

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 22, 2011
4:00 pm in ELC 405

Senators in Attendance: Nathan Barker, David Berri, Emily Dean, Christine Frezza (proxy for Michael Harvey), Fred Govedich, Alan Hamlin, Randle Hart, Derek Hein, Bruce Howard, John Howell, Lawrence Johnson, Rachel Kirk, Michael Ostrowsky, Jeremias Paul, Alan Pearson, Tony Pellegrini, Wayne Roberts, Philip Roche, Emmett Steed (proxy for Robin Boneck), Julie Taylor, Nichole Wangsgard.

Visitors: Katy Herbold, Steve Irving, Steve Barney, Bruce Tebbs

1. Call to Order (4:00)
2. Approval of Minutes
Motioned and Seconded - Motion Carried
3. President's Report:
 - a. Dean's and Trustees Meeting - Growth covered up to 2.5% by state...SUU has higher goals for recruitment and retention...financially problematic
 - b. Upcoming Senate Elections – Need results prior to March meeting
 - c. Announcement/Welcome new President-Elect: Steve Barney
 - i. Will assume position in March
 - ii. Anticipate including a bio in future Senate President elections
 - d. Results of Equity/Merit survey (77%/23%)
 - e. HB 485: Proposal to eliminate tenure in Utah institutions of Higher Education
 - i. Staff, students, alumni – letter writing encouraged
 - ii. Conversations with local legislators
 - iii. Provost: Recruiting faculty would be problematic along with financial issues if bill passes.
4. "Minor" Policy Discussions
 - a. Excused Absence Policy: active duty/jury duty is considered "excused absence"
Motioned and Seconded – Motion Carried
 - b. Graduation Catalog Policy: any catalog during student's enrollment period is acceptable for graduation requirements (within 6 years).
Motioned (Wayne Roberts) and Seconded (Nate Barker) – Motion Carried

5. Policy 6.2, G3b: Question whether to include Staff in evaluation of Department Chairs
Discussion: Consider only those staff that have “direct report” to the chair. Most departments have an administrative assistant that reports directly to the chair and could have valuable insight into departmental administration.

Proposed Revision for G3b: “At anytime the full time faculty and **direct report** staff of the department...”

Motion (Wayne Roberts) and Seconded (John Howell) – Motion Carried

AA Committee will review grammar: “...all tenured/tenure track...” throughout document

6. Policy 6.27 - ICH vs. Contact Hours: Concern for teaching load requirements with consideration for online and alternative forms of instruction. Tony Pelligrini expressed concern for online/hybrid ICH/contact hour requirements.

Bruce Tebbs explained course designations:

ICH will equal credit hours for a lecture course provided course is not excessively large (>60 students) - XLEC. Labs are basically half credit due to “assessment” taking place during lab time - XLAB. Supervised teaching based on supposed 20 student class – XSUP. Individualized instruction involves undergraduate research, readings based on supposed class size of 10 student class – XINV.

Motion to accept revisions as proposed by AA Committee and Seconded (from last months meeting) – Motion Carried with following request:

Request: Distance Education Committee draft a policy to address workloads pertaining to online/hybrid courses. Concern is the variety of course offerings and delivery methods are inconsistent across campus.

7. Policy 6.9: Overload Policy – Katy Herbold
Concern with Pg. 7 of 13: Sec. 3 – Employment with any other academic institution requires informing the department chair.

Motion to restate Sec. 3 to indicate that – “Full time faculty **may** accept employment for, and **may** perform, any teaching, instructional or research services for other academic institutions during teaching semesters **with** the knowledge of the cognizant department chair and dean.”

Motioned (John Howell) and Seconded (Rachel Kirk) – Motion Carried

8. Policy 6.31: Academic Standards

Motion to table Policy 6.31 until next months meeting (Tony Pelligrini) and Seconded (Lawrence Johnson) - Motion Carried

9. Motion for Executive Session and Motion to Adjourn
Motioned and Seconded – Motion Carried

Next General Faculty Senate Meeting: March 24, 2011, ELC 405, 4:00 pm