

SUU Faculty Senate Minutes
Dec. 11, 2014
4:00 p.m. Charles Hunter Room, Hunter Conference Center

Senators in Attendance: Emily Dean, Kevin Stein, Joy Sterrantino, Kim Weaver, Selwyn Layton, Loralyn Felix, Paula Mitchell proxy for (Scott Lanning), Jeff Barnes, David Berri also proxy for (Tyler Stillman), Bruce Haslem, Mark DeBeliso, Katy Herbold, Michiko Kobayashi, Kholoud Al-Qubbaj, Andrew Van Alstyne, Lynn White, Jonathan Holiman proxy for (Jee-Young Chung), Michelle Orihel, Randall Allen Rheana Gardner, Denise Purvis, Isabella Borisova, Chad Gasser, Nasser Tadayon, Matthew Weeg.

1. Emily Dean: Call to Order at 04:00 p.m. Motion to approve the minutes of Nov. 13, 2014 by Jeff Barnes; seconded by Chad Gasser. No discussion; minutes approved unanimously.
2. Recognition of Guests:
 - a. Julie Taylor.
3. Senate Treasurer's Report: Emily Dean reported that the plaques have been updated for \$63.00. Budget set this year for faculty senate was \$2182.00 and we have spent \$491.711 and have \$1690.29 remaining.
4. Senate President Elect's Report: Kevin Stein reported from Board of Trustees meeting in which the staff had a Harry Potter theme party which the faculty usually does not have fun like this. Kevin also reminded the senators that we have a loan program for faculty. Also, stated that Stewart Jones voiced that in state enrollment is up while out of state enrollment is down. They also have a marketing plan that would help increase enrollments as well. The Anthropology major passed as well. Kevin also stated we need a representative for the Library committee. No one volunteered for this committee so Kevin will follow up with this at a later date.
5. Senate President's Report
 - i. From the President's Council: Mindy Benson has joined the President's Cabinet and Jared Tippetts hired as the new vice president as student services. President Wyatt also wanted the faculty to know that his basement can be reserved for functions.
 - ii. The Dean's Council addressed Policy 6.31 and are sending it back to the faculty senate for January's meeting. FSSF wording was changed to

having stated the last time you received funding from them and when you submitted your report for funding.

- iii. The strategic planning is meeting with each college in January. It is encouraged to go to the one for your college but if you cannot make that meeting time go to one of the other meetings. Times can be found on the faculty senate page of CANVAS for December. The Presidents and Faculty Senate Presidents for the Utah State for Higher Education are trying to meet on a monthly basis. One of the concerns is guns on campus.

6. Action Items:

- i. Healthcare Coverages letter was passed around for the senators to sign. David Berri received an email from Marvin Dodge who has looked into the issue and healthcare options that may be available.

7. Discussion Items:

- i. Policy 6.19 and 6.33 came up before the President's Council and the student services were not happy with page five section C due to possible violations of due process. The discussion is to let the council know that these policies are still being looked at and no decisions have been made, however faculty senate will re-visit them in January.
- ii. Convocation hour has been an issue with many faculty because classes cannot be held during this time, thus students such as athletes who cannot take courses at other times have a delay in graduation where if they had this time they could take the course and graduate on time. Another issue is that meetings are being held during this hour when they shouldn't be. Others are happy with this hour. The conclusion was that faculty senators need to ask their faculty for their opinions as well as looking at polling the faculty to gather information if this hour is useful or not.
- iii. It was brought up that faculty has been covering meals etc. for possible new hires which then in turn they are not being reimbursed since the policy states they "can" be reimbursed versus "shall" be reimbursed. Randal Allan will write a proposal for the changes.
- iv. A professor was told they cannot give student evaluations in a course due to a small class size. According to Policy 6.1 all courses will be evaluated by the students. This issue was resolved but this has happened in other colleges across campus. The question is from a statistics point of view versus the student input/feedback. It is also an issue from an online course perspective however it should not be an issue since Policy states all courses should be evaluated. Thus, a reminder to the deans and chairs about this issue is in order. Emily Dean will also contact the chair of the

evaluation committee about this issue.

8. New Business:

- a. Emily Dean wanted to know about any committee meeting reports and that the senate will buy the committee's cookies for and incentive to meet.
 - b. The issue about grad programs being online with no addressing accreditation reflect a major concern from the academic side.
9. Motion for Executive Session by Mark DeBeliso with a second by Andrew Van Alstyne, all in favor.
10. Motion to Adjourn by Andrew Van Alstyne with a second by Mark DeBeliso, all in favor.