

January 29, 2018
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/january-29-2018>

Present: Melissa Anderson, Paul French, Deborah Brown, Alison Burke, Prakash Chenjeri, Carol Ferguson, Andrew Gay, Marianne Golding, Dennis Jablonski, Charles Lane, Jesse Longhurst, Laurie Kurutz, Erik Palmer, Michael Parker, Marc Koyack, Dominick Robertson, Deborah Rosenberg, Larry Shrewsbury, Chad Thatcher, and Kemble Yates.

Absent: Garrick Imatani, Robin Strangfeld, and Mark Tveskov.

Guests: Linda Schott, Sue Walsh, Jody Waters, Lee Ayers, Jim Hatten, and Luis Berrios-Hayden.

Approval of Minutes from November 27

- Kurutz moved to approve the minutes from our November 27 meeting, and Gay seconded. The vote passed with all in favor, none opposed. Three members abstained.

President's report: Linda Schott

- Faculty Senate and Board event was a huge success. We will do this again in the future.
- HECC--Chad Thatcher and Deborah Rosenberg both attended the HECC presentation and spoke on behalf of SOU faculty.
- HECC was pleased with the work SOU has done.
- Ben Cannon, HECC Executive Director, called President Schott to explain that the HECC will need until April to vote on removing the restrictions from SOU. The President feels confident that their vote will be favorable based on the good work done here on campus.
- Ferguson asked about the conditions imposed upon SOU by the HECC. They included a minimum fund balance and a clarified mission statement. Our trends must improve, but we have benchmarks we are working towards, and we are moving in the right direction.
- President Schott and Jeanne Stallman have been meeting with local employers to discuss sponsoring our new online MBA program. Reception in community has been favorable.
- February 15 is University Day at the state capitol, and we are featuring our adult learner focus, including the new online MBA. Many folks from SOU will attend, including athletes and students.
- The Governor has not made board appointments for SOU--we will have one vacancy until May, when we will find out who has been appointed for SOU.

Provost's report: Sue Walsh

- The HB 2998 Workgroup is going forward over the next few years and has been working hard on making the process of transferring community college credits to universities smoother. Chris Stanek is the SOU representative. The work group's first report is due later this week to the HECC. They have done much work in the past three months.
- The goal is to get rid of "wasted" credits. Credits are "lost" when students transfer from community college to universities.
- Two tracks will be developed: STEM and non-STEM track. The goal is a 90 credit transfer articulation.

ASSOU report: Daryl Maplethorpe--No students were present today.

Election Report:

- Shrewsbury explained that the first priority will be holding chair elections, then Faculty Personnel Committee, and then open Senate seats.

Senate Vice-Chair report: Dennis Jablonski

- Jablonski voiced how much he liked the social gathering at the President's house.
- Lots of positive changes on campus--much to be optimistic about.

Committee on Committees: Marianne Golding

- Faculty Personnel Committee needs a representative urgently.
- Advisory Council also needs another Senator Representative. Kemble Yates volunteered to do this.

HECC report: Lee Ayers

- HECC meets the second Thursday of every month. Members receive a binder full of materials that are required for the next meeting.
- Search "HECC Oregon" to find the main page and see the materials the committee reviews for each meeting.
- Ayers is a non-voting member to represent faculty at the university level.
- SOU's presentation to the HECC was well received. Members of the HECC admire the work President Schott has done in the past year to turn around SOU.
- Ayers encourages folks to reach out to her if they have issues they would like her to speak to at the HECC.

ECOS request: Luis Berrios-Hayden

- President Schott explained the several ways faculty and staff can get involved and support the food drive, which supports students who are dealing with food insecurity.

- Thatcher asked about the process for students using the food pantry. Students do not have to demonstrate need. They can get up to 10 items per week.
- Luis added that this is a problem nationwide on college campuses.

Strategic Plan: Strategic Direction 1: Pedagogy and Curriculum

Break-out discussions within Divisions

- President Schott explained that much thinking has to occur before we make changes and implement them. What topics would folks like to know more about? How do you want to learn about new topics? Outside speakers? Professional Learning Communities? She would appreciate feedback.
- For the next thirty minutes, Senators visited in small groups. Lively discussion ensued as faculty members discussed how they can imagine teaching without budget constraints, etc. If we could “dream big,” what would that look like for our student and for us?

Announcements/New Business

- Burke announced that the Criminology department is having the Lock In on March 3. Students can enroll in a one-credit course for this experience.
- Chenjeri announced that this year’s Campus Theme is Truth, and the focus is Art, Poetry and Theater. Schneider Museum has an exhibit addressing this theme, and students are sponsoring a poetry contest. OCA will present “She Kills Monsters,” a play dealing with the theme of truth. Four spring events will take place and will include a national guest speaker.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 5:33.