**Senate Draft Minutes**

**October 3, 2016**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/october-3-2016>

**Present:** Alexander Tutunov (for Rhett Bender), Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Prakash Chejeri, Cutis Feist, Carol Ferguson, Andrew Gay, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Laura Jones, Laurie Kurutz, Donna Lane, Rich May, Dorothy Ormes, Erik Palmer, Steven Petrovic, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Ariel Tumbaga, and Mark Tveskov.

**Absent:**  Bill Gholson, David Kramar, Robin Strangfeld, and Douglas Smith

**Visitors:** Linda Schott, Sue Walsh, Lee Ayers, and Colin Davis.

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

**Discussion Items:**

**Opening Statements:** Rosenberg welcomed everyone to the 2016-17 Senate.

* We will begin meetings promptly at 4:00.
* Hard copies of the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws were distributed.

**President’s opening remarks: Dr. Linda Schott**

* President Schott began her position here at SOU on August 1. Many faculty members have taken Dr. Schott up on her offer to meet her in their offices. Her goal with these meetings is to get to know folks on a personal level.
* The future is uncertain in terms of funding given the upcoming elections.
	+ Ferguson asked if the President has a vision for the Strategic Plan
		- Schott explained that her process will be transparent, iterative, and collaborative.
		- Jenny Lang will be on campus to consult. She’s well respected and has been involved with U of O and Western. Lang will help the President concretize her vision for SOU.
		- Walsh gave more information about Lang’s experience statewide.
		- Board will hold a retreat on October 21. They will be involved in the planning process.

**Provost’s opening remarks: Dr. Sue Walsh**

* Sue has attended many retreats, the Chairs’ Workshop, and the Instructional Institute.
* Accreditation report is submitted. Team will be visiting campus soon.

**ASSOU President’s opening remarks: Colin Davis**

* Issue choosing process is underway, and more information will be forthcoming at each Senate meeting.

**IFS report: Amy Belcastro—**

* Belcastro explained that IFS has not met recently, but will soon.
* Donna Lane and Amy Belcastro serve on the Inter-Institutional Faculty Senate Committee. IFS helps Faculty Senate groups have a stronger vote. They meet once or twice a quarter. Lane is a member of the Executive Council of the IFS.
* Walsh added that IFS representatives have a seat at Provost Council’s monthly meetings.
* They are also voting members of our Faculty Senate.

**HECC Report—Lee Ayers—**

* The HECC has not met since August.

**Chair’s opening remarks: Deborah Rosenberg**

* Rosenberg emphasized that she would like to have a space during Senate meetings that is safe and that allows us to hear from everyone.
* Items that can be voted on without further study, discussion, or reading will be voted on without the waiving of the two-week rule. When additional time is necessary, we will take the time.
* Set goals, track progress, and accomplish a great deal.
* Rosenberg encourages all Senators to come prepared, be engaged, and be communicative.

**Senators’ Introductions:**

* Each Senator gave a brief introduction that included the following information: Who are you? How long have you been here? What do you do here? What would you like to see Senate accomplish?

*(Please see video to hear about the 2016-17 Senators.*

**What is the charge of the Faculty Senate?**

* Many Senators voiced their ideas about Senate’s charge:
* To advise the administration on curriculum
* Evaluate Courses
* To approve curricular and other matters brought forth from various constituencies.
* Advise and Council
* Provide advocacy
* Interact with new Board and with HECC.
* We are NOT here to
	+ “Grind an ax” or promote personal agendas
	+ Waste time
	+ Micromanage
	+ “Rubber Stamp” issues
	+ To hear from guests who usurped the meeting
	+ Not here to act unilaterally—we are a team to advocate for fairness and equity in the workplace to make this a wonderful place to teach.

**Announcements:**

* Prakash Chenjeri—Campus Theme.
	+ Chenjeri explained the evolution of the Campus Theme. This year’s theme is “Shapes of Curiosity.” Five programs are scheduled for this term.
	+ Tomorrow: Meese “Masks: Expressive Actions and
	+ Oct. 25 at 7—Mark Tveskov will speak about the Rogue River War and Oregon’s Captivity Narratives.
	+ Dr. Lawrence Krause will speak on Nov 9 and 10.
	+ Shapes of Curiosity—NY artist in residency
	+ Foreign Objects: Shapes of Dec 2 Music Recital Hall—7pm. Watch for email reminders about these events.
	+ Chenjeri also explained that the Democracy Project—an Honors College project, is planning a trip to South Africa for next summer.
* Dotty Ormes:
	+ Encourage students to visit the interactive Constitution Day display in the library.
	+ Straw Poll for voting will also be held next week.

**New Business (for next meeting)**

* Feist asked for clarification on the future of the two-week rule
* Palmer suggested “Consent Agenda” to consolidate votes on issues that aren’t controversial
* Ferguson requested that we revisit activity from our last meeting in June to find out what issues we still need to look at, including regulations surrounding the signing of MOUs on campus.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.**