



**USU FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2009
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

Mike Parent called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

John Kras moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2009. Byron Burnham seconded. Steve Burr asked if the Legacy bill covered both children and grandchildren of alumni. Originally the bill included both, but before passage was limited to just children of alumni. Motion carried.

Announcements

1. **Roll Call.** Senators are reminded to sign the roll.
2. **Faculty Senate 2009-10 Calendar.** The 2009-10 Calendar is now available on the Faculty Senate website. http://usu.edu/fsenate/Calendar/FSenate_2009-2010_Calendar.pdf
3. **Senate and Senate Committee Elections.** Elections have taken place. Not all results have been reported to Chris Corcoran, Chairman of Committee on Committees. If you are unsure of the results for your college, contact the administrative officer for your college, and make sure the results are forwarded to Chris Corcoran and Joan Kleinke.

University Business - President Albrecht

President Albrecht is currently in the process of meeting with all of the colleges individually to provide as much budget detail as possible and provide an opportunity for questions. The deans and vice presidents will be working with faculties and will bring recommendations to the Provost and Budget Committee by April 15, 2009. The Committee will forward their recommendations to the President by May 1, 2009. Ronda Callister asked for clarification on the recycling fee. This fee is still in place and has been reduced for the last 3 or 4 years. This is a carryover from previous serious budget cuts and revenue reductions. A strategy was in place that another two or three years would have resolved this, but it will take longer now because of the current budget reductions.

Provost Coward updated the Senate on the VP of Student Services search. There were four candidates recommended to the President. Since then, one candidate has pulled out, one has had a family emergency and had to withdraw, the other two candidates have been on campus for a tour, and one of those candidates was invited back with his family. The final decision will be made in the next week to 10 days.

Consent Agenda Items

One item of interest on the consent agenda is the changes associated with the Human Research Protection Program. Please look at these and share them with your colleagues. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by John Kras, seconded by Vance Grange. Motion carried.

Information Items

Honorary Degrees – Sydney Peterson. Paul Parkinson was the chair of the honorary degrees committee this year. The Chair rotates between a faculty member and a Board of Trustee member in order to provide continuity. Sydney Peterson presented the report in Paul's absence. Senator Robert Bennett will be the Commencement speaker and receive an honorary degree. The other honorary degree recipients are: Mark Bingham, was instrumental in the new Bingham Energy and Entrepreneur building in Vernal; Hughie Johnson, graduate of College of Natural Resources, environmentalist and conservation pioneer; Bonnie Parkin, 14th General President of the Relief Society and involved in several outreach and humanitarian projects; Burt Tanner, USU graduate, Vice President of Campbell Scientific. Burt Tanner was nominated to receive an honorary degree before he passed away suddenly.

Commencement – Sydney Peterson. Graduate Hooding is Friday, May 1. Line-up for students and faculty will be in the Fieldhouse at 12:30 p.m., the procession will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the ceremony at 1:30 p.m. in the Spectrum. Saturday, May 2 the line-up will be on the Quad at 8:30 a.m. for faculty and students, procession at 9:00 a.m., and the ceremony at 9:30 in the Spectrum. In case of inclement weather the line-up will be in the Fieldhouse.

New Business

Nominations for Faculty Senate President-Elect. Mike Parent reminded the Senate of Code that states that nominations will be made from the floor during the April Senate meeting and then went over eligibility guidelines.

Scott Cannon nominated David Paper. The nomination was seconded. David declined the nomination.

John Kras nominated Vince Wickwar. The nomination was seconded by Pat Lambert. Vince accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.

A motion to close nominations was made by John Kras and seconded by Ronda Callister and Betty Rozum. Motion carried.

Adjournment

John Kras moved to adjourn and a second was received. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.