

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, 6 March 2006

Derek Mason called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Minutes

Bruce Miller moved to accept the 6 February 2006 minutes as written, seconded by Darwin Sorensen, passed unanimously.

Announcements

The new Faculty Senate President-Elect for the current year is Dr. John Kras.

Nominations for 2006-2007 Faculty Senate President-Elect are now being accepted via email, along with a second, and also on the Senate floor at its April meeting.

University Business

Legislative Session Wrap-up

- Compensation: 3.5% salary increase and 6.4% health benefits increase. However, this will not cover the total increase in health benefits, and some of the 3.5% salary increase will be devoted to covering the increase.
- Tuition Waivers: USU received 400 additional out-of-state tuition waivers.
- Concurrent Enrollment – Passage of HB151 will allow for an increase in fees. This stops USU subsidizing the program.
- Engineering Building: The Engineering Research Wing will start construction in the coming summer. \$6.1 million will come from legislative bonding and \$5 million from already raised by USU.
- Ag Relocation: The legislator funded the second \$5 million to cover the costs of moving the North Farm to the South Farm Complex.
- USTAR: Funded for \$15,250,000 ongoing & \$50,000,000 one-time.
- Fuel and Power: USU received \$1,200,000 in ongoing funds, and \$1,200,000 in one-time monies, to meet this need.
- High Tech Charter School: \$700,000 in one-time funds granted to complete the remodeling of the Early College & High School project.
- Uintah Basin Campus Building: One-time funding of over \$9 million was provided for the construction of this building.

- Tooele Building: USU's Toole Branch campus was given one-time funding of \$900,000 that will allow USU to pay off its lease on the property.
- Engineering Transportation Research Center: Funded for \$1million to create a new research center. A match of Federal dollars will be available to complete the project.
- Mud Slide Study (South Side of Campus): \$200,000 was given to USU for research on the mudslide near campus.
- Engineering Initiative (5th year): The EI received \$160,000 in ongoing funds and \$224,000 in one-time monies.

Consent Agenda

Barry Franklin motioned to take the Domestic Partner Benefits Proposal from the BFW report and place it as an action item on the April Faculty Senate agenda, seconded by Maure Smith, carried. John Kras moved to accept the consent agenda without the DPB Proposal, seconded by Greg Jones, carried.

Note EPC Business for March has four action items: 1) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Business Analysis and Decision Making Specialization, 2) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Business Information Systems Specialization, 3) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the International Economics Specialization, and 4) The request by the Master of Business Administration to remove the Quantitative Economic Analysis Specialization.

Key Issues and Action Items

PRPC Business

Jennifer MacAdam presented PRPC Business.

Action Items for final approval:

- Action Item number 1: *Reasons for Non-Renewal*—Brent Miller motioned to recommend the proposed code change to President Albrecht, seconded by Dallas Holmes, carried.
- Action Item number 2: *Extension for Pre-Tenure Probationary Period*—John McLaughlin motioned to recommend the proposed code change to President Albrecht, seconded by Jeff Larson, carried.
- Action Item number 3: *Dean's Tenure and Probationary Advisory Committee*—Will Popendorf motioned to send back to PRPC for consideration of the discussed recommendations, seconded by Maure Smith, carried.

Information Items to come back to Faculty Senate a second time:

- Information Item number 1: *Clarification of Revision of Role Statement*—Shawn Olsen motioned to authorize PRPC to incorporate these changes into the Faculty Code, seconded by Christopher Terry, carried.

- Information Item number 2: *Deadline or Initial Promotion Committee Meeting*—Christopher Terry to authorize PRPC to incorporate these changes into the Faculty Code, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.
- Information Item number 3: *Temporary Vacancies on Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees*—Jan Alm motioned to accept PRPC’s recommendation not to change code, seconded by Jeff Larson, carried.

Technology and Medial in the USU Classrooms

Derek Mason received a letter from members of the History Department asking for greater importance on classroom technology. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted to place before Senate to ask in senate would want to put a survey on Survey Monkey. The survey will be assess how faculty feel about this issue and to ascertain its the priority level. Lori Roggman motioned to approve the use of Survey Monkey to survey the faculty about classroom technology, seconded by Diane Calloway-Graham, carried.

New Business

Derek Mason asked for a motion to consider a resolution regarding compensation to the state legislature. Tom Schroeder motioned to have the Faculty Senate Executive Committee draft a resolution, seconded by Steve Aust. Provided Raymond Coward suggested that the key to movement on the issue may be a public education campaign focusing on the value of Research I universities in economic development and preparing Utah’s population to successfully participate in a changing economy. Will Pependorf’s offered a substitute motion to explore with the administration how we might work to make secondary education and the Universities more distinct in compensation issues, seconded by Jeff Larson, carried. Jeff Larsen motioned to approve the substitute motion, seconded by Tom Schroeder, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.