

SUU Faculty Senate Minutes
Feb. 12, 2015
4:00 p.m. Charles Hunter Room, Hunter Conference Center

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

1. Emily Dean: Call to Order at 04:00 p.m. Motion to approve the minutes of Jan. 8, 2014 by Andrew Van Alstyne and seconded by Chad Gasser; minutes approved unanimously.
2. Recognition of Guests:
 - a. Associate Provost James Sage, Ellen Treanor, Tom McFarland, and Julie Taylor
3. Senate Treasurer's Report: Kim Weaver reported that we have at about 70% left in the faculty senate budget that was set this year for faculty senate but still need donations for the faculty senate scholarship fund. Budget for the year was 2182. Total spent us 663.17 and 1518.83 remaining.
4. Senate President Elect's Report: Kevin Stein reported on the Board of Trustees meeting. The Trustees voiced the disparity of course fees and that they are going to be looking at uniformity of the funding and fees across campus. There is a complaint about dogs on campus and will they will be limiting dogs on campus. Filming of Old Sorrel was talked about. Last, there was a discussion about the new model for graduate programs with adjunct faculty and online education. They voiced that this is not a push for all programs to do this and it will depend on programs. Kevin also reported on summer compensation model for the campus. They have three models that will be pitched to administration and each model help to make sure compensation goes up instead of being prorated down.
5. Senate President's Report
 - i. The strategic planning committee would like to have a meeting which includes SWOT analysis meetings with multiple groups on campus including Faculty Senate. Potential times will be held on either the University hour or 4 pm on March 19th, March 24th, or April 2nd and will be emailed out. The staff association would like a representative to be at the faculty senate meetings. All faculty senators present agreed this would not be a problem. Emily posted a document on the faculty CANVAS site

composed of the new programs that have been proposed and under development at SUU.

- ii. Mindi Benson is establishing a community council for SUU. She would also like to plan Alumni lunch with current students to meet those in their possible field of study. Debb Hill is conducting an audit for sexual harassment and sexual assault issues. Emily also posted the average graduation times broken down by graduate programs on CANVAS. Moving towards an automatic proposed referral for associate degrees. If students have enough credits to get an associate degree then they will get automatic conferral of the degree without having to pay. Emily posted the UCAP grants document on CANVAS and encourages the faculty to look at it. She also posted about COPLAC's flyer for the conference which also has many avenues to grants at the conference. Student instructional technology survey was given to students and about 200 students answered the survey. Emily encouraged the senators to have their faculty take a look at the survey.
- iii. Tom McFarland took 5 minutes to show how they are integrating the preservation of the convocations on the SUU website and encourages all faculty to look through the archives.
- iv. Emily got input from the Dean's council about evaluations of the classes. The Dean's encourages that if faculty have classes greater than five students whose courses are not being evaluated to let them know and they would get the course set up for the evaluation. Courses with five or less there were major statistical concerns and they felt should not have an evaluative process for these courses.
- v. James Sage presented a possible across campus change to course evaluations to standardize/normalize evaluations. James presented that SUU is looking at the IDEA evaluation system for the whole campus. James states that he will be meeting with colleges to evaluate moving towards the IDEA system. It was brought up that he may want to meet with colleges that are using the system and get the positive and negative feedback of this system. James also noted that the IDEA system is delivered as a paper survey right now but can be utilized as an online survey and can also be used for online course evaluation as well.

6. Action Items:

- i. Policy 6.2 on the evaluation of administrators was looked at. The committee for policy 6.2 explained the rationale behind the changes which are also posted on the Faculty Senate website. Revisions were on page 2 section B3 and B4, page 3 section B5 a through c, page 5 section 3 g and h and section 4 a and b. Other changes were on page 6 sections 2d and 3,

page 9 section 4 f and g and 5 a, page 11 section 2 f and g and section 3 and page 13 section 3 a and b. Lastly, changes to page 14 section c and H 2 were made. Scott Lanning motioned in favor of the changes and Andrew Van Alstyne seconded the changes. Vote passed with 1 abstention and the rest in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

- i. Emily brought up the USHE gun survey proposal which was brought up by Utah State due to a speaker who cancelled her visit to the campus after being threatened and how the Utah state laws are established right now. Emily posted the survey on the faculty senate CANVAS sight and states that she will send it out to the faculty across campus. Some senators felt like it should be emailed to all campus and not just faculty.
- ii. Ellen Treanor who is the SUU director of strategy through the office of communication. Ellen talked about what they are working on as far as marketing and branding of SUU. Ellen is waiting for the results of an analysis which will be back around February 20th. They are changes the SUU website to a card style web page which is how the consumer thinks now days. All that they are doing is for a long range development of the SUU brand and marketing.

8. New Business:

- a. We will be visiting about the proposal of the early tenure ad hoc committee next senate meeting.
 - b. We are also going to visit about due process next faculty senate committee. A due process ad hoc committee was created consisting of Issabella Borisova, Kholoud Al-Qubbaj, Brian Ludlow, Emily Dean, and Julie Taylor.
9. Motion for Executive Session by Kholoud Al-Qubbaj and second by Kim Weaver, all in favor.
10. Motion to Adjourn by Bryan Ludlow with a second by Andrew Van Alstyne, all in favor.