

## SUU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

January 28, 2021

4:00-6:00

[Zoom Meeting](#)

**Attending:** Bill Heyborne, Rheana Gardner, Kelly Goonan, Andrew Misseldine, Andrew Kent-Marvick, Rachel Bolus, Lijie Zhou, Gary Wallace, Dave Berri, Rosalyn Eves, Marin Hirschi proxy for Jim Mock, Matthew Eddy, Carlos Bertoglio, Paula Mitchell, Greg Powell, Doug Ipson, Daniel Swanson, Ross Flom, Brianne Kramer, Richard Bugg, Bruce Haslem, Celesta Lyman, Skip Jones, Brandon Wiggins, Matthew Eddy

**Not Attending:** David Christensen, Donna DeSilva, Steve Barney, Richard Cozzens

**Guests:** Jon Anderson, James Sage, Johnny MacLean, Trisha Robertson, Carol Ann Modesitt, Nichole Wangsgaard, Scott Lanning, Said Bahi, Bruce Howard, Scott Lanning

1. Call to order (4:00PM)
2. Recognition of Presenters and Guests (4:01)
  - a. Dr. Carol Ann Modesitt - Chair, University Promotion and Tenure Committee
  - b. Dr. James Sage - Associate Provost
3. Approval of Minutes from [January 14, 2021 meeting](#) (4:02)
  - a. Approved
4. Information Items (4:03)
  - a. Senate meeting dates for AY 2020-2021
    - i. Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 11, Mar 25, Apr 8, Apr 22
  - b. Last day for nominations for faculty awards  
<https://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/awards-nominations.html>
5. Action Items – James Sage (4:44pm)
  - a. Policy 6.8 – Development and revision of curriculum and general education (please see included draft and memo in the shared file along with repealed policies that this revised policy would replace).

Art&Design has always appointed the individual but are happy to hold an election.

Political science would like to leave it up to the chair to make the appointment

Biology would prefer to have elections.

Greg Powell would like for individual departments to make the call: election or dean appointment.

Library – is ok with current policy.

Haslem – a good portion of faculty would like to elect.

Campus Department preferences looks to be 50/50 so we may leave the language the way it is.

Haslem – could we use language that says appointments can be made by departments, rather than the college or school?

James Sage – agrees to insert more consistent language on who has decision making authority based on open discussions.

MOTION to approve. Motion passed. One opposed.

6. Discussion Items (items requiring discussion and debate)

a. Smoke Free Campus – Gary Wallace (4:05)

Vaping language is not included in the state law when discussing smoking. Do we want to be a smoke free/tobacco free campus? We don't want to be exclusive to people we invite on campus, we want to be welcoming. Opinions expressed for and against. Gary and Bill will discuss issue with Nouman Kante (SUUSA president)

b. Challenges for University P&T Committee - Carol Ann Modesitt (4:15)

The committee encountered a lot of issues – 16 faculty coming up for P&T and 8 up for professor. Noted were a lot of redundancies in the process as there are no guidance in the policy on what to include/not include. The committee would like to make suggestions to alleviate the cumbersome nature of reviewing the documents that are submitted in order to simplify submissions, ideally in one document with different sections that are uniform for all departments. The committee would like to suggest revisions to the policy/procedures and open discussion on what should be included in every departments submissions. Senate president asked if the committee would be willing to create a procedural document to accompany the policy? The committee has already started putting a procedural/organizational document/guidelines together and will send to faculty senate for review.

c. Initial review of Policy 6.5 - Undergraduate Admissions - James Sage (4:54)

Take a look at the policy and discuss with your departments and we will discuss in two weeks.

Sage: changes requiring ACT/SAT for admission. SUU will no longer require these tests. Students can still submit, but it's not required. So we will be correcting the language in this policy to reflect the changes.

Financial Aid index scale will now be assessing GPA (unweighted) alone (no ACT) for funding. Lots of national institutions are reevaluating the use of the ACT, some are creating their own tests, etc.

7. Standing committee updates (5:11)
  - a. Academic Affairs (Steve Barney)
  - b. Faculty Salary and Workload Committee (David Berri)
    - i. Updates: Provost is organizing a committee for this so still in the process.
  - c. Faculty Review Board (Gerry Calvasina)
  - d. Distinguished Faculty Lecturer/Grace A Tanner Committee (Andrew Kent-Marvick)
  - e. Inclusion Diversity Awards (Brianne Kramer)
  - f. Outstanding and Distinguished Educator Award (Richard Cozzens)
  - g. Distinguished and Scholarly Award Committee (Ross Flom)
    - i. If there is a letter you like to attach to the CV of the person you're nominating email it directly to Ross Flom.
  - h. Distinguished Faculty Service Award (Paula Mitchell)
  - i. Ad hoc Parking Policy Committee Update (Daniel Swanson)
  - j. Ad hoc Faculty Maternity/Family Leaves Policy (Kelly Goonan)
    - i. Update: met with Maureen Redeker, General Council at SUU. Also, will be meeting again David McGuire, T. Robertson and Redeker to look over the proposals together and work on a draft to present to FS and share with departments for a vote soon. President's Cabinet would like to consider Staff and Faculty proposals together.
  - k. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Past President's Report - Strategic Planning Committee
      1. Making headway in Strategic Planning Committee.
  - l. President Elect's Report – Diversity Committee Updates
  - m. President's Report - Board of Trustees, President's Council, Dean's Council, All Academic Leaders, COVID Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee, University Benefits Committee, Faculty Affairs, Staff Association, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Utah Council of Faculty Senate Leaders
    - i. The above is a list of the committees the Executive committee sits on. I hope you recognize how important shared governance is on this campus. Thank Provost Anderson and Assist Provost Johnny MacLean on getting representation on these committees. We have a seat at the table, we have a voice.
    - ii. COVID Vaccinne (5:17)
      1. Meeting with USHEE taskforce Monday. Decisions are being made at the governor's office. K-12 teacher's vaccinations were made some time ago but nothing has developed on including vaccine schedules for college educators.
      2. There are serious supply chain issues as well, which will impact our request for dosage inclusion.
8. Executive Session
9. Adjourn (5:19)