

October 16, 2017  
SU 313 4:00 – 5:30 pm  
Faculty Senate Approved Minutes

***Link to meeting video:***

<https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/october-16-2017>

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

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

**Guests:** Lee Ayers, Sue Walsh, Jason Catz, Michelle Barlow, Mark Denney, Daryl Maplethorpe.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes from October 2**

Gay/ Ferguson all in favor, none opposed. Robertson and Golding abstained.

**President's Report: Linda Schott**

The President was not in attendance.

**Provost's Report: Sue Walsh**

- Faculty position for the board of trustees--comes open at the end of June
- Service to campus and community--counts as service
- No release time included. No pay, strictly volunteer. Section 7 in bylaws addresses this
- Committee meetings are limited to once a quarter unless a need arises.
- Board requires reading in advance of meetings and quarterly meetings.
- Public meetings have all materials at least ten days before each meeting.
- Chaired by two trustees--Theresa Sayre and Paul Nickelson
- Board member will also serve on at least one subcommittee.
- Jablonski asked if the faculty representative need to be a current employee. Could an Emeritus professor serve?
- Job description? No real job description, just duties on the Governor's page.

- Homecoming game is this weekend, with Homecoming parade tomorrow. 6-0 so far this year.

**ASSOU report: Daryl Maplethorpe**

- Still filling At-large committee members. They still need applications for several important committees. Referendum 301--at the end of the last legislative session, a tax was added. Attempts have been made to revoke that tax. Not sure what the ramifications would be for us, but it will be on the special tax ballot coming up.
- Golding suggested that Maplethorpe send the open seats to Rosenberg so we can spread the word about openings.

**Senate Vice Chair report: Dennis Jablonski**

- AC discussion centered on rewards--how to reward faculty for work that goes beyond normal duties.
- Senate committees could be weighted differently based on the amount of work included.

**Committee on Committees: Marianne Golding**

- Assessment Committee is the only committee that still has an opening at this time.

**IFS report: Amy Belcastro**

- Pathways: how do we facilitate pathways?
- Different approaches in supporting adjunct professors.
- Student evaluations (biases, different ways they are administered).
- The major discussion was HB 2998, designed to streamline transfer between Oregon's community colleges and public universities.
  - HB 2998 requires a common foundational curricula of at least 30 credits to begin Fall 2018 and major-specific unified statewide transfer agreements (USTAs) that create clear and comprehensive pathways for community college students in Oregon as they transfer to Oregon's public universities.
  - The three USTA will begin winter 2018 - 2019, then continue at a similar pace (The first 3 USTA degree areas TBD).
  - Every college has one or more representatives on the HB 2998 HECC Transfer Credit Workgroup, ours is Chris Stanik.
  - IFS recommends that we have faculty representation across programs to collaborate with the institution's HB 2998 representative.
  - Encourage faculty to email any ideas, concerns or questions regarding HB 2998 to [transfer@hecc.or.gov](mailto:transfer@hecc.or.gov)

**Budget report, Faculty participation, Fac. Shadowing: Mark Denney**

- Denney brought forth the need for a faculty representative for this year to shadow the budget process. The aim is for transparency, including the

shadowing process, participation in Tuition Advisory Counsel, and the reading of the Budget Message.

- Lee Ayers and Katie Pittman were the faculty representatives for last year. Representative will have viewing access to FAST, the budget software used by many Oregon institutions. Please step up if you are interested, and let your constituencies know of the opportunities.

### **Student Disability Policies/Procedures: Michele Barlow**

- Resolution with the National Federation for the Blind is in the works.
- Assistants Animals policy, both Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals. They are working on determining how this policy works with the existing Animal on Campus policy.
- Two questions: Is this animal required for the purposes of your disability?
- What tasks has this dog been trained for?
- Service vs Emotional Support
- Faculty had many questions around this topic--allergies? Phobias? In these cases, you need to send students to Shawn Foster, who will mediate this situation.
- Please send and feedback you have to Shawn Foster or Michele Barlow.
- Jason Katz clarified some of the points of the policy

### **Distinguished Faculty Service and Teaching Awards Deadlines--**

- Nominations close on Friday, so please nominate yourself or others.

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

- What will be the process for nominating folks for this position?
- Ferguson asked about getting a concise breakdown of job duties and time commitments.
- Send nominations to Deborah Rosenberg.
- List of qualifications preferred for potential Board Member:
  - Three years of service at SOU
  - Tenure? Three-year rolling contract?
  - Much discussion ensued about what we want in a representative
  - Robertson brought up the idea that we should identify the qualities in the person we nominate.
  - Rosenberg will create a Google Doc so we can brainstorm these ideas. Add your comments and feedback by Friday.

### **Announcements/New Business**

- The Advising Program--AC discussed this issue. Provost Walsh will discuss this issue with folks, so if you need more information, Deborah Rosenberg will set up a meeting with the Provost.
- Three programs remain in the Campus Theme speaker series.

- Music Faculty will present the SOU Faculty Showcase Music Scholarship Concert in celebration of President Schott's one-year anniversary at SOU, Monday, October 30, 7:30, Music Recital Hall.

**5:30 The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.**