**Draft Senate Minutes**

**October 17, 2016**

**SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Video: <https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/october-17-2016>

**Present:** Alexander Tutunov (for Rhett Bender), Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Prakash Chenjeri, Carol Ferguson, Brian Stonelake (for Curtis Feist), Andrew Gay, Dennis Jablonski, Laurie Kurutz, Richard May, Erik Palmer, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Ariel Tumbaga, and Mark Tveskov.

**Absent:**  Marianne Golding, Laura Jones, Donna Lane, Dorothy Ormes, Steven Petrovic, Robin Strangfeld, and Douglas Smith.

**Visitors:** Linda Schott, Susan Walsh, and Lee Ayers.

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

**Adoption of Minutes from June 6, 2016**

Kurutz motioned to approve the June 6 minutes, and Ferguson seconded. Discussion ensued about minor corrections, and the minutes were approved with all in favor, none opposed.

**Adoption of Minutes from October 3, 2016**

Ferguson motioned to approve the minutes, and Shrewsbury seconded. Discussion ensued, and Tveskov noted a correction in the title of his Campus Theme lecture. The October 3, 2016 minutes were approved with all in favor, none opposed.

**President’s report: Dr. Linda Schott**

* Board retreat begins this week. Starts with a dinner on Thursday night. Board development and their role in strategic planning
* Two open forums for budget—Wed pm and Fri am (see campus email)

**Provost’s report: Dr. Sue Walsh**

* The Accreditation site visit will take place next week. They will bring questions and ask to meet with faculty and staff. Your flexibility and willingness to accommodate their requests to meet is greatly appreciated.
* President Schott and Provost Walsh expressed the administration’s willingness to be flexible in their attendance of Senate meetings. They will reserve the time on their schedules, but they will be happy to leave if asked.

**ASSOU President’s report: Colin Davis**

* Issue-choosing process is complete
* Voter registration finishes tomorrow.
* SOU Food Pantry expansion and relocation. “Can-O-Treat” for Halloween to build up the pantry’s contents.
* Student Rep on B of T: investment of solar panels for SOU buildings, perhaps use the Green Fund.
* ASSOU has agreed to support a “Year of Veteran Appreciation.” Veterans are looking for new, private space and hoping to increase recruitment of Veteran students from Medford area.

**IFS report:** Amy Belcastro

* Belcastro was not in attendance

**HECC report:** Lee Ayers

* See handout
* Ayers reported on the last two HECC (Higher Education Coordinating Commission) meetings, August and November
* Approved Strategic Plan (second for this group)
  + Goal Setting areas including 40/40/20
  + Public Colleges and University Funding
  + Pathways to college (in all forms)
  + POPS—Public Policy Package—includes “big asks” and looks at future possibilities
* Oregon Opportunity Grant--$140 million funded
* Oregon Promise—second year
* Still assessing the program—miscommunication still exists
* Refer to the HECC’s website for more information

**Advisory Council report:** Dennis Jablonski

* AC discussed several items that will be on future agendas:
  + Electronics in the classroom—is this a concern that Senate should discuss?
  + Videos of our Senate meetings—who should access those? Should they be campus community only or open to the general public? We are investigating what other schools do.
  + Should our teaching awards be considered for retired faculty?

**Committee on Committees update:** Deb Brown

The following committees still have openings:

**Assessment:** 2 Three-Year Terms

**Faculty Development:** 1 Three-Year Term

**Academic Advising:** 3 Three-Year Terms

**Academic Policies:** 2 Two-Year Terms; 2 Three-Year Terms

**Academic Standards:** 3 Two-Year Terms; Four 3-Year Terms

**Financial Aid and Awards:** 3 One-Year Terms; 3 Two-Year Terms; 3 Three-Year Terms

**International Affairs Council:** 2 Three-Year Terms

**Library:** 1 One-Year Term; 1 Three-Year Term

**Clarification of the two-week rule**

* We spend precious time waiving the two-week rule in cases where the issues do not require further information, consideration, or taking back to constituents.
* Palmer explained that perhaps Advisory Council could “triage” the agenda items.
  + Changing course names and approving Carpenter Grant Approvals are examples of items that might not require lengthy discussion.

**Clarification of the Consent Agenda process**

* Palmer cites the practice in municipalities of placing issues on a “Consent Agenda.” If anyone objects to issues, those are moved to the regular agenda.
* Tutunov asked about historic reasoning for the two-week rule.
* Tveskov suggested that AC use their own judgment to make those decisions, without a list of criteria.
* Palmer suggests that we give more weight to the recommendation of committees.
* Perhaps if we give more weight to committees and honor their work, we will get more representation from our faculty. Kurutz
* Ferguson acknowledges that Senate should not simply approve committee recommendations without question.
* Gay suggested that by placing all committee recommendations on the Consent Agenda, it might empower Senate to choose the issues they want to discuss further.
* Ayers explained that in previous years, Senate has set goals to work on throughout the year. Speakers were then invited when Senate needed additional information.
* Rosenberg suggested piloting the Consent Agenda next time.
* Palmer asked that we leave five minutes at the end of the meeting to debrief—how did it work?

**Preferences for Administrative presence at Senate**

* When would we like administrators to be (or not to be) present?
* Ferguson reiterated that our current administration was open to the sensitive nature of staying for the entire meeting, especially when topics might be uncomfortable.
* Kurutz suggested that we set up an expectation that the administrators leave after their reports and any information items that we need their input.
* Jablonski suggested that we might learn more about the President (and she would learn from us), from our meetings.
* Tveskov values the face-to-face contact between faculty and administration.
* Jablonski reminds us that even though administrators might not be present, they still have full access to the video taped recordings of the meetings.
* Rosenberg recapped the discussion—we will suggest that they will always be present from 4:00 to 4:30, with additional time if necessary.

**Access to Senate Videos**

* With change to Inside SOU website, the Senate meeting video recordings have now become open only to campus community who have an SOU login.
* Chenjeri noted that we need to define “the public.” As a state public institution, we should report to the public of Oregon.
* Palmer is happy to have meetings open to the larger public. It would be transparent.
* Burke observed that the general public may need access to Senate meetings in order to bring issues to our governing board.
* Tutunov expressed frustration with the need to login to access faculty information.
* Ferguson recapped our discussion: do we want to restrict access to Faculty Senate meeting recordings to our SOU community (with a login) or open it up to the general public.

**Reminder of deadlines for Teaching and Service awards**

* Please make sure to be clear about what award you are nominating folks for.
* Nominations are coming in now.

**Announcements**

* Burke asked that Chairs turn in their class caps
* Chenjeri announced the next Campus Theme lecture will be held October 26, when Mark Tveskov will present “The Ordeal and Redemption of Christina Giesel and Mary Harris: The Rogue River War and Oregon’s Own Captivity Narratives” at 7:00 p.m. in the Meese Auditorium.

**New Business**

No new business was brought forth.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22