

November 13, 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/november-13-2017>

The meeting was called to order at 4:03.

Present: Melissa Anderson, 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, Garrick Imatani, and Curtis Feist (for Kemble Yates).

Absent: Mark Tveskov.

Guests: Sue Walsh, Karen Stone, Katie Pittman, Hart Wilson, Rene Ordonez, Brett Anderson, Nina Friedman, Morgen Bechtold-Enge, and Sherry Ettlich.

Approval of Minutes from October 30

- Lane moved to approve the minutes from October 16. Kurutz seconded the motion, which passed pending one minor correction. Ferguson, Bender, and Chenjeri abstained from the vote.

President's Report:

- Dr. Schott was not in attendance due to travel.

Provost's Report:

- Provost Walsh asked Shrewsbury to clarify what happened with the edits of the by-laws. He explained that the wrong file had been added, and the correct files will be updated soon.

ASSOU report: Daryl Maplethorpe

- Rosenberg read a letter from Maplethorpe, updating Senate on ASSOU's activities.
- Committees filled, and several campaigns are running.
- Student Fees committees are full.
- Students participated in the Campus Safety walk with Fred Creek
- ASSOU is running smoothly.

Senate Vice Chair report: Dennis Jablonski

- Faculty representative needed on Athletic Task Force.
- Adult learners--they bring more to the university than just credits. How can we capture this? Credit for prior learning? Dr. Schott suggested a PLC to discuss this more thoroughly.

Committee on Committees: Marianne Golding

- One faculty member still needed on the Financial Aid Committee
- ASSOU reports that all student representative positions on our Senate committees have been filled.

Grad Council: Changes to MBA and Comp. Science Programs

- Ordonez fielded questions about the gpa admission requirements for the MBA program. At this time, students are admitted provisionally if other criteria is met. This change articulates what is already in practice.
- 12 people have been admitted this way since 2010.
- New policy will apply to face-to-face as well as online programs.
- Face-to-face program usually fill up, so this won't likely be a problem since enough applicants will apply who do meet the requirement.
- Bachelor's Degree plus three years of work experience will qualify for provisional admittance.
- Pittman and Ordonez explained that while students might be admitted who will ultimately not persist in the program, they will largely self-select into the program, and they must maintain a 3.0 in the program. Any grade lower than a B- will not count towards the degree program.
- Gay asked what the cost per credit is--\$400 per credit
- Petrovic asked for anecdotal evidence for what provisional admits have brought to the classroom. Ordonez mentioned two students--one a veteran of the military and the other an SOU alum from ten years ago. Both brought unique life experience to the program.
- Burke asked for clarification about what we are voting on today. Ordonez explained that today's vote is on the catalog changes only.
- Parker asked about the admission process--would the lower gpa guarantee admission or just evaluation for potential admission? Ordonez explained that this would be part of the candidate's entire application package.
- Palmer moved to accept the Graduate Council's proposal to accept catalog changes and admission standards. Bender seconded the vote, which passed with 9 in favor and 3 opposed 7 members abstained.
- Gay moved to approve the curriculum recommendations excluding the face-to-face program. Palmer seconded the motion. The vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. There were no abstentions

- Jablonski asked if it is possible to separate out the face-to-face program's admission standards and the on-line standards.
- Chenjeri suggested that this would involve approving students in the on-line program as a pilot.
- Jablonski moved to approve the on-line admission change. Palmer seconded the vote 10 in favor 4 opposed 6 abstentions. The motion passed.
- Ferguson voiced concern that she is feeling rushed to make a decision, and when Senate set goals for the year, we did agree not to let various entities rush us to a decision.

Computer Science--changes to bring program and catalog into alignment

- Gay moved to accept the Graduate Council's recommendation for catalog changes. Kurutz seconded the motion, which was approved with all in favor, none opposed. One Senator abstained from the vote.

Grad Council: Changes to the MIM program

- The program was suspended in 2015. Asking to reinstate the program.
- Mostly students from Mexico. They will have to meet a TOEFL score for admission. Applications are reviewed by the faculty at University of Guanajuato.
- Gay and Kurutz moved to suspend the two-week rule. So approved.
- Gay moved to reinstate the MIM program. Kurutz seconded the motion, which was approved with no opposition and no abstentions.

IFS and HB 2998: Donna Lane, Amy Belcastro

- No IFS report was given today.

SOU Board of Trustees position description: Dennis Slattery

- Slattery explained that he takes great pride in having served on SOU's board. He commends the board for its work on behalf of the university.
- Feist asked about the vetting process. Slattery explained that they do a thorough job of vetting candidates.
- Parker moved to invite five candidates to complete the paperwork and Lane seconded. Palmer abstained from the voice.
- Dale Vidmar, Erik Palmer, Donna Lane, Kemble Yates, and Terry Longshore are the five faculty members whose names will be sent to the Governor upon completion of the application and paperwork.

Draft of Colleague Evaluation template: Karen Stone, Ed Battistella

- Chairs and Directors reacted favorably to the new template.
- Walsh views this as a tool to help Chairs, personnel committees, and FPC evaluate candidates.

- Stone explained that a template would simplify the process and encourage applications to be complete.

Carpenter II Grants

- B. Anderson brought the list of Carpenter Grants for approval. Gay moved to approve the list, and Kurutz seconded. The vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. Longhurst and Chenjeri abstained.

Announcements

- A social event with Senate and the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at 6 pm., pending confirmation from the Board
- 7:00 Thursday, Meese Room in the library. Truth lecture for the Campus Theme. Philosophy faculty will all be there.
- Ettlich reminded folks that Moodle will be offline from 12/14.
- The President's State of the University address will be held on Monday, November 20 at 4:00 in the Rogue River Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27.