

Faculty Senate Minutes
December 2, 2010
4:00 pm in ELC 405

In Attendance: Nathan Barker, David Berri, Richard Cozzens, Emily Dean, Richard Eissenger, Fred Govedich, Alan Hamlin, Randle Hart, Michael Harvey, Derek Hein, Deb Hill, Bruce Howard, John Howell, Rachel Kirk, Michael Ostrowsky, Jeremias Paul, Alan Pearson, Tony Pellegrini, Wayne Roberts, Phil Roche, Matt Schmidt, Julie Taylor, Nichole Wangsgard.

Visitors: Matthew Montgomery

Approval of Minutes

Motioned and seconded - Motion carried

President's Report (Part I) – Transitional Governance:

Question: Policy does not indicate process for replacement/election for a senate president who steps down during their tenure. A policy for similar situations in the future will be constructed.

Motion: Alan Hamlin will remain as senate president for the completion of this year (in replacement of Deb Hill) and his elected/scheduled term during the upcoming year (2011-2012 Academic Year).

Seconded - **Motion Carries**

Motion: Construct a policy that will allow Faculty Senate President-elect to serve the remaining term of an outgoing senate president if the term cannot be completed. The President-elect will then complete their elected/scheduled term of service.

Seconded – **Motion Carries**

*Election for new president elect is under discussion – and the question will be deferred to allow time to review current policy.

Motion: An election will be held for designation of a new President-elect in January to serve out a year and half term (complete Alan Hamlin's term as President-elect and a complete term for the Academic Year 2011-2012).

Motion carries: 1 abstention

Provost's Report:

Mapping Our Academic Progress: Key Performance Indicators 2010

Retention – up by about 10% over 2009

Incoming student preparedness

-Minimum admission standard = 85 (GPA/ACT/SAT)

-Anticipated increase to 90 at some point in the future.

-There has been a dramatic increase in GPA and ACT scores among students admitted in the past year

Equity Benchmarks: Faculty salaries increased an average of 2%

President's Report (Part II):

SUU's proposed state designation: Utah's Liberal Arts and Sciences School

Sustainability Club Report – Encouraged to reduce paper syllabi, move toward use of electronic syllabi

Graduation Commencement Speaker: Clayton Christensen

Policy 6.2: Updated policy unavailable – tabled until January

Other Business:

Concern expressed over computer SPAM from “former” students – John Howell

Campus filter fairly effective overall – request “Warning” from Provost's office

Staff Association request for combined end of year social event

Will check budget – tentative OK for combined event

Passing of the Gavel

Deb Hill resigns her position as Faculty Senate President

Alan Hamlin will complete her term of service and his elected term of service for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

****Thanks to Deb Hill for her service****

Motion for Executive Session: Seconded and motion carries

Motion to Adjourn: Seconded and motion carries

Next General Faculty Senate Meeting: January 27, 4:00, ELC 405