

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 25, 2010
4:00 pm in ELC 405

Attendance: Gerry Calvasina (Faculty Senate President), Brad Cook (Provost), Nathan Barker, David Berri, Robin Boneck (Treasurer), Boyd Fife, Emily Dean, Janet Seegmiller (Proxy for Richard Eissinger), Alan Hamlin, Michael Harvey (Parliamentarian), Derek Hein, Bruce Howard, Andrew Marvick, Matt Schmidt, Kevin Stein, Michael Ostrowsky (Proxy for John Howell), Alan Pearson, Tony Pellegrini, Phil Roché, Julie Taylor (Proxy for Deb Hill), Andreas Weingartner (Secretary), Denise Woodbury (Past President).

1. Call to Order by Faculty Senate President Calvasina
2. Review and approval of minutes from the January meeting.
Motion (Alan Hamlin) to approve the minutes and seconded (Robin Bonek).
Minutes approved.
3. Phil Roché: Outstanding Scholar; Funding for student scholarships
 - a. Jim Aton is the winner of the Outstanding Scholar Award.
 - b. Student Scholarships: Phil Roché motions to use senate funds to award four partial scholarships for a total of about \$7900. Michael Harvey amends the motion to only give out four scholarships of \$1000 each. The motion was seconded by Bruce Howard. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Provost Cook:
 - a. Selection of valedictorian: The University will have one valedictorian. Each college will have its own valedictorian. The university valedictorian is chosen based on GPA, time at SUU, and relative standing compared to other students taking the same courses. These criteria are used to break the tie between students with a 4.0 GPA.
 - b. There is a possibility of more budget cuts in addition to the 17% cut.
 - c. Academic Roadmap 2010-2013: A handout is presented to the senators. Issues discussed include: Tuition increase is not expected to significantly affect enrollment; more faculty are needed to keep class sizes low; salary equity concerns.
5. Gerry Calvasina: President's Report
 - a. Election of Senate President Elect will be held online March 1 through March 5.
 - b. The April Senate Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 13.
 - c. Harvest Day holiday may be eliminated.
 - d. Northwest accreditation: A different category will be addressed each year.

- e. Faculty Senate Presidents of Utah met in St. George. One issue discussed was how to evaluate the quality of online courses. SUU will host a similar meeting next February.
6. Kevin Stein: International Travel and Faculty Preparation
 - a. International Travel Policy: A policy proposal is presented to the senators. Motion to approve the proposal by Andrew Marvick with the striking of the word 'absolutely' and the correction of two typos. The motion was seconded by Michael Harvey. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Faculty Preparations Policy 6.35: A policy proposal is presented to the senators. Motion to approve the proposal by Michael Harvey, seconded by Andrew Marvick. The motion carried unanimously.
 7. Alan Hamlin: Faculty Development

Quality training of faculty should be better organized and build over time. More details will be presented next month. Input from faculty is welcome.
 8. Other Business
 9. Motion for Executive Session

Motion (Michael Harvey) for executive session.
 10. Motion to Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 25, 2009 @ 4:00 pm in ELC Room 405