**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**May 16, 2016**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/may-16-2016>

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

**Absent:**  Amy Belcastro, David Bithell, Vicki Purslow, Dennis Slattery and Mark Tveskov.

**Visitors:** Roy Saigo, Jody Waters, Lee Ayres, Emily Pfeiffer, Emily Miller-Francisco, Scott Rex, Dale Vidmar, Echo Fields, Sherry Ettlich, Patrick Stubbins, Wesley Leonard, Brian Fedorek, Anne Connor, Robert Arellano, Sean Glassford, Nicole Aleman, Jennifer Fountain, and Kylan DeVries.

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

**Approval of Minutes from May 2**

Rosenberg moved to accept the minutes from May 2. Petrovic seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. Tumbaga abstained.

**Discussion Items**

**New SOU web site – Nicolle Aleman**

* Aleman and Glassman presented SOU’s new website to Senate.
* SOU.EDU will now feature a sleeker look and will function as a marketing tool.
* Communication has already created a page in new style.
* Inside SOU will replace MY SOU on June 30. Inside SOU is mostly accessible to all, including those without an SOU login.
* Extensive surveys conducted with faculty, staff, current students and prospective students.
* Improving navigation and being mobile friendly were top priorities.
* Roll out will be in “About” pages as well as academic programs. Services and support will occur next.
* Discussion ensued, and Aleman and Glassman fielded questions from Senators.

**Carpenter II Grant recommendations from the Faculty Development Committee**

* Saved $1000 for Fall applicants. Ten proposals were funded. Twelve applications were submitted.
* Ferguson moved to waive the two-week rule. Golding seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.
* Golding moved to approve the recommendations for Carpenter Grant awards. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. Rosenberg abstained.
* Committee found that three faculty members were found worthy of the Faculty Teaching Award. Faculty Senate had approved that there be 2 of these, but they would like to award 3. The Provost has approved the funding for 3 awards, and they are asking for Faculty Senate approval. Rosenberg moved to accept this. Jones seconded. The vote to approve three awards passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Report on Faculty Senate Retreat – Erik Palmer**

* Palmer has been working with Purslow to improve the function of Faculty Senate.
* Retreat was held at Grizzly Peak Winery, and ten faculty members attended.
* Palmer is still in the organizing step of the process.
* Jablonski suggested that the next meeting be scheduled on a Monday when Senators already have a block of time available.

**Action Items**

**Items needing Senate approval from the Policies Committee**

**Listing/Cross Listing—**

* Extensive discussion ensued about the policy.
* DeVries commented that the new policy will place more work on the Interdisciplinary programs.
* The intent is to improve communication and help prevent issues with student transcripts, financial aid, and other areas.
* Ferguson moved to accept the new policy regarding listing and cross listing. Jones seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor and Petrovic and Palmer abstained.

**Practicum—**

* Some practica are supervised by community members, not by an SOU faculty member. This often happens in the Business Department.
* Feist moved to approve the change in Practicum grading policy. Ormes seconded. The motion passed with all in favor and none opposed. Only Wilder abstained.

**Priority Registration—**

* Discussion ensued about the merit of approving Success at Southern students to our early registration process.
* Golding moved to accept the new policy, and Wilder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed.

**Information Items**

**Campus Theme for 2016-2017 – Prakash Chenjeri**

* Chenjeri announced that our new campus theme for next year will be *The Shapes of Curiosity*.
* Rosenberg moved to waive the two-week rule. Ormes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed.
* Golding moved to approve the theme for next year’s campus theme. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions.

**Bylaws Update (Larry Shrewsbury)**

* A full update will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

**Comments from President Saigo**

* President Saigo explained that he, his wife, Provost Walsh, and her husband traveled to Guanajato, Mexico.
* SOU has had a 47-year relationship with the university there, and the relationship is strong.
* President Saigo thanked Senate for allowing him to serve as our President. This will be his last Senate meeting. He thinks the university and community are all on board and moving in a good direction.

**Provost Walsh was not in attendance.**

**IFS Update—**Lane had nothing to report today.

**ASSOU Report—**ASSOU did not send a representative to report today.

**Announcements**

**New Business (for next meeting)**

* Ferguson asked to discuss the letter from University Studies to Senate.
* Brian Fedorek, Dale Vidmar, and Prakash Chenjeri were in attendance to represent UStudies. Brian Stonelake (Committee Chair) was not in attendance. He is the one who has had direct contact with Sue Walsh.
* The letter (see attached) calls for an appeals process to be implemented for cases where a faculty member’s proposal is rejected.
* The course in question was denied, did not come through Senate, and was approved for H Strand, with no formal appeal process.
* Ayers explained that under CBA section 5, the rejected proposal was submitted directly to the Provost and was approved.
* The committee chair (Brian Stonelake) was aware of the course’s approval, but he did not make the rest of the committee aware of the approval.
* Wesley Leonard explained the background of his attempts to secure H Strand approval for his course, NAS 331.

**Adjourn—The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.**