

October 2, 2017  
SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm  
Approved Senate Minutes

*There was no video recording of this meeting.*

**Present:** Melissa Anderson, Amy Belcastro, Rhett Bender, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Prakash Chenjeri, Carol Ferguson, Andrew Gay, Bill Gholson, Charles Lane, Jesse Longhurst, Dan Morris (for Marianne Golding), Dennis Jablonski, Laurie Kurutz, Erik Palmer, Michael Parker, Steven Petrovic, Dominick Robertson, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Mark Siders, and Curtis Feist (for Kemble Yates).

**Absent:** Robin Strangfeld, Chad Thatcher, and Mark Tveskov.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.**

Rosenberg reviewed the day's agenda and opened the meeting.

**President's introduction: Linda Schott**

- President Schott intends to release a statement of support and sympathy for those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas last night.
- New programs are geared to meet the needs of those learners who may not be able to access education through existing SOU programs. The online program is not meant to replace what we are already doing. It's about making an SOU education available to more folks.
- We need to find a new Trustee for SOU's Board of Directors. Dennis Slattery's term is up this fall, so we need to find a replacement by Thanksgiving.

**Provost's introduction: Sue Walsh**

- Please be sensitive to students who have been impacted by the tragic shootings in Las Vegas.
- Walsh encourages everyone to become involved in the hiring process for the new VP for Finance. The committee has done a nice job of bringing qualified candidates to campus.
- Each Academic Division will now have a newly hired advisor. Watch for more information soon. ASP office will close on 10/13, but voicemail will be monitored. Students will be directed to the appropriate advisor.

**ASSOU introduction: Daryl Maplethorpe**

- Maplethorpe welcomed everyone to campus and previewed the campaigns ASSOU will be working on, including homelessness, hunger, and health issues.
- STEM, Gender Equity, and Non-Trad/Military Affairs both need representation on Student Senate. Justice positions are also open. Please encourage students to apply. Application forms are located in Sours Leadership.
- All faculty are welcome Tuesdays at 6 in SU 313 at the Student Senate meetings.

**Committee on Committees: Deb Brown:**

- Brown gave an update on committee openings on behalf of Marianne Golding, who was not in attendance.
- One opening remains on the Assessment Committee, three openings remain on the Financial Aid and Awards committee, and one opening (for winter/spring only) remains on the Grad Council.
- One opening remains on Curriculum Committee
- Please contact Marianne Golding if you'd like more information.

**Approval of Minutes from June 12:**

Gay moved to approve the minutes from June 12. Shrewsbury seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, none opposed. Three Senators abstained from the vote.

**Senator Introductions:** All Senators introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be on Senate.

**Senate's Charge and Expectations:**

- Rosenberg facilitated a discussion of how folks would like to see Senate run this year. While time must be a consideration, we hope to see issues discussed fully when necessary.
- Discussion must remain civil and respectful, even when folks do not agree.
- All documents will be uploaded into the Faculty Senate Team Google Drive, and Senators are expected to read the material in preparation for each meeting.

**Nomination Process for Faculty Member of the SOU Board:**

- Nominations are thorough and lengthy. Three names are brought forward to the Governor, who then appoints her choice for the board.
- Belcastro suggested that the new board member have a presence (either as a member or as a guest) at Senate meetings.
- Nominees should be willing to serve before their names are sent forth.
- Rosenberg will gather information, distribute it to Senate members, and we will begin the process after then.

## **Senate goals for 2017-2018**

### **Adjunct Situation**

- In response to the recent article about the situation of adjunct professors, the Senate agreed to work on this issue. By overwhelming agreement, Senators agreed that this is an issue we want to consider further.

### **Announcements/New Business**

- Chenjeri: On October 19 at 7:00 in SU 319, Mitchell Frangadakis will speak on “What is True?” This will be the first of our Campus Theme events.
- Jablonski noted that the Excellence in Service and the Excellence in Teaching guidelines for nominations are now complete and will be distributed soon.
- Gholson voiced concern about the administration's decision to make such radical changes without the input of Faculty Senate.
- Burke questioned the decision for the online MBA, and Siders echoed her concerns.
- Rosenberg asks Senators to email her with questions and concerns that should be on our radar in Senate this year.
- *Robert's Rules of Order* review--we will review rules of order at the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.