**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**April 4, 2016**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/april-4-2016>

**Present:** Rhett Bender, Deborah Brown, Prakash Chenjeri, Cody Christopherson, Carol Ferguson, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Laura Jones Laurie Kurutz, Rich May, Dorothy Ormes, Erik Palmer, Vicki Purslow, Steve Petrovic, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Ariel Tumbaga, Erin Wilder, and Dennis Slattery.

**Absent:**  Amy Belcastro David Bithell, Curtis Feist, Alison Burke, Donna Lane, and Mark Tveskov.

**Visitors:** Roy Saigo, Susan Walsh, Jody Waters, Lee Ayres, Greg Jones, Joan McBee, Rene Ordonez, Vincent Smith, John Gutrich, Charles Lane, Hala Schepmann, Chris Stanek, Emily Pfeiffer, Emily Miller-Francisco, Karen Stone, and Dan DeNeui.

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

**Approval of Minutes from February 22 and March 7**

* Rosenberg moved to approve the minutes from February 22. Jones seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor and none opposed. Christopherson, Jablonksi, Golding, and Chenjeri abstained.
* Rosenberg moved to approve the minutes from March 7. Jones seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor and none opposed. Christopherson, Jablonksi, Golding, and Chenjeri abstained.

**Discussion Items**

**Proposal for revision to FPAR/FPAPs—Jody Waters**

* Due to a number of concerns with the current FPAR/FPAP process, Waters and Stanek propose improvement through use of Activity Insight, a program some have already used for Promotion and Tenure purposes.
* Implementation will require a bylaws change.
* Ormes asked about the security of this program. Stanek assured Senate that this program is secure.
* Please discuss this with your colleagues and bring feedback to Senate next time.

 **Action Items**

**New courses and program name change from Curriculum Committee (Lee Ayers and Jody Waters)**

* Slattery moved to waive the two-week rule. Ormes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed. Ferguson abstained.
* Rosenberg moved to approve the courses brought forth from Curriculum Committee.
* Ferguson asked about the number of courses brought forth in German. Emily Francisco-Miller explained that while the German major no longer exists at SOU, the classes actually represent a streamlining of course offerings.
* Wilder asked about the course title, “Slumming in the 19th Century,” and she was assured that the term “Slumming,” which she thought might be derogatory, was appropriate for the class.
* The vote to approve the courses brought forth from Curriculum Committee passed, with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Program Name Change:**

* Petrovic asked about the issue of redundancy of programs (with OIT,

and U of O). Greg Jones explained that he reached out to those universities but did not find anyone who opposed the change.

May asked about comparable programs, and Jones explained that most programs do include “Policy” in their names.

Ferguson wonders about the name “Studies,” which she believed represented the integration that was unique and what students wanted.

* A lively discussion ensued.
* Purslow moved to waive the two-week rule, and Jones seconded. The motion passed with all but one (Ferguson) in favor and one abstention (Petrovic).
* Palmer moved to accept the name change. The motion was seconded by Slattery.
* More discussion ensued, with Smith and Gutrich clarifying why the name change is appropriate.
* The motion passed with all but one (Petrovic) in favor and Ferguson abstaining.

**Proposals for both Teaching and Service Awards**

 **Information Items**

* Purslow asked about the level of work necessary on the part of the nominees. Is this too onerous?
* Schepmann addressed this concern, explaining that this additional information would help avoid a “popularity contest.” The honorarium is a token to speak to the importance of the work.
* Ferguson moved to waive the two-week rule, and Rosenberg seconded. The vote passed with all in favor and none opposed. The motion passed, and the two-week rule was waived.
* Slattery moved to approve the creation of a faculty award in Teaching and in Service. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Items needing Senate approval from the Graduate Council (10-15 min)**

* See attached documents detailing the proposed changes in Graduate School policies.
* New programs for MBA concentration areas.
* Addition of a new MBA for the Arts
* Question about proposed grade change—former policy did not accept a grade of C- in any course for application to a graduate degree. The proposed change allows a C- in a particular course but maintains the overall GPA requirement.
* Purslow asked about the OCA for the Arts—her concern was that a student could pursue this degree without ever taking an undergraduate class in the Arts. McBee clarified, explaining that this would only be an option for a student with a major in the Arts.

**Comments from President Saigo**

* President Saigo congratulated Senate for approving the new faculty awards.
* President Saigo also extends his thanks to Governor Kate Brown, who signed HB 4009 into law last week. President Saigo attended the signing ceremony that designates March 28 as a day to honor Minoru Yasui, a Japanese American attorney who challenged the curfew law. Saigo expressed disappointment that this important news item was not covered by Oregon newspapers.
* Last Friday was the largest Preview event in SOU history.
* Discussions with parents—he speaks to parents as another parent, not as an administrator.

**Comments from Provost Walsh**

* Walsh commended staff in admissions for hosting such a great Preview event. She hopes to see many of those students enroll as a result.
* Two informational forums will be held this week.
* Academic and Student Affairs Committee will meet April 14. Later that day, the Finance Committee will meet (4:00-6:00). The full Board meets on the 15th.

**ASSOU Report**

* ASSOU is kicking off the Vote OR Vote campaign. Sign up for a class rap if you haven’t had one in your classes already.
* Spring term Kickoff party is coming up.

**Announcements**

* 171 votes were collected in the Library’s interactive space.
* Chenjeri announced that the campus theme presentation schedule will be coming out next week.

**New Business (for next meeting)**

* Ferguson asked about the progress of the Bylaws updates.
* Purslow asked about Senate representation for Athletics—they are offering courses but aren’t formally in a division.
* Ferguson wants an update on the status of the Senate subcommittee retreat.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:32.**