

**FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
April 2, 2007, 3:00 p.m.  
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

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John Kras called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2007**

Dallas Holmes motioned to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007. Diane Calloway-Graham seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements – John Kras**

1. President-Elect - John Kras stated that there was one candidate – Mike Parent – for the position of President-Elect for 2007-2008. Mike Parent received the necessary votes to affirm him into the position. His term begins July 1, 2007. Mike addressed the Senate and expressed his appreciation for the support given him. He looks forward to serving the Senate.
2. Executive Committee Elections – Will Pependorf stated that the elections for the new senators are under way and the executive committee members from Science, Engineering, and Library need to be replaced. Another use of the college caucuses would be to meet for the opportunity to discuss other issues. Committee assignments will be circulated at the next Faculty Senate meeting. At that meeting, all new senators will be invited as well to sign in for committee assignments.

**University Business – Provost Raymond T. Coward**

The President is in Salt Lake and sent his regrets for not attending today. He asked the Provost to talk about three things:

1. Enrollment update - Part of the strategy is to improve the revenue situation as a university. We were very successful last year in the Freshman class- up 22% overall and up 43% in out-of-state. The completed number of applications today exceeds by 250 the amount we had last year on September 18<sup>th</sup> (third week of semester). At this point in the process, this is really good news.
2. Research Week started today and is featuring four days of events - each day highlighting one aspect of university research - for faculty, staff and students. Ray Reutzel, Director of the Center for Early Childhood, was recognized as the winner of the 2007 D. Wynne Thorne research award.
3. Update on the search for a replacement for Linda Wolcott, Vice Provost for Libraries - The committee will be formed this week, with Dr. Byron Burnham, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate School, chairing the committee. On April 11, the Provost will be meeting with the entire faculty and staff of the library talking to them about the process that will be implemented.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee Report
2. AFT Committee Report
3. FBW Committee Report
4. PRPC Committee Report
5. EPC Business

Charlie Huenemann motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Mike Parent seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**Key Issues and Action Items**

**PRPC Business – Britt Fagerheim**

1. **Committee on Equity and Diversity (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**  
Michelle Lundberg suggested to change the title of the ASUSU representation from 'Vice President Academic Affairs' to 'Academic Senate President'. Robert Schmidt motioned to accept this document with the proposed change of the ASUSU representative as stated. Doug Jackson-Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

2. **EPC Membership** (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Michelle Lundberg suggested a change in the title of ASUSU representation from 'Executive Council' to 'Student Government'. Robert Schmidt added that it should probably include the work 'elected' as well.

Britt Fagerheim will take these changes back to the PRPC committee for rewrite and will present the second reading at the April 30 Faculty Senate meeting.

3. **Faculty Senate Past-President** (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

There was some question as to whether or not this position would be a voting member. Doran Baker motioned to make the past-president a voting member of both the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Brent Miller seconded the motion; motion carries with one opposing vote. PRPC was asked to bring this back on the April 30 agenda.

4. **Faculty Forum Membership** (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

After much discussion on who should be included in the Faculty Forum meetings; i.e., deans and administrators, Doug Jackson-Smith motioned to charge PRPC to change the wording in code 402.9.2 to include everybody in some sort of open meeting and to leave the definition of Faculty Forum as it is so that issues can be addressed if needed without the President of the University, the Provost, the presidential appointees, or the student members of the Senate. Maria de Jesus Cordero seconded, motion carries with one abstaining vote.

Steve Burr motioned to include deans and department heads with the President, Provost, etc, in code 402.9.1 'without participation by or from...'. Eric Rowley seconded the motion; motion carried with one opposing and one abstaining vote.

## Information Items

1. **NCAA Recertification**

Dr. Ken White, NCAA athletic representative for the university, addressed the Senate with a presentation on the NCAA Recertification process. The mandates that they have the opportunity to review institutional programs in specific areas and recertify that the institution adheres with those general policies. We have been asked to evaluate three areas: 1) Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance; 2) Academic Integrity; and 3) Equity and Student-Athlete Well-Being. The process began in Sept 2006 and will continue with the self-study submission on May 1, 2007, and will finalize with the final certification decision in February of 2008.

## Old Business

1. **Representation of Extension and RCDE on Faculty Senate**

Adrie Roberts distributed the Regional Campuses and Distance Education Annual Report for 2005-2006 and the proposed changes adding Regional Campuses and Distance Education and changing Extension to Cooperative Extension in the appropriate code paragraphs.

Ed Heath motioned to charge PRPC with changing code as indicated in the handout. Steve Burr seconded the motion; motion carried with two opposing and two abstaining votes.

## Adjournment

Gary Merkley motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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Minutes Submitted by: Andi McCabe, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1166