

SUU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda April 9, 2020

4:00-6:00

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/631037544>

Attending: Steve Barney, Dave Berri, Bill Heyborne, Melinda Ford, Randall Violett, Andrew Kent-Marvick, Rachel Bolus, Lijie Zhou, Shalini Kesar, David Tufte, Jennifer Sorensen, Richard Cozzens, Jim Mock, Matthew Eddy, Doug Wayman, Michael Kroff, Andrew Misseldine, Doug Ipson, Donna DeSilva, Brandon Wiggins, Danny Hatch, Lee Montgomery, Richard Bugg, Kelly Goonan, Daniel Swanson.

Proxies:

Not Attending: Mark Baltimore

Guests: Rheana Gardner, David Christensen, Gary Wallace, Robert Eves, Aimee Uchman, Rosalyn Eves.

1. Call to order (4:00)
2. Recognition of Presenters and Guests
 - a. Robert Eves -Provost
 - b. Johnny MacLean -Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs
 - c. James Sage-Associate Provost
3. Approval of Minutes from March 2020 meeting – Minutes approved
4. Action Items-None
5. Information Items
 - a. Student Mental Health and Wellness Senate Resolution

Last meeting we talked a little about this and it has extended well before this pandemic. We expressed interest in developing a resolution to present to the president. There were also comments about addressing faculty/staff help. We have drafted a resolution, which is included in the documents. Suggestions were made about offering a repeatable class for student to take

Kroff: If it's a one credit class it may demean the value of the class.

Hatch: Having the class be a broad gen ed requirement.

MacLean: GE committee is taking FS lead and having conversations about this as well. Can we do this from an institutional standpoint. We are authorized to raise our GE requirements. But it is still problematic to add a credit and will need to converse with the cabinet about this. I will bring this document to the GE committee.

We could offer this course on 3 different levels of engagement at 1 credit each.

Hatch: prefers this be offered on a voluntary basis rather than required. If it could meet some kind of requirement then perhaps students would choose to take it.

Is anyone opposed to proposing a required class on wellness and wellbeing?

Suggestions to adding a statement to the syllabi about wellness.

Could be added to syllabus or on Canvas as an announcement.

CAPS resources are robust in order to meet our students needs. Include recommendation that the university fund this.

Mental Support Peers Programs and Mental Health Center. Call to keep these services ongoing as well.

Recommend resources be more conspicuous so students will take notice. Support for putting this onto Canvas.

Would the Senate feel comfortable endorsing with a few modifications? Should we wait? Wiggins supports moving forward.

MOTION to accept with modifications to distribute. MOVED UNANIMOUSLY..

b. Student Feedback Survey Results -Johnny MacLean (4:33)

The surveys are out for students now. We made the decision to continue forward with this year's student feedback surveys. We're using this as a formative tool (rather than evaluative). Under the current circumstances we recommend that this semester's evaluation be used as an informative tool rather than punitive.

Students are saying that in our rush to transition to online/remote delivery a lot of faculty have scraped assignments that have originally been planned and are assigning essays. Students are feeling stressed by these additional assignments to make up for class time. How can faculty still meet course goals without simply assigning essays, etc.?

c. Budget Update-Provost's Office (4:41)

Eves: The president's cabinet is meeting three times a week right now. We are waiting on the legislature for some definitive word on how this is going to play out. We are uncertain at this stage the extent of it. We need to be prepared for some level of resource limitations.

Barney: Now is not the time to rush out and spend all departmental funds. We need to put off purchases. We need to conserve for salaries and think about the university as a whole. We have hope for positive resolutions. We are hoping for robust enrollments, etc.

Q: How is this going to affect compensation for summer courses? What about funding to support faculty travel to conferences, etc.

A (Eves): there has been no discussion on change of compensation for summer. We recognize that this is important, it would be an ill-conceived move. If we are choosing not to reduce our workforce then the only place we can recover budgets is in operations – but we haven't had these conversations yet. There is no plan to cut operations, etc.

d. Covid-19 Update

Maclean: We are following the news like everyone, so no updates that you aren't aware of. Jared Tippets has authorized me to share that the student with Covid-19 has not been on campus since before spring break and didn't exhibit symptoms until after spring break. The student did not leave Cedar City for Spring Break.

Sage: We still have email communication with the Emergency Response Team, but now the cabinet is making the decisions rather than the ERT.

e. Summer Update (4:53)

You can cancel the class or someone else in the department can cover or someone externally. You can move class online in asynchronous fashion, or offer the course in a synchronous fashion with materials offered for those who cannot attend.

Hatch: Perhaps you could poll your students to see which of the three methods they've gotten a lot out of. Students in Hatch's class seem to like the synchronous approach.

International students are only allowed 9 credits of {?} F1 visas which require face-to-face interaction for international students. International affairs should advise us all of these challenges for int'l students.

6. Discussion Items (items requiring discussion and debate) (5:04)

a. Remote Instruction Transition Feedback (What can we do better?)

We really want to know what you think – so please reach out to us.

b. Academic Calendar Revisions (Bill Heyborne)

Our current academic calendar in response to the 3 year degree came with some unexpected challenges. Lack of parity on various different levels, reduction in instructional day, poor alignment between face-to-face and online, start dates all over the place. We are putting together a survey for students and faculty about this issue for potential solutions. We have identified the problems and we need realistic, tangible solutions.

c. GE Courses with Instructor Permission Designation, Reminder

Please take a look at this and have your faculty consider this and work with the registrar's office to remove these designations if they are not required.

7. Standing committee updates-Thanks for your work! (5:11)

i. Academic Affairs (Dave Berri)

ii. Faculty Salary and Workload Committee (David Berri)

iii. Faculty Review Board (Gerry Calvasina)

iv. Distinguished Faculty Lecturer/Grace A Tanner Committee (Andrew Kent-Marvick)

v. Inclusion Diversity Awards (Shalini Kesar)

vi. Outstanding and Distinguished Educator Award (Richard Cozzens)

vii. Distinguished and Scholarly Award Committee (David Tufte)

- viii. Distinguished Faculty Service Award (Andrew Misseldine)
- ix. Ad hoc On-Line Calendar Committee Update (Michael Kroff)
- x. Ad hoc Parking Policy Committee Update (Daniel Swanson)
- b. Treasurer's Report (Benefits Fair)

We have a whole lot of money and no food to buy. We've only had one applicant for our scholarship fund. We'd like to award this scholarship soon.

- c. Past President's Report
- d. President Elect's Report
- e. President's Report (5:13)

- i. Annual Report

This has been drafted and it's on the Canvas page. I've tried to be exhaustive. It will be going to the president in April.

- ii. Welcome New Senators - Retiring Senators Introduce (5:16)

(Brianna Kramer-Teacher Education (for Lee Montgomery), Rosalyn Eves-English (for Jennifer Sorenson), Celesta Lyman-Agriculture and Nutrition (for Randall Violett), Gary Wallace-Computer Science (for Shalini Kesar) and Information Systems, Ross Flom-Psychology (for Danny Hatch), Paula Mitchell-(for Doug Wayman) Library, Skip Jones -Aerospace Sciences and Technology, Dave Berri-Economics and Finance (for Dave Tufte), David Christensen-Accounting (for Melinda Ford).

- iii. Thank you to Retiring Senators

(Melinda Ford, David Tufte, Lee Montgomery, Jennifer Sorensen, Randall Violett, Shalini Kesar, Daniel Hatch, Doug Wayman)

8. Passing of the Gavel to President Bill Heyborne, Welcome new President Elect Rheana Gardner-Reeves (5:25)

- a. Committee Positions – these are one year terms with a one year renewable option
 - Faculty Review Board
 - Need 1 replacement – needs to come from PVA (Richard Bugg)
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - Need 1 replacement – from College of Science and Engineering (Richard Cozzens)
 - Faculty Salary and Workload Committee
 - Need a faculty senate representative – Dave Berri would like to continue in this role.
 - Online Teaching and Learning Advisory Board

Need a faculty senate representative, with experience working in the online world – Gary Wallace

Insurance Committee

Need 1 replacement – Ross Flom

Library Committee

Richard Bugg will continue

Parking committee

Dan Swanson will continue

University Press Editorial Board

Rosalyn Eves will join this committee

University undergraduate curriculum committee

Doug Ipson will continue

University General Scholarship Committee

Need 1 replacement – Celesta Lyman

General Education Committee

Rachel Bolus will continue (for Carlos Bertoglio who will return in the Fall)

University undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Doups Ipson will continue

Unv Graduate Curriculum commit

Michael Kroff will continue

Unv Promotion and Tenure Committee

Rep from faculty Senate on this committee, someone with tenure – Rheana Gardner

Program and Course Fees Committee

2 faculty members needed – Jennifer Sorenson and Paula

The Faculty Awards Committee

1 senate rep – 1 year renewable term appointments

Tanner Committee

Andy Kent-Marvick will continue

Inclusion and Diversity Awards Committee

1 replacement – Brianne Kram

Outstanding and Distinguished Awards

Richard Cozzens will continued

Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Activity award

1 replacement, from PVA – Ross Flom

Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee

1 replacement – Paula Mitchell

Intellectual Property Policy Review Committee

Need volunteers – Andy Kent-Marvick

Executive Committee for Faculty Senate

Steve Barney, Bill, Rheana

Parliamentarian - Kelly Goonan

Treasurer – Andrew Misseldine

Secretary – Brandon Wiggins

9. Adjourn (5:51)