

Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, October 26 2006, 4:00 p.m.
ELC 405

I. Call to order by President Kevin Robinson

In attendance: Kevin Robinson (President), Christine Frezza (President-elect), Mark Colberg (Treasurer), Bart Reynolds (Secretary), Carol Ann Modersitt (Parliamentarian), Arlene Braithwaite, Shawn Christiansen, Robert Eves, Seth Armstrong Art Porter, Kay Andersen, Julie Simon, John Taylor, Denise Woodbury (proxy), Dale Orton, Richard Eissinger, Abe Haraff, Tim Lewis, Mark Colberg, Britton Mace, Carl Franklin, Dezhi Wu, John Eye (proxy), Jeff Salehi, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Julie Simon, Pat Keehley.

II. Review and approval of minutes:

Motion (Denise Woodbury) to approve and seconded (John Taylor).

Minutes approved.

Committee Report:

Christine lead a discussion on staffing the various university committees. Kirk Fitzpatrick and Mark Colberg agreed to find someone from HSS and Science to serve on committees within their departments. Motion was made by CIET that those serving on the LRT committee come from the tenured faculty and this person also serve on the university LRT. Motion carried and seconded, voting in the affirmative.

Additional committee assignments were make, the Insurance Rep will be Pat Keehley, the convocations rep will be Julie Simons and the rep from CIET "Faculty Affairs" was assigned to Mark Colberg who will get someone.

Grant Residuals:

President Robinson led a discussion on the breakdown of current Grant Residuals and proposed breakdown of Grant Residuals. The discussion focused on the percentage currently going to the Provosts office, the P.I. and the department. The senate discussed their assessment of how this could be allocated in a reasonable manner with a focus on rewarding the personal investigator for their initiative and thus receives a greater portion of the residuals. The senate proposed the following breakdown be change from the current plan of 30-35-30, department, college and provost. Recommended that this be changed to 15-25-25-35 P.I receive 15%, department receive 25%, the college receive 25%, and the provosts office receive 35%. This was agreed upon that further discussion and presentation to Dean's Council take place before a final decision was made. Senate agreed to table this until the November meeting. Senate was encourage to take this back to their colleges and discuss the issue with colleagues and it will be an agenda item at that meeting.

Graduate Curriculum Committee

Graduate Curriculum Committee Policy and Graduate Curriculum Development and Revision... These were approved and revised by the senate last year but never sent to the Provost's office. They have been sent to the Provost's office. It was recommended that some undergraduates serve on this committee so that great communication and coordination would exist between the two organizations. Motion made and seconded, voting was in the affirmative

IRB 6.20 Britton Mace

Britton led a discussion on policy 6.20 and explained some minor changes to the university IRB documents that were necessary to streamline the process of enabling researchers to comply with federal guideline concerning the IRB application process. This was explained as a means of expediting the process for those doing research that does not involve human participants to determine if the research participants are placed at risk and if their rights and welfare are adequately protected. This will eliminate the college step in the approval process in cases where risk is minimal and the full IRB requirements can go directly to the exempt status. Britton explained that major changes in the policy now include the option of the professor to help expedite student research. Minor correction included; P.G. "D" types of IRB's at SUU. Terminology changed eliminating IRB's committee members to read committee members (p.7 policy 6.20) appoint new member in the spring instead of the fall. (P.9 policy 6.20) In this section duplication of wording "full board review" was eliminated to streamline the process. (P.10 policy 6.20) This section of the policy was changed to read that a majority vote would be required when using a full board review. Carl Franklin made the motion to have these changes sent to the dean's Council for approval, seconded by, Shawn Christensen, voting was in the affirmative.

Discussion About Possible Union Representation

Britton Mace led a discussion on the request of having a union representative from the Utah Education Association be welcomed to campus and approved by the senate to discuss the benefits of a union to employees. The university would provide a meeting place for this mid-November meeting. Discussion included if the UEA were invited we would need to invite other representative from organization and associations also be invited. Some senate members expressed opposition to unions and what they represent. It was pointed out that inviting this group to campus was not a show of support but rather a fact-finding opportunity. Shawn C. made a motion we invite this group to campus, seconded by John Eye, voting was 9 for 10 against. It was decided to take this back to departments and discuss in a future meeting.

Parking Dewey Lot Dark at Night

Concern over the lighting in the Dewey lot at night could present a safety factor. President Robinson will take this to the provost and further express concerns to the parking committee.

Candidate Debate

Question posed to the group as to the bylaws concerning who is invited to this faculty senate meeting and if students were invited to attend. The answer was no, but a representative from the Student Representative group were welcome. This is an open meeting chartered by the president.

Pat Keehley made the motion the meeting adjourns, seconded by the senate.

Next meeting: November 30th 4:00 pm ELC Room 405

Happy Thanksgiving