
* Tveskov asked if a particular department is endorsing the creation of this rank; nobody voiced that a specific department supports this.
* Ormes wondered about the original June 2014 discussion. She finds the current situation confusing.
* Jablonski expressed that in the case of larger institutions, this sort of position would be filled by truly exceptional faculty members.
* Whitman restated the methodology of the task force, emphasizing that the group considered the overall need of the university as they researched this position.
* Brian Stonelake stated that in the June 2 meeting, the term “placeholder” was not mentioned, nor was the impact of this on negotiations actually mentioned at that particular meeting. Shrewsbury agreed, stating that it was discussed at meetings prior to the June 2 meeting.
* Burke and Rosenberg questioned the next steps: do we move to rescind the motion? Shrewsbury confirmed that he checked in *Roberts Rules of Order* and discussed this with Jason Catz, SOU’s legal council.
* Lane moved that we rescind the original motion to write language defining the Pof P rank. Palmer seconded.
	+ We now have more information, and we need to respect the work of our colleague who served on the task force.
	+ Stonelake voiced his concern about the ethics of Senate rescinding its motion.
* Discussion ensued about the ramifications of voting to rescind the motion.
* The motion passed with none opposed; Burke, Bithell and Feist abstained. The vote passed with two-thirds in favor.

**Information Items**

5:08 Update on Academic Reorganization (Susan Walsh)

* To respect time, Provost Walsh will return to Senate in January to give the Reorganization update.

5:20 College Transition Collaborative (Dan DeNeui)

* DeNeui reported on the CTC research from Stanford University. (See attached PowerPoint slide presentation).
* 18 school collaborative, US and Canada.
* Students worry about social belonging, which undermines college outcomes.
* We are in year one of a four-year process.
* Burke asked about funding—this costs about $35,000 a year, and we’re using funds that were held back from our Grant funds.

5:30 The meeting was adjourned at 5:34.