

# Southern Utah University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2007  
4:00 p.m. ELC Room 405

Attendance: Christine Frezza, Carol Ann Modesitt, Bart Reynolds, Dezhi Wu, Kay Anderson, Mark Colberg, Julie Simon, Robert Eves, Dale Orton, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Tim Lewis, Art Porter, Denise Woodbury, David Tufte, Carl Franklin (Pat Keehley proxy) Seth Armstrong (Blair McDonald proxy) John Eye (Matt Nickerson proxy) Mark Grover, Arlene Braithwaite, Britt Mace, Shawn Christensen

## **I. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion made and seconded, voting was in the affirmative. The minutes were approved.

## **II Policy Issues**

Department Chairs: Art Porter reported from the Deans Council on the following policy change to read that the first choice for department chairs would come from the tenured faculty. If a non-tenured or contract employee were selected it would be in an interim basis. It was point out that these changes would not to supercede the current policy; this is a modification of the current policy, dovetailing the two into one policy. Motion was made to accept the changes, seconded and voting was in the affirmative.

### Policy 6.1

Library Committee: Language changed to state, "One faculty senator to serve annually n the library committee instead to the current policy that required two to serve annually. Motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to this policy. Motion carried in the affirmative.

### Appendix "D"

It was proposed that this policy needed to go through the individual colleges before being brought before the senate for approval. If the departments and dean's of the individual colleges see a change that is necessary the senate will then consider the change, but not before. Motion was made to send Appendix "D" to the Dean's f each college with the request that the chairs look over the policy and the recommend changes or accept the policy as it is currently written. Any changes need to go to Kevin Robinson the Senate president and be discussed in executive meeting before coming to the senate in March for approval. Seconded and voting was in the affirmative.

## **III. Faculty Senate Elections**

One applicant had been nominated as of meeting time, so we'll proceed with the new policy. If things change before our next meeting it was suggested the senate consider going back to the old policy of the senate selecting the new president.

## **IV. Revised Student Evaluation Form**

Christine made the motion to adopt a new methodology "Proposed method for rewriting student evaluation sheet" (Handout provided). It was decided this was a good start. Motion made to accept Christine's proposal, voting was in the affirmative.

## **V. Grant Residuals**

Handout Kevin had put together was passed out to senators for look over. This referenced the policy of other institutions of Higher Education use to disperse residual money's from grants. Concerns: Needs to

support research, written so money is ear marked for research, what the role of central administration should be, and the difference between M-1 institution and R-1 institutions. It was recommended this policy be taken back to the Dean's and Department Chairs and have them flesh out the policy and then revisit this in our March meeting. Tabled until our next meeting.

Motion made to Adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned until March 29, 2007.