

Chairs' Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2014

Meeting convened at 3:04

Present: James H. McDonald, Dean, David Admire, Terrie Beckdel, Bryce Christensen, Art Challis, Pat Keehley, Elise Leahy, Mark Miller, Lynn Young, Kristine Frost, administrative assistant, Paul Husselbee, guest

1. Deans' Council

- a. Regents mandated at a 5% Tier one increase. There will be no Tier two tuition increases. In tier one increase the Regents use the money. A Tier two increase, the university gets the money for their needs.
 - b. House Bill 139 was STEM focused funding in the amount of \$10 million dollars. SUU get a slice of that.
 - c. The Faculty Marshall for Commencement is retiring professor Ben Davidson.
 - d. Grade inflation—Christian Reiner stated that grade inflation tends to happen in upper division classes. The average grade for SUU during 2009 was 3.12. The average grade for SUU now is 3.09. HSS grade point is slightly lower than 3.09
 - e. The faculty senate is looking into the EDGE workload proposal.
 - f. Senate is also reviewing Policy 6.22—faculty due process
 - g. The provost's office is trying to put together a package of classes that might appeal to those missionaries who aren't leaving until September. Jim asked Mark to find an instructor for Intro to Diversity, 1st and 2nd session. Art was asked about a class in Intercultural Communications—COMM 2120 and Comm 1010 for both sessions. Elise was asked about SPAN 1010 for both sessions.
 - h. The Provost's office is getting ready to launch a full on-line Bachelor's degree in general study in an attempt to capture alumni who were prevented from obtaining a degree.
 - i. Chairs were asked to check the coding for their smaller classes.
2. Paul Husselbee—Paul suggested that each department adopt as a learning outcome that the professors have the top students in the capstone or senior

thesis classes submit their papers to the HSS Journal. The faculty member would get credit at the end of the article for helping the student with the article. The professor could use this on the FAAR report. After some discussion the faculty agreed that this was a good idea.

3. Learning Outcomes Signage—Jim showed the new signs for the Learning Outcomes and asked the Chairs to let Kristine know how many
4. Other

Meeting adjourned at 4:01