

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

Link to meeting video:

<https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/october-30-2017>

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Present: Melissa Anderson, Amy Belcastro, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, 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, Garrick Imatani, and Curtis Feist (for Kemble Yates).

Absent: Rhett Bender, Mark Tveskov and Prakash Chenjeri.

Guests: Lee Ayers, Sue Walsh, Karen Stone, Jody Waters, Donna Lane, Amy Belcastro, Katie Pittman, Hart Wilson, Rene Ordonez, Terry Longshore, Jeanne Stallman, Kawika Kainoa, Morgan Bechtold-Enge, Nina Friedman, and Sherry Ettlich .

Approval of Minutes from October 16

Lane moved to approve the minutes from October 16. Shrewsbury seconded the motion, which passed pending one minor correction. Kurutz and Feist abstained from the vote.

President's report: Linda Schott

- Dec 14--SOU will make its final report to the HECC. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all of the good work that has been done over the past year. During the 30-minute time frame, Dr. Schott will focus on how SOU is reaching its financial goals.
- Jablonski asked about what factors have led to SOU's success this year. President Schott explained that she credits our unique and creative way to use Financial Aid with some of our success. Additionally, she applauds the efforts everyone has made with retention.

Provost's report: Sue Walsh

- Walsh noted that of the by-laws still have issues. They've been voted on, but they haven't been updated on the website, apparently. Shrewsbury will investigate.

- X-Factor group met with Walsh and President Schott. 22 members of the group were in attendance.

ASSOU report: Daryl Maplethorpe

- Maplethorpe was not in attendance.

Senate Vice Chair report: Dennis Jablonski

- AC met last week to discuss agenda items.

Committee on Committees: Marianne Golding

- UStudies has added Elizabeth Whitman to represent UGS.
- Financial Aid needs one person still.
- Shrewsbury is working on updating the committee listings on our website.

Grad Council; Changes to MBA and Comp. Science programs: Jody Waters

- MBA Program--curricular changes and admission requirements
 - upcoming online MBA program (Academic Partnerships)
 - Some changes have been proposed based on discussions with the folks from Academic Partnerships.
 - Core curriculum has been adjusted to include courses that were previously listed as prerequisites.
 - Credits adjusted to allow students to graduate with 45 credits rather than 47.
 - Admission requirements brought into line with other online MBA programs. Conditional admission allowed with lower gpa.
 - Added Business Analytics emphasis.
 - Ordonez explained findings based on gpa admissions made at SOU since 2010. Those conditional admits have performed well, so the committee feels confident that they can allow the lower gpa and still have students perform at a high level.
 - Jablonski questioned the conditional admits--Ordonez explained that lowering the admission gpa is bringing SOU in line with what is already happening on campus.
 - Burke asks about the ease for students of moving between the online and the face-to-face programs. Pittman explained that students would be allowed a one-time jump to the other program, but that's it.
 - Direct questions to Jody Waters, Rene Ordonez, Hart Wilson, Katie Pittman, and Terry Longshore.
- Computer Science-- Ettlich explained that the changes represent prerequisite clean ups

IFS and HB 2998: Donna Lane, Amy Belcastro

- HB 2998--Belcastro has forwarded an email from HECC to Rosenberg, who will share it on the Faculty Senate Team Drive. It is a resource to help folks understand the bill.
- 30-credit general education shared courses to streamline coursework at community colleges and universities in place Fall '18.
- Chris Stanek is our representative, and IFS would like to encourage faculty to have a voice. Taskforce met in October. Please send feedback to Belcastro.
- USTA:Universal State Transfer degree. This will begin with three disciplines and grow over time.
- Big shift in higher education to increase affordability and accessibility.

Announcements/Discussion:

Enrollment numbers acknowledgements

- Rosenberg explained that SOU is in good shape, better than many

Nomination process for Faculty Member of the SOU Board

Problematic language in By-Laws Section 5.255.5

- Constitution Committee will

Faculty attendance at Campus Theme events

- Please try to attend and support the campus theme events.
- Ayers announced that Tim Nesbitt will be speaking this Thursday at 7:00 in the Meese Room of the library

Board of Trustees social event (Jan. 18 or Jan. 19)

- Board would like to invite Senate members to a social event. Two dates are under consideration:
 - Thursday 1/18 at 6
 - Friday 1/19 at 5:15

New Business

- Robertson announced that four APSOU board positions are open as of January. Three are two-year positions (Recorder and at-large (2), and one is a three-year obligation (President Elect).
- Thatcher announced that his students will be at Mountain Provisions on this First Friday, sharing their writing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:06.