

SUU Faculty Senate Minutes  
April 23, 2015  
4:00 p.m. Cedar Breaks Room, Sharwan Smith Center

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

1. Emily Dean: Call to Order at 04:00 p.m.
2. Recognition of Guests:
  - a. Associate Provost James Sage, Julie Taylor
3. Senate Treasurer's Report: Kim Weaver reported that the budget started at \$2182.00 and we have \$1006.60 remaining with most of it spent for travel, meals, and room and board. The faculty senate scholarship balance is at \$5565.11.
4. Senate President Elect's Report: nothing to report.
5. Senate President's Report
  - i. Senate president Emily Dean posted the latest iteration for the University's sexual harassment policy on CANVAS. The major changes deal with having better recorders and advocates and adding compliance to section 9. For any questions about this please contact Deb Hill.
  - ii. The Deans reported that Bruce Tebbs set aside funds for hourly wage to try and encourage summer enrollment at \$80 per credit hour up to \$800 but this is a first come first serve allotment.
  - iii. There is a grant writing workshop by Julia Anderson May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup> with a \$500 incentive for attending.
  - iv. John Taylor is working with USHEA to justify why GE classes have required learning outcomes. This can be found on the faculty senate CANVAS website in PDF form or you can contact John Taylor for more information.
  - v. Emily Dean gave a brief report on faculty senate accomplishments including Health and Benefit changes, changes to compensation for job searches, changes to SUU graduate programs, ESL concerns brought to university administration's attention, ADD/DROP concerns brought to

administrations attention, LRT policy changes and clarification, met with faculty in state over current state issues, changes to policy's 6.19, 6.33, 6.38, 6.31, 6.36 and many more changes.

6. Action Items:

- i. New senators introduced.
- ii. Emily Dean passed gavel to Kevin Stein and Provost Cook presented Emily with a plaque of appreciation for her service as senate president.
- iii. Vote on new faculty senate executive committee positions:
  1. Secretary – Lynn White
  2. Treasurer – Chad Gasser
- iv. Lynn gave a summary on policy 6.22- Evaluation of Academic Administrators. These changes can be found with two different proposals for changes on the faculty senate CANVAS. Mark motioned to accept the changes and Brian seconded. 1 opposed, 4 abstentions, and the rest in favor. Motion passed.
- v. Matt Weeg gave a summary on changes to policy 6.1- Application for early tenure and reasons for the proposed changes which can also be found on the faculty senate CANVAS. Mark motioned to accept the changes and Scott seconded the motion. 2 abstentions and the rest in favor. Motion passed.

7. Discussion Items:

- i. Kevin Stein talked about the summer compensation ad-hoc committee which looked at student sign up and drops and class cancelation the day on or before the class is supposed to start. Due to these issues students lose confidence in the process which adds to reasons for decreased summer enrollment. Also summer revenue is being shifted to other areas effecting scholarships. The recommended gauge of how full a class is 20 students and 10 students or more in summer enrollment in a course.
- ii. Julie Taylor discussed policy 6.1.C Faculty Grievance Procedures. She reported that Mike Carter is working on a non-tenure track policy which is in place in many universities. She also stated the ad-hoc committee would be meeting with Mike Carter and Associate Provost James Sage about this.

8. New Business:

- a. Kevin Stein welcomed Bruce Howard the new faculty senate President Elect.
9. Motion for Executive Session by Mark DeBeliso and second by David Berri, all in favor.
10. Motion to Adjourn by David Berri with a second by Mark DeBeliso, all in favor.