

Faculty Senate Minutes

April 17th, 2018

Attending : Bruce Howard, Nathan Barker, David Berri, Scott Lanning, Doug Wayman, David Tuft, Tim Lewis, Abigail Larson, Lee Montgomery, David Lunt, , Jennifer Sorensen, Danny Hatch, Jonathan Holiman, Benjamin Sowards, Scott Knowles, Halla Sweringen, Megan Brusvold, Mackay Steffensen, Matthew Roberts, Mark Meilstrup, Daniel Eves, Chris Monson, Selwyn Layton, Randall Violett, Shalini Kesar, Tony Pellegrini, Lynn Vartan, Bill Heyborne, Dave Lunt, Liz Olson, Dan Swanson as proxy for Angela Pool-Funai, Joel Judd and Jason Smith. Also attending, Jennifer Hunter, Parker Hess, Steve Barney, Johnny MacLean, Brad Cook, James Sage, Brianne Kramer and the new senators

4:00 pm in the Charles Hunter Room of the Hunter Conference Center

- Call to Order 4:14 PM
- Recognition of Presenters 4:15 PM
 - Brianne Kramer, College of Education
 - Jennifer Hunter, Senior Instructional Designer, SUU Online
 - Parker Hess, Vice President of Academics with SUUSA
 - Steve Barney, Johnny MacLean LRT Policy Revision Co-Chairs, & GE Chair
- Approval of minutes from last meeting. 4:16 PM
- Welcome
 - a. New President Elect
 - b. New Senators

SUUSA Midterm Grades Policy Updates (Parker Hess) 4:17 PM

Parker explains that the new policy is to help the students know what their grades are at middle of the term. Explanation of the changes to the policy that highlight the feedback that they received from all of the different bodies on campus.

Bill Heyborne – I am concerned about obtaining exemptions, couldn't we have a list of standing exemptions.

Danny Hatch – It seemed fairly simple to assign grades from canvas.

Dave Lunt – I have tried to use it, but Canvas does percentages not letter grades.

Lynn Vartan – So can we use the percentage in Canvas or can we just use the running percentage.

Parker Hess – If it is in canvas, the university can pull the grades out of the back end of the program.

Dave Berri – Does it have to be through canvas. I don't use canvas, so I couldn't do it that way.

My students know their grade but it isn't through canvas.

Liz Olson – We have talked about it before; it seems that you want to amend the policy that is already in place. It seems that it would be better to change the existing policy.

Further discussion took place about this policy.

Motion to vote on this policy

Seconded with a 28 voting yes, 4 no votes and 5 abstentions.

Provost Cook

informational item – this was a good budgeting process for us there will be meeting on April 24th at 12 and 4 to close the loop. We received funding for 17 new positions. There are other things that are coming forward like a cost of living adjustments for us all.

General Education Assessment Strategy Introduction (Johnny MacLean) 4:58 PM

Johnny MacLean - SUU has the lowest G. E. requirement in the state. At just above 30 credits. A potential collaboration between the Faculty Senate and the GE committee. We are proposing an assessment collaboration to improve the G. E. assessment process. Thursday April 26th 12:00 PM and Friday April 27th 9:00 AM. The history of the G.E. assessment will be given and we will take suggestions for improvement. Hopefully we can provide any scaffolding for a way forward.

Canvas Features (Jennifer Hunter, SUU Online) 5:03 PM There is a new quiz function for canvas that allows you to follow the browser usage while a student takes a quiz to see if they clicked on a different tab in the browser window. You can also extend deadline for other student without having to change it for all of the students.

If you set up your notifications in Canvas to come to your inbox, if you attach something to the email, the students cannot see it.

LRT Discussion & Vote (Steve Barney, Johnny MacLean) 5:07 PM

Steve Barney – On behalf of the committee, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Bill Heyborne, Dave Lunt, Julie Taylor and Melinda Vaughn. When we started the process we identified what exemplifies an ideal professor and tried to reverse engineer a policy that would help the faculty meet that goal. The document was designed to focus on faculty development in a formative process instead of a summative assessment. We wanted the faculty member to be assessed by their peers and not the administration. We feel that we have met these goals in the current LRT policy. It isn't a perfect policy and there will need to be adjustments, as well as

trainings to implement this policy. We would like to move pass the what ifs to the what is possible with the new policy.

LRT Vote 5:14 PM Secret Ballot

23 Yes 8 No

Motion carries.

Proposed 6.33 Section V, A, 4: Policy Addition (Brienne Kramer) 5:20 PM

Ran into some issues to student cheating and while running this through student affairs, they were informed that at no time would the Education program, which requires admittance to the program, be allowed to remove this student from the program based on this academic dishonesty. There is no current mechanism to remove a student from that program.

Ben Sowards – how can she graduate if she keeps failing the classes?

Mackay Steffensen – We just had a department meeting where CSIS adopted a three strikes you're out policy for the same class. Would that work in your case?

Brienne Kramer – This is a discussion that we are having in our department.

Nathan Barker – Policy 6.33 is currently under revision, and the CSIS policy was modeled after a Nursing program policy that is currently under review as to its validity.

James Sage – Our current policy needs a lot of work and we need to amend the current policy to improve the procedure. We are aware of the problem and working towards this oversight.

Mark Meilstrup – What actions can we take then, because if your student isn't performing in your program why should I have them in my program?

Scott Knowles – There is current policy in the BFA program that if they perform in a production outside of the SUU they are kicked out of the program. Do we need to pursue this policy? Are we in the wrong?

Committee Reports 5:37 PM

Faculty Review Board (hasn't met this year)

Faculty Development and Evaluation (hasn't met this year)

Benefits Committee (hasn't met this year)

Senate Confessions Discussions / **Passing of the Gavel**

Food break while non-senators (and **Rotating Off Senators**)

ELECT NEW PRESIDENCY 5:45 PM

Kelly Goonan as Parliamentarian

Chris Monson as Treasurer

Daniel Eves as Secretary

Committee for Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Education will get a senator, Joel Judd has taken the lead to take it back to his college.

(Old) Senate Treasurer's Report 5:57 PM

There is some money left in the accounts.

(Old) Senate President Elect's Report 5:59 PM

President Wyatt thinks that the Senate should be able to meet without the administration present. In a meeting with Brad Cook, Abby Larson asked what would happen if we voted down the LRT policy change, and he intimated that then the policy wouldn't pass. And Marvin Dodge is still moving forward on the Salary Equity Committee over the summer.

(Old) Senate President's Report 6:03 PM

There may be a little more time needed to calculate the new salaries this year so you might have to wait a little more than usual to find out your new salary. A rundown of the Budget meeting. There is additional operational budget money so you don't have to split the same pie more ways. We got 16ish new faculty hires. There is more money being put back into salaries.

New Business 6:15 PM

Revisit the adoption of Robert's rules for our senate meetings.

Motion to Adjourn 6:21 PM

Next Meeting – In the fall