FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 19, 2011
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Champ Hall

Agenda

3:00 Call to Order.................................................................Glenn McEvoy
Approval of Minutes August 29, 2011

3:05 Announcements............................................................Glenn McEvoy
  • Next Brown Bag Lunch w/President October 11th noon Champ Hall
  • Faculty Forum Planning Meeting, after FSEC Meeting Oct. 17th

3:10 University Business..................................................Stan Albrecht, President

  Raymond Coward, Provost

3:30 Information Items
  1. Educational Policies Committee Annual Report..............................Larry Smith
  2. Honors Program Report.............................................................Christie Fox
  4. Parking Committee Report........................................................James Nye
  5. Ad Hoc Committee on Post-Tenure Review.................................Glenn McEvoy

4:00 New Business
  1. EPC Items.............................................................................Larry Smith
  2. PRPC Vacancies and New VP....................................................Terry Peak

4:15 Old Business
  1. Communication between Faculty Senate and the Faculty................Glenn McEvoy

4:30 Adjournment...............................................................Glenn McEvoy
Glenn McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Vince Wickwar made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011. Motion was seconded by Robert Schmidt and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements
Calendar, Faculty Senate Members Roster, and Brown Bag Lunch with the President & Provost.
The 2011 Faculty Senate calendar, members roster and brown bag lunch schedule were included in the packet provided to the executive committee members prior to the meeting.
Parliamentarian Needed.
There is a need for a parliamentarian for the senate. If anyone knows of someone who would like to serve in this capacity please let Glenn know.

Executive Committee Orientation – Glenn McEvoy. Glenn reminded the committee members of the purposes and procedures for the Executive Committee, as outlined in the Code.

University Business -President Albrecht and Provost Coward.
President Albrecht updated the committee on the financial condition of the university, saying that in many ways USU is in the strongest financial position it has been in for a long time. The structural deficit has been repaid and the money is back in department budgets, the scholarship deficit has been retired, and the athletics department is now operating in the black. As the economy improves, investments can now be made in the future of our programs, rather than fixing old problems.

There has been a one year moratorium placed on new course fees. More than 1000 courses, or roughly half of all courses offered at USU, have fees attached resulting in about $3.2 million collected each year. Students have voiced opposition to fees in the face of tuition increases. As no courses were up for automatic fee renewal this year, the administration felt it was a good time to evaluate which courses should continue to assess fees and which fees should be rolled into tuition costs. A committee will be formed to evaluate the fees and make recommendations to the president as to how to move forward in the future. There is also a political reason to evaluate course fees at this time, as a legislative fiscal audit is being conducted at U of U, and we can expect it to happen here in the near future as well.

Other highlights include 89 new faculty hired for this academic year, of which 72 are tenure or tenure track faculty. Enrollment numbers are strong and several significant gifts will be announced in the next few months. The College of Education reached 165% of its fund raising goal. USU-Eastern is going strong, the merger continues to go well and benefit both institutions. Plans for a new STEM Center are underway with the possibility of a search for a director to be in place as early as January 2012.

Next summer will mark the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln signing the Morrill Act which established land-grant universities. This celebration will be combined with the completion of the first comprehensive campaign. Ross Peterson and Noelle Cockette will co-chair a committee to develop the celebration plans.
Information Items

**Graduate Council Report - Mark McLellan.** The Graduate Council Report largely reflects the program under Byron Burnham’s final year as Dean of Graduate Studies. Mark highlighted key issues going forward. First is the new integrated office of VP of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. An integration model was presented to the Board of Trustees and approved. Jeff Broadbent and Shellie Lindauer will now have the joint titles of Associate Vice President and Associate Dean, and together with Mark will create the core leadership team. A focus on research will be emphasized. Student health insurance will be evaluated to make sure the graduate students are being served adequately. The tuition award credit policy will also be reevaluated and revised in the next year, likely moving more power for administration of the credit to the deans of each college.

A motion to place the report on the consent agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Renee Galliher. The motion passed unanimously.

**NWCCU Year One Report – Michael Torrens.** Accreditation is no longer on a 10 year cycle but has changed to a 7 year cycle and has become more of a continuous improvement process rather than a single report and follow up every 10 years. The University Assessment Coordinating Council was convened with representation from all the colleges to work on the core mission and themes to meet the new accreditation guidelines. Michael is searching for feedback from the faculty on the work that has been done to date, with the understanding that the Year 1 report is due to the accrediting body this month.

A motion to place this report on the agenda as an information item was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

**Code Items for PRPC:**

- **External review letters for tenure and promotion considerations [Sections 405.7.2(1), 405.8.3(1), and 405.11.4(1)].** The code as presently written asks for external reviewers to look at your research. There are now several faculty members for whom research is not a major part of their role statements. Tenure review letters for this year would have already been sent so there is really no change that can be implemented immediately. Therefore, Glenn proposed working informally with the Provost and deans to produce a draft to present to PRPC for resolution of this issue over the next few meetings.

- **Editing the Code for the new VP Research/Dean of Graduate School combined role and FS attendance requirements to cover sabbaticals.** A motion was made to send these two items to PRPC immediately for consideration at their first meeting was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Ralph Whitesides. The motion passed unanimously.

- **The term faculty issues brought up last year (lecturers, clinical faculty, research faculty, federal cooperator faculty, federal research faculty, and professional practice faculty).** The concerns arise because these faculty ranks are very different from one another, yet the current code treats them in very similar ways (from Vince Wickwar's USU-CEU report). This discussion was delayed until the final report is finished.

- **Section 406 and 407 revision.** The Kras Committee suggestions to Section 406 and 407 were not addressed in last year’s major Code revision because they raised questions not directly affecting the USU-CEU merger. A motion was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Vince Wickwar to form a code revision committee—similar to last year’s—to work between the faculty senate and provosts office to draft revised language for sections 406 and 407 of the faculty code. The motion passed unanimously.

**Size of Faculty Senate committees.** Glenn raised for discussion the difficulties faced by committees trying to schedule meeting times where a majority of members can attend. The size of committees is growing to accommodate representation from all academic units. PRPC, for example, has only been able to confirm about 70% attendance. Larger committees not only face scheduling issues but also effectiveness issues as it is more difficult to work through agendas with a larger number of people involved. Perhaps each committee may not need to include representation from every college and unit or perhaps subcommittees could be formed to dig into small parts of the agendas and bring back recommendations for the larger committee. This issue was left open for further discussion. Glenn will be meeting with each of the six Faculty Senate standing committees and will ask about this difficulty.
Communicating Faculty Senate issues to the faculty at large. Glenn raised the question to the committee and asked for thoughts and suggestions on raising awareness and interest. Several ideas and problems were discussed, but it is each senator's duty to communicate with his or her colleagues. Some ideas discussed were how senators might obtain and use a college or department level mailing list to disseminate information. This process seems to vary from college to college. Making the faculty aware of the agenda posted on the Faculty Senate website or distributing a summary of the minutes of the meeting was also discussed. Provost Coward indicated that the cost benefit of these approaches needs to be evaluated. The possibility of sending out an abbreviated agenda with links to the website to all faculty, or some sort of newsletter or including items in the Statesman publication was also discussed.

Adjournment
Glenn McEvoy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776
2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Submitted by
Laurens H. Smith Jr., Chair
September 6, 2011
Membership:

The membership of the 2010-2011 Educational Policies Committee

Laurens H. Smith Jr., Chair, Vice Provost
Edward Reeve, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair, College of Engineering
David Hole, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair, College of Agriculture
Norman Jones, General Education Subcommittee Chair, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Stacey Hills, Huntsman School of Business
Scott Bates, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Richard Mueller, College of Science
Keith Grant-Davie, Graduate Council
Rhonda Menlove, Regional Campuses and Distance Education
Bill Jensen, Sr., Registrar’s Office
Cathy Gerber, Registrar’s Office
Cory Evans, Caine College of the Arts
Layne Coppock, College of Natural Resources
Charlie Huenemann, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Wendy Holliday, Merrill-Cazier Library
Tanner Wright, Academic Senate President
Trevor Nelson, Graduate Student Vice President

Meetings:

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. During the 2010-2011 academic year, the regular meeting time of the EPC was the first Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the Champ Hall Conference Room in Old Main.

The EPC is supported by the following three subcommittees.

  - Curriculum Subcommittee  Edward Reeve, Chair,
  - General Education Subcommittee  Norman Jones, Chair
  - Academic Standards Subcommittee  David Hole, Chair
**Actions:**

The EPC took the following actions in 2010-2011:

**A. Originating from the Curriculum Subcommittee:**

Table 1. EPC actions during the 2010-2011 academic year.

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<td>Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication</td>
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B. Originating from the General Education Subcommittee:

Table 2. Courses approved by the EPC for General Education use.

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<td>Educational and Multicultural Foundations</td>
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<td>THEA 3240</td>
<td>Theatre History 2</td>
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Other policy actions:

EPC Report, December 2, 2010

- The General Education Subcommittee approved the motion to drop the Computer Information Literacy Exam as a General Education graduation requirement.
C. Originating from the Academic Standards Subcommittee:

Actions taken by the Academic Standards Subcommittee include the following:

From the April 8, 2010 Meeting

Incomplete Grade Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“Students are required to complete all courses for which they are registered by the end of the semester. In some cases, a student may be unable to complete all of the coursework because of extenuating circumstances. The term “extenuating” circumstances includes: (1) incapacitating illness which prevents a student from attending classes for a minimum period of two weeks, (2) a death in the immediate family, (3) financial responsibilities requiring a student to alter course schedule to secure employment, (4) change in work schedule as required by employer, (5) judicial obligations, or (6) other emergencies deemed appropriate by the instructor. The student may petition the instructor for time beyond the end of the semester to finish the work. If the instructor agrees, two grades will be given, an “I” and a letter grade for the course computed as if the missing work were zero. An Incomplete Grade Documentation Form must be filed by the instructor in the department or college office. Students may not be given an incomplete grade due to poor performance or in order to retain financial aid. An incomplete grade may be granted only if the student has completed the majority of the course and is passing the class at the time.

The student is required to complete the work by the time agreed upon (which may not be longer than 12 months). If no change of grade is submitted by the instructor within the prescribed period, the “I” will be removed and the letter grade originally submitted with the “I” will remain as the permanent grade for the course. Arrangements to complete the missing coursework are to be made directly with the instructor awarding the “I” grade, and in accordance with departmental and other USU policies. In the absence of the original instructor, special circumstances must be handled by the department head. Documentation of the reasons for granting an “I” grade and required work to be completed in order to remove the “I” grade must be recorded on the Incomplete Grade Documentation Form, which must be filed with the departmental office. Resolution of the “I” grade does not involve a complete repeat of the course, only the completion of missing coursework. A student does not reregister for the course. All “I” grades must be changed to letter grades prior to graduation, regardless of whether or not the course is required for the degree. Dissertation, thesis, directed study, and independent study courses taken for graduate work are exempted from this policy.”
From the October 21, 2010 Meeting

Senior Citizen Audit Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“House Bill 60 (1977) permits Utah residents 62 years of age or older to audit regular university classes offered during the day or offered through Regional Campuses and Distance Education. However, space in many university classes is limited. Classes which are full at the time of an audit request are unavailable. Credit seeking, full tuition paying students shall have first priority in the registration process. A flat fee of $10 per semester, plus any course fees or special fees that may be attached to classes is charged for House Bill 60 (1977) registration. HB 60 audit registration is not available until the first day of classes and only if space is available.”

Dropping Courses Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“If a student does not attend a class during the first week of the term or by the second class meeting, whichever comes first, the instructor may submit a request to have the student dropped from the course. (This does not remove responsibility from the student to drop courses which he or she does not plan to attend.) This option is typically used for classes that are full and the instructor is trying to make a seat available for another student, but may also be considered in other cases. Requests must be made during the first 20 percent of the class and will be considered on an individual student basis. Students who are dropped from courses will be notified by the Registrar’s Office through their preferred e-mail account.

Students may drop courses without notation on the permanent record through the first 20 percent of the class. If a student drops a course following the first 20 percent of the class, a W will be permanently affixed to the student’s record. After 60 percent of the class is completed, the student’s academic advisor must sign any drop request, and a W with a grade assigned by the instructor will be entered on the student’s permanent record. Under normal circumstances, a student may not drop a course after 60 percent of the class is completed. (Check the Registration Calendar for exact dates.)

Students with extenuating circumstances should refer to the policy regarding Complete Withdrawal from the University and the Incomplete (I) Grade policy.

In extenuating circumstances in which a complete withdrawal or an incomplete grade is not deemed the best action to take, a student may petition for a Late Drop up through the last day of classes. The term “extenuating” circumstances includes: (1) incapacitating illness which prevents a student from attending classes for a minimum period of two weeks, (2) a death in the immediate family, (3) financial responsibilities requiring a student to alter course schedule to secure employment, (4) change in work schedule as required by employer, (5) judicial obligations, or (6) other emergencies deemed appropriate by the
instructor. Students requesting a late drop must submit a Petition for Late Drop to the Registrar’s Office. The student must attach a typed appeal stating an explanation and justification for the desired drop(s). Supporting documentation confirming the extenuating circumstances must accompany the petition. The cost of the petition is $20, which is a nonrefundable processing fee and does not guarantee approval.

In the event that a student registers for a course which is later cancelled, it is the responsibility of the department to officially cancel the class with the Scheduling Office, and the student’s responsibility to drop the course for a full refund. It is the department’s responsibility to notify students of cancelled or rescheduled classes.

A student may not drop all of his or her classes without an official withdrawal (Complete Withdrawal) from the University.”

From the November 18 Meeting

Repeating Courses Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“Students may repeat any course at USU for which they have previously registered. They may also retake a course originally taken at an institution where USU has an articulation agreement, if the agreement identifies a specific USU course as being equivalent to the one the student desires to replace. All other decisions dealing with retaking courses, including courses taken under the quarter system, will be determined by the department in which the course is offered.

The number of times a student can take the same class is limited to a total of three times (once, plus two repeats). Beyond three attempts, the student’s dean must approve additional registration for the class.

The total number of repeats allowed is limited to ten. Students who exceed this limit will have an academic hold placed on their registration. Beyond ten repeats, the student’s academic dean must approve additional registration.

The policy does not apply to courses repeatable for credit. When a course listed in the General Catalog is identified as repeatable for credit, the course may be taken more than once for credit.

When a course not designated as repeatable for credit is repeated, the highest grade and GPA hours are used to recalculate the student’s grade point average. The lower grade and GPA hours for the same course will remain on the student’s academic record, but will not be calculated in the grade point average or total GPA hours completed, and will be designated on the student’s transcript with an E (exclude). With the approval of the college dean, a course designated as repeatable for credit may be repeated to receive a higher grade, with only the highest grade and GPA hours being used in recalculating the student’s grade point average.”
Letter of Completion Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“Students who have completed the General Education portion of the University Studies Requirements at Utah State University, and who transfer to another institution, may receive a Letter of Completion from USU. If a student does not intend to return to USU for a bachelor’s degree, the requirement of two USU breadth courses may be waived, since the USU course requirement is unique to USU. **In order to qualify for a Letter of Completion, students must: 1) complete all of the General Education requirements, 2) earn at least 9 of the General Education credits or a minimum of 20 total credits from Utah State University, and 3) earn a USU GPA of 2.0 or higher and a cumulative GPA or 2.0 or higher.**

It is the student’s responsibility to initiate a request for this letter. The student’s advisor will determine whether or not the student has indeed satisfied all of the requirements. If so, the advisor may go to [http://www.usu.edu/advising/forms/](http://www.usu.edu/advising/forms/) and select the Letter of Completion Form. The advisor should complete the form, indicating how the student has met the requirements. The advisor should also indicate where the letter should be sent. Letters are typically sent to the Admissions Office at the transfer institution. After the advisor has completed the form, he or she should send the form to the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office will then generate an official letter and send the letter to the transfer institution.

On occasion, there may be circumstances in which a student has completed most of the General Education requirements at Utah State University, transferred to another institution where he or she has completed the last of the courses needed to complete the USU General Education requirements, and then requested a Letter of Completion from USU. Since the coursework was not completed at USU, USU **may not** submit a Letter of Completion, unless the coursework is posted to a USU transcript. To have this coursework posted to a USU transcript, a student should submit his or her transcript and a $15 posting fee to the Registrar’s Office, 1600 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-1600. The Registrar’s Office will then post and evaluate the credit. If all requirements have been satisfied, the Letter of Completion will be generated.”

From the December 16 Meeting

Second Bachelor’s Degree Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“Applicants for a second bachelor’s degree must file an application with the Admissions Office and obtain the recommendation of their academic dean prior to being admitted. A second bachelor’s degree is available only to those on whom a first bachelor’s degree has been conferred by a regionally-accredited institution. Students must complete a minimum of 30 USU credits beyond those applied toward the first bachelor’s degree, 18 of which must be earned in department-approved upper-division courses related to the major. USU
credits may be earned in courses completed at USU’s Logan campus or at designated centers, or through classes offered by Regional Campuses and Distance Education through USU.

Students may apply for a second bachelor’s degree only if the major is different from the major in the first bachelor’s degree.

Candidates for a second bachelor’s degree must have met who did not satisfy the Communications Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, and American Institutions requirement in the first bachelor’s degree, must satisfy any deficiencies in these requirements before receiving the second bachelor’s degree.

Note: The first bachelor’s degree must have been awarded by a regionally-accredited college or university. Students who earn a degree from an international college or university may be considered for a second bachelor’s degree if the first degree was earned from an institution listed in a database approved by the Office of International Students and Scholars.”

From the February 17, 2011 Meeting

No-Test Days Policy
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“A five-day period, designated as No-test Days, precedes the five days of final examinations which are normally scheduled at the close of each academic semester. During No-test Days, no major examinations, including final examinations, will be given in order that students may concentrate on class work, the completion of special assignments, writing projects, and other preparation for duly scheduled final examinations. Approved exceptions include: final papers; weekly chapter quizzes; quizzes, projects, or examinations associated with a lab that does not meet during final examinations; and final examinations for broadcast courses.”

Academic Standing Policy
(Only segments with recommended changes are included below)

“Notifications, Transcript Notations, and Registration Holds
An undergraduate student placed on academic warning or academic probation shall be notified in writing of that action by his or her college dean, advisor, or other college or departmental representative. An undergraduate student placed on academic suspension shall be notified in writing of that action by the Office of Retention and Student Success (or by the Academic Advising and Orientation Office at USU-CEU). Since these notifications will typically be sent by e-mail, it is the student’s responsibility to check his or her preferred email account as designated in Access (see Email Communication Policy). A notation Academic Warning, Academic Probation, or Academic Suspension is placed on the student’s
transcript. Students on academic warning or academic probation will have a hold placed on their registration and must meet with their academic advisor.

**Academic Standing for Student Athletics Eligibility**
Student athletes are considered, for purposes of athletics eligibility and NCAA or NJCAA intercollegiate competition, to be in good standing if they meet the applicable NCAA or NJCAA grade point average rule and are able to register for classes and attend during the next subsequent regular academic semester.

**Suspension Appeal Process**
Any suspended student wishing to appeal his or her academic suspension must meet with the matriculation advisor, located in the Office of Retention and Student Success (or the Academic Advising and Orientation Office at USU-CEU), and express a desire to make an appeal. *Students should understand that, while they are entitled to appeal their suspension, very few appeals will be approved.*

The student must write an appeal letter and complete an appeal form. The appeal letter must include: (1) a clear explanation as to why the student believes the suspension penalties should be lifted, (2) an account of reasons why the student feels he or she didn’t perform well, and (3) a description of the student’s plan for improvement.

The chair of the Suspension Appeals Committee will submit the appeal letter (attached to the student’s transcript) to the committee. The chair will contact the student’s academic advisor to solicit additional information that might be relevant to the committee’s decision. Additionally, the matriculation advisor will find out if the student’s department supports a suspension reversal or not.

**Readmission Following Academic Suspension**
Students who have been suspended once may apply for readmission after a one-semester layout at USU-CEU, or a two-semester layout at USU. Students who have been suspended two times may apply for readmission following a layout of one full calendar year.”

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**From the March 17, 2011 Meeting**

**Academic Renewal Policy**
Approved Language (additions in bold):

“Undergraduate students who have been admitted to Utah State University after an interruption in their collegiate education of at least one year may petition to have certain credits that are older than five years removed from the calculation of the GPA and credits earned. The renewal procedure allows the student’s academic records to be reviewed for the purpose of eliminating from grade point average computation all grades of D+ or below that were entered on the academic transcript five or more calendar years prior to the request, including transfer credit on the USU transcript. However, upon request, selected grades of D+ or below may remain on the student’s record. Petition forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online. A $25 processing fee will be assessed.”
**Guidelines:**

1. Academic renewal *does not* apply to graduate students nor to students pursuing a second undergraduate degree.

2. Academic renewal may be applied *only once* and is *irreversible*.

3. An absence of *one or more years* must have elapsed between admission and the last enrollment at an institution of higher education. (Note: Students must be currently enrolled at USU to apply for academic renewal.) *Only credits that are older than five years may be considered for academic renewal.*

4. After admission, but before application for renewal, the student must have completed a *minimum of 12* semester credits with at least a 2.50 GPA *at Utah State University.*

5. Academic renewal applies *only* to courses having grades of *D+ or below* and taken prior to readmission. All such courses will remain unaltered on the transcript with the appropriate notation added to the transcript to indicate academic renewal. Courses designated in the petition will not count for computation of GPA, for earned credits, nor for satisfying any graduation requirements. Courses with a grade of *C- (or P)* or better will be carried forward.

6. Students may apply for this renewal after they have met the guidelines listed above. They are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor prior to submitting their request.

7. Academic renewal will be effective as of the date of admission following the minimum five year absence.”

**Associate of Applied Science Degree Policy**

Approved Language (additions in bold):

“A minimum of *63* credits is required for an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Requirements include coursework in the following areas: primary area of study, related area, general education, and electives. Candidates for an AAS degree must complete at least 20 credits in *residency* at USU’s Logan Campus, USU-CEU, or through courses offered by USU Regional Campuses and Distance Education.”
The Honors Program at Utah State was founded in 1964, and has evolved into a growing, thriving Program that helps high ability students achieve success.

The Honors Program provides students with an enhanced track for their lower and upper-division course requirements. Students and faculty work together in intensive seminars, experimental classes, interdisciplinary courses, writing projects, and special activities. Members of the program earn Honors credit on their transcripts and pursue one of three different Honors degrees.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Christie Fox, Director; Amber Summers-Graham, Coordinator of Programs; Beth Heaton, Staff Assistant; Peer Advisors: Nikelle Holbrook; Leah Whitchurch Kennedy.

HONORS FELLOWS 2010-2011:

Aurora Wallis Durfee
Sara Hegsted
Hesper Kohler
Brandon Martin
Morgan Summers

Hannah Thompson
Leah Whitchurch Kennedy
Kayla Woodring
Carson Young

STUDENT STATISTICS:

Honors graduated 31 students this academic year. Their senior theses are available on the Merrill-Cazier Library’s Digital Commons, http://digitalcommons.usu.edu/student_works.html. We have now graduated more than 691 students.

Overall, Honors students comprised 2.9% of the undergraduate population at the USU Logan campus. This is in line with national best practices.

The Honors incoming class was composed of 153 students, which represented 4.9% of the overall incoming class.

Class statistics:
Average admissions index: 130
High school GPA: 3.93
ACT: 30.4
At the end of 2010-2011, their average USU GPA was 3.78.

Honors also admitted 32 current/transfer students.

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1 While Honors first-year enrollment will not change, overall changes in campus enrollment will
2 For the admissions index rubric, see http://www.usu.edu/admissions/docs/ResidentIndex.pdf.
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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Selected Student Highlights:**

7 Honors students were presenters at Research on Capitol Hill

7 Honors students participated in the 2011 Utah Conference of Undergraduate Research.

4 Honors students participated in the 2011 National Conference of Undergraduate Research in Ithaca, New York.

43 Honors students received the prestigious A-Pin.

28 Honors participated in Utah State University’s Student Showcase.

253 Honors students received 4.0 G.P.As.

361 Honors students earned places on the Utah State University’s Dean’s list

7 Honors students received Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunity (URCO) grants.
**Undergraduate researchers of the year who were Honors students:**

- Agriculture: Cameron Bodine
- CHaSS: Rachel Jaggi
- Education and Human Services: Katherine Pike
- Science: Robert Call

**Robins Award** for Scholar of the Year: Kristina Morrey

Alex Hatch earned first-place honors in the Annual Bioethics Essay Contest sponsored by the Institute of Biological Engineering.

Amber Bowden was selected as the Department of English 2011 Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year.

Amy Hansen received a scholarship with two other students to attend and present their research poster entitled “An Empirical Study of Bugs in Undergraduate Programming Assignments” at the Grace Hooper Conference for Women in Computing in Atlanta, GA, 28 September – 2 October 2010.

Brooke Evans was one of the recipients of the 17th Annual USU Diversity Awards and was also inducted into Gamma Theta Upsilon, a prestigious international geographic honor society.

Catherine Hatch was recognized as the Caine College of the Arts Valedictorian as well as the Outstanding Senior and Scholar of the Year for the Art Department.

Cody Tramp, Alex Hatch, and Cole Peterson (as part of the USU iGEM team) received a gold medal at the international Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition on the MIT campus.

Hannah Blackburn was appointed as the ASUSU public relations director.

Ian Matheson and Jenica Sparrow along with 5 other of USU’s Get Away Special Team, one of 14 university teams selected for participation in NASA’s 2011 Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program, travel to Houston’s Johnson Space Center June 2-11 for more than a week of astronaut training that will culminate in weightless flight aboard a specially modified Boeing 727.

Jamie Wilson was a member of the USU Rocket team that won the Best Vehicle Design award at the NASA Student Rocket Launch competition April 17.

Jason Carlisle and Jessop Boden were part of an award-winning group of NR students participating in a student conference of The Wildlife Society. The team brought home two first place awards for team competitions and Jessop and Jason earned the top two awards for student research presentations.
Jason Carlisle was named College of Natural Resources Outstanding Senior, and Department of Wildland Resources Outstanding Senior. Jason also received the Jardin Juniper award.

Joseph Woodard was selected as the Engineering & Technology Education department’s Outstanding Junior.

Landon Hemsley received two first-place “Mark of Excellence” awards and one second-place award at the annual Society of Professional Journalists regional conference for his part-time reporting with UPR.

Rachel Jaggi was selected as 2011 Outstanding Student for both German and Sociology, 2011 Scholar of the Year, and 2011 College of Humanities and Social Science Valedictorian. She also received an award for Best Undergraduate Paper at the Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication Student Research Symposium, and with Brent Meacham, received the 2011 Legacy of Utah State Award.

Ruth Hilton, USU Track athlete and Honors students, earned academic all-WAC honors for the fifth time.

Sara Hegsted (Honors Program teaching fellow) and Rebecca Richards (CHaSS teaching fellow) received 2011 Undergraduate Teaching Fellow Awards.

Tessa Ryser received 3rd place in undergraduate fiction in the 2011 USU Creative Writing Contest for her work, “As Happy as a Clam.” Tessa was also awarded 1st place in the undergraduate art competition for her artwork “All Her Colors,” and received an honorable mention for “Ugh,” and “Dead Girl.”

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:**

**External:**
Linsey Johnson, Brian Tracy and Brooke Siler were selected as Goldwater Scholars with Karen Nielsen receiving an Honorable mention. This is the first time USU has had three scholars and an HM in one year. Universities may only nominate four students, and all of our students were recognized.

Danielle Babbel, one of last years Honors graduates, was selected as one of the Rhodes Scholarship Finalists.

Sarah Isert was awarded a 2011 National Science Foundation Research Fellowship.

Spencer Bailey was awarded the $10,000 Golden Key FORD Business Scholarship.

Lynsey Talbot received an American Chemical Society-Hach Land Grant Scholarship.
Internal:
Erin Fleming was selected as the Utah State University College of Natural Resources Peak Prize undergraduate Researcher of the Year. She also presented at USU's 2011 Spring Runoff Conference in March.

Gavin Johnson, Linsey Johnson, and Brian Tracy are recipients of the college’s 2011 Willard E. Eccles Undergraduate Research Fellowships

Genevieve Draper received the second place prize of the Arrington Writing Award competition.

Hesper Kohler, Michaela Stuver, Molly Olson, Natalie Gibson, Katherine Fisher, Brooke Evans, and Jessop Boden were awarded scholarships and fellowships from the College of Natural Resources.

Linsey Johnson received a 2010 Howard L. Blood endowed scholarship in physics.

Maria Goller, Malea Moody, Sarah Mousley, Brooke Siler, Lynsey Talbot and Kristina Sorensen received 2011-2012 College of Science Undergraduate Research Minigrants.

Natalie Hatch helped create and secure funding for a biographical information panel on May Swenson, including the text for Swenson’s poem “Above Bear Lake.” The panel was installed at the Bear Lake Overlook on May 28, 2011.

Camden Hunt and Gavin Johnson received Utah State University College of Science Scholarships for 2011-2012.

Faculty and Staff Highlights:

Scott Bates, Associate Professor of Psychology, has been named associate vice president for undergraduate research at Utah State University. He was also named the 2010-11 Faculty Undergraduate Advisor of the Year in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services.

Lisa Berreau, Associate Dean and Professor of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, presented an invited lecture at the 240th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mark Brunson, Professor and Head of the Department of Environment and Society was named the 2010 Range Manager of the Year by the Utah section of the Society for Range Management.

Nedra Christensen, Professor in the Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences Department, was selected as a faculty fellow for the Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Jim Evans, Faculty member of the Geology Department, was elected to be a fellow of the Geological Science of America. His article titled "Geophysical properties within the San Andreas
Fault Zone at the San Andreas Fault Observatory at Depth and their relationships to rock properties and fault zone structure" was also published in the Journal of Geophysical Research.

**Tim Gilbertson**, Professor of Biology and director of USU’s Center for Advanced Nutrition, contributed to a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA.

**Christy M. Glass**, Associate Professor and Departmental Honors Advisor for Sociology, along with Eric N. Reither, co-authored an opinion piece with Steven A. Haas (Arizona State University) that appeared June 2 in *The New York Times*. She also received the 2011 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year award for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Bonnie Glass-Coffin**, Professor of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology, received the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Global Citizenship Award from The Center for Public Anthropology at Hawaii Pacific University.

**Joanie Hevel**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was named the 2011 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year for the College of Science.

**H. Scott Hinton**, Dean of the College of Engineering, was a recipient of one of the 17th Annual USU Diversity Awards.

**Norman Jones**, History Department Head, co-edited and published a comprehensive book on the Elizabethan era titled ‘The Elizabethan World.’

**Joyce Kinkead**, Associate Vice President of Research and Departmental Honors Advisor for English, released a book titled *Advancing Undergraduate Research: Marketing, Communications, and Fundraising*. She was selected as the Honors 36th annual Last Lecturer and also presented with Anna McEntire at a national webinar that highlighted USU’s undergraduate research program.

**David Koons**, Researcher and Faculty for the College of Natural Resources, was a contributing author to a new study published in the November 2010 issue of the ecology journal *Oikos*. He also received the 2011 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year for the College of Natural Resources.

**David Lancy**, Professor and Departmental Honors Advisor for Anthropology, was the 2011 recipient of the D. Wynne Thorne Career Research Award, USU’s most prestigious faculty research accolade.

**Susan Nyikos**, Lecturer for the Department of English, was named as the 2010 English instructor of the year as well as the 2010 College of Humanities and Social Sciences lecturer of the year.
Kevin Olson, Assistant Professor for the Department of Music, was named director of Utah State University’s Youth Conservatory, a nationally recognized piano study program.

Alexa Sand, Associate Professor of Art and Departmental Honors Advisor for Art, received tenure and promotion to associate professor and was also awarded the 2011 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year for the Caine College for the Arts.

Susan Shapiro, Associate Professor of History and Departmental Honors Advisor for History, was awarded a study abroad SEED Grant.

Bart Tarbet, Research Assistant Professor for the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Science, along with Kamal Rashid received a grant potentially valued at 2.6 millions dollars from BARDA to train manufacturers from developing countries on vaccine production over the next five years.

Christopher Terry, Associate Dean for the Caine College of the Arts, and Jane Catlin, Associate Professor of Art, were two of nine from USU’s department of art invited to participate in Homage, an exhibit organized by Utah’s Department of Community and Culture, Division of Arts and Museums.

Wynn Walker, Senior Associate Dean and Departmental Honors Advisor for the College of Engineering, is the recipient of Utah State University’s inaugural International Professor of the Year Award.

Kenneth L. White, professor and head of the Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences Department, was selected as the Utah State University Outstanding Graduate Mentor for 2011.

**HONORS BUDGET:**

- Beginning budget: $226,210
- Revenue:
  - $32,000 general education funding
  - 8,000 UTF funding
- Total $266,210

- Expenses:
  - Wages: $92,969
  - Honors courses: $103,468
  - Student employment $14,677 (includes UTFs)
  - Honors research fund $20,491
  - Honors mentors/HSC $4,963
  - Professional dev. $10,870 (includes taking students to conferences)
  - Socials $5,196
  - Misc. expenses $13,576
## COURSE EVALUATIONS:

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**OVERALL QUALITY OF COURSE**  
**INSTRUCTOR EFFECTIVENESS IN TEACHING**  
**NUMBER OF RESPONSES**
REPORT OF THE HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: (prepared by Becca Condie, HSC officer)

The 2010-2011 school year was one of great success for the Honors Student Council (HSC). The council was able to hold an event each month for students to network with one another and get involved. In September, the HSC held an Opening Social, which attracted nearly one hundred and forty students with games and Aggie Ice Cream. Other popular events included the Honors Humiliation Hour and RockBand Idol in February. Each event drew sizable crowds of Honors students and friends who had the opportunity to have fun and get to know each other.

The Honors Student Council also organized two very successful service projects during the year. In November, the HSC directed the second annual canned food drive, which collected hundreds of cans and boxed food for the Cache County Food Bank. The students enjoyed getting involved and competed with the other classes to donate the most food. The HSC also created an Honors Team for the Utah State University Relay for Life in April. The team collected over nine hundred dollars in donations through various means and had twelve members at the Relay.
overnight. The most successful fundraiser was collecting in classes among peers. Money was also raised through a Little Caesars event as well as an Honors Humiliation Hour event. The latter was put on by the HSC and Honors professors who offered to do embarrassing or uncomfortable actions for certain levels of fundraising.

OVERVIEW

Honors started the year learning that we were to be relocated to Valley View Towers, on the south perimeter of campus. After working with an architect for several months, the move was deemed financially unfeasible and the Honors Program office remains in Old Main.

Two major initiatives were new this year: the Honors mentor program and Honors language/study abroad.

The Honors mentor program was conceived of and created by Honors students. Leah Kennedy (’10, music) spearheaded the effort and implemented the plan she created. Kennedy recruited 17 mentors and each received a stipend of $100 per semester. The goal of the mentor program is to match incoming students with continuing Honors students in their majors who can provide additional assistance and advice about how to be successful in Honors in that specific major.

The Honors language program provides Honors-only sections of beginning language courses and culminates in a summer study abroad program. The goal of the program is to increase the numbers of students completing at least four semesters of a second language and therefore graduating with a bachelor of arts degree (where appropriate). In the first year of the program, Honors offered SPAN 1010 and SPAN 1020, and seven Honors students studied abroad in Valparaiso, Chile, during the summer.

The College of Natural Resources faculty met throughout the spring semester to work on a reorganization and revitalization of the college’s Honors Program. The committee will continue to meet throughout the 2011-2012 school year.
**DATA:**

I. Curricular Activities, 2010-2011

II. Extracurricular Activities, 2010-2011

III. Appendices

**I. CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, 2010-2011**

**A. Students in the Honors Program**

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B. Honors Graduates

Number of students who received Honors degrees in 2010-2011: 31

The names of 2010-2011 Honors degree recipients and the titles of their senior Honors theses/projects appear in Appendix A.

C. Honors Courses


Note on compensation: The Honors Program compensates courses listed with the HONR prefix, plus 2-4 sections of ENGL 2010H, and two-three Math courses per year: Math 1220H and Math 2210H. Business, Biology and HPER compensate the Honors sections of their courses.

A list of 2010-2011 Honors courses and enrollment statistics appear in the Appendix B of this report.

D. Honors Degrees Offered

Students work towards one of three Honors degrees. These degrees now appear both on the students’ transcripts and their diplomas.

University Honors: 27 total Honors credits, comprising lower-division Honors credits from the program's approved course list plus completion of an individually designed upper-division plan (including a senior thesis/project).

Honors in University Studies with Department Honors: 27 total Honors credits, comprising lower-division Honors credits from the program's approved course list plus completion of an approved upper-division Department Honors Plan (including a senior thesis/project).

Department Honors: 15 total Honors credits in an approved upper-division Department Honors Plan (including a senior thesis/project).

E. Faculty Participating in Honors

USU faculty participate in the Honors Program in a number of ways:

• teaching compensated lower-division Honors classes;
• working with upper-division Honors students in upper-division classes on a contract basis;
• serving on the Honors Advisory Board (Appendix);
• serving as Department Honors Advisors – guiding upper-division students through their Department Honors Plans (see list - Appendix);
• advising students in their Senior Honors Projects/Theses;
serving on Rhodes, Goldwater, and Truman campus committees and advising students in
the completion of their applications.

Appendix C lists faculty teaching Honors courses; serving as thesis/project advisors; working
with Honors students on a contract basis; serving on the Honors Advisory Board; and as
Department Honors Advisors.

II. EXTRACURICULAR ACTIVITIES, 2010-2011
A. Fellowships, Scholarships, and Research Programs National and International
   Scholarship Programs:

The Honors Program serves as an information and processing center for national scholarship
programs, including Rhodes Scholarships, British Marshall Scholarships, Harry S. Truman,
Morris K. Udall, and Barry Goldwater Scholarships. As of Fall 2005, the Fulbright Graduate
Fellowships are administered through the office of the Vice Provost for International Programs.

We invite faculty to nominate exceptional students for these awards or to encourage qualified
students to apply. Our office provides materials outlining each award. In addition, our files
contain the application forms students will need for the various programs. The Truman and
Goldwater programs provide awards for undergraduates nominated in their sophomore or junior
years. Other programs are designed for students proceeding into graduate school.

In 2010-2011, four Honors students were Goldwater Honorees. This was a USU best! Linsey
Johnson (Physics), Brooke Siler (Biochemistry), and Brian Tracy (Physics) were named 2011
Goldwater Scholars and Karen Nielson (Mechanical Engineering) received an honorable
mention.

Danielle Babbel (Anthropology/Geology) was a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship and
participated in an interview in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kayla Woodring (Political Science) also represented USU in the Rhodes Scholarship
competition and Hesper Kohler (Environmental Studies) represented USU in the Morris K. Udall
Scholarship competition.

Honors Program Scholarships

Through generous donations, Honors has established several endowed scholarships. The Helen
B. Cannon and Lawrence O. Cannon Awards carry a monetary stipend of $500 at the time of the
award and $500 upon the student’s graduation.

Karmella Dolecheck 2011 Lawrence O. Cannon Scholar
Tessa Ryser 2011 Helen B. Cannon Scholar

The Douglas D. Alder Scholarship carries a monetary stipend of $1000 at the time of the award.

Brooke Siler 2011 Douglas D. Alder Scholar
Drs Joseph G. and Karen W. Morse established the Morse Scholarship to assist future generations of students in the Honors Program at Utah State University. Joe and Karen came to USU in 1968. While at USU, Joe was Director of the University Honors Program and Associate Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Karen Morse formerly served as USU’s Provost and now serves as President of Western Washington University.

The 2011 recipient of the Morse Scholarship was Brandon Martin, who spent the summer of 2011 volunteering in a hospital in Nicaragua.

The Koch Study Abroad Scholarship (formerly known as the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship), supported by Art and Mary Heers, provides funds for students to pursue opportunities abroad.

The 2011 recipient, Christina Boone, is studying at Far East University in Korea.

B. Last Lecture

The 36th annual “Last Lecture” was given April 6th in the TSC West Ballroom by Dr. Joyce Kinkead, Associate Vice President for Research and Professor of English. Dr. Kinkead was chosen by a committee of USU Honors students to give her theoretical “last lecture” to students and her faculty peers. Her lecture, “Standing on Boo Radley’s Porch: The Importance of Story” can be viewed by visiting honors.usu.edu.
V. APPENDICES

Appendix A.

2010-2011 Recipients of Honors Degrees and Titles of Honors Senior Projects

College of Agriculture
Cameron Bodine  Open Space Changes: A Formal Analysis in Cache Valley, Utah

College of Business
Darcy Stewart  Evaluating Student Perceptions of Value and Preferences for Online Programs in Skill-Based Learning: An Applied Exercise

Caine College of the Arts
Leah Kennedy  The Life and Works of Edvard Grieg

College of Education and Human Services
Tasha Falslev  The Effect of Father Involvement on Marital Satisfaction
Shantelle Ford  Visual Literacy: How Do They Do It?
Kristina Morrey  Variability of Cranial Nerve Assignment to Speech and Swallow Muscles
Dustin Nash  A Comparison of Muscle Activity Responses of Adults and Children during Whole Body Vibration
Brandon Norlund  Ultrasound as an Aversive Stimulus for Use with Rats: A Novel Model for Aversive Control
Katherine Pike  Morphological Awareness Dynamic Assessment Task in Third Grade Children: A Feasibility Study
Joseph Sherwood  Acceptance Versus Distraction for Unwanted Sexual Thoughts
Brett Steadman  A Short Stress Coping Intervention in Female Collegiate Student-Athletes
College of Engineering
Rachel Adams       Vertical Take-Off with Artificial Airflow

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Jonathan Chambers  Legal Positivism
Derek Funk         The Role of Law: How Law Shapes and Alters the Foundations of
                   Societies
Ryan Gabriel       White Blues: Can Eric Clapton Embody Du Bois’ Double Consciousness?
Marleah Jacobson   Rising Metaphors: Bread and Christianity in Contemporary Short Fiction
Rachel Jaggi        Queering Gender: How Transgender College Students Navigate Gender
Kristin Lillywhite  Developing Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALP) in
                   Diverse Classrooms
Andrew Spratt       Innocence Lost: The Tension of Contrary State in Blake and Milton
Kayla Woodring      Machismo and the Glass Ceiling: A Comparative Cultural Study on the
                   Role of Gender in the Presidential Elections of Hillary Clinton and
                   Michelle Bachelet
Brook McNaughton    The Noble Savage and Ecological Indian: Cultural Dissonance and
                   Representations of Native Americans in Literature
Kara Parker         Just “Helling Around”: Prohibition in Cache Valley, Utah
Rebecca Richards    Sing the Dionysus: Euripides’ Bacchae as Dramatic Hymn

College of Natural Resources
Jason Carlisle      Application of Habitat and Occupancy Modeling to a Wood Duck Nest
                   Box Program
College of Science

Cameron Bartlett  The High Cost of Cheap Coal: Why Can’t We Move to Renewable Energy
Robert Call  Carbon Nanotube Growth via Spray Pyrolysis
Amy Hansen  An Empirical Study of Student Programming Bugs
Lance Petersen  Lidar User’s Manual
Morgan Summers  Critical Issues in Middle and Secondary Mathematics Placement: A Case Study
Holly Anderson  Properties of Microbes in Natural Fire Burn Soils

Appendix B. 2010-2011 Honors Courses

Fall 2010
HONR 1300 US Institutions  Michael Lyons
HONR 1320 Humanities  Susan Shapiro
HONR 1330 Creative Arts  Nancy Hills
HONR 1330 Creative Arts  Joanna Zattiero
HONR 1340 Social Systems and Issues  Michael Thomas
HONR 1350 Integrated Life Science  John Barrett
HONR 1360 BPS: Planet Earth  James Evans
HONR 3020 Current Events / Humanities  Christie Fox
HONR 3900 Preparing for Scholarships  Joanna Zattiero
ECON 1500H Economic Institutions  Tyler Bowles
ENGL 2010H Intermediate Writing  Dustin Crawford
ENGL 2010H Intermediate Writing  Lezlie Park
SPAN 1010H Spanish First Year  Kirsten Olsen
MATH 1220H Calculus II  Bryan Bornholdt
BIOL 1610H Laboratory  Gregory Podgorski
PE 1520H Hiking Beginning  Peter Griffin
PE 1520H Hiking Intermediate  Cole Peterson
USU 1010 H (Connections)  John Engler
Joyce Kinkead
Karin Dejonge-Kannan
Paul Schreuders
Stacey Hills & Shannon Peterson
Spring 2011
HONR 1330 Creative Arts Nancy Hills
HONR 1360 BPS Climate Change Lawrence Hipps
HONR 2100 Honors Inquiry John Barrett

David Christensen
Jeffrey Doyle
James Evans
Keith Gibson
Kaelin Olsen
Christopher Terry
Richard Mueller
Felix Tweraser
Wendy Holliday and Flora Shrode
John Engler
Susan Nyikos
Kirsten Olsen
Bryan Bornholdt
Kim Sullivan
James Pitts

HONR 3010 Special Topic - Depth Science
HONR 3030 Special Topic - Social Sciences
HONR 3900 Thesis Preparation
ENGL 2010H Intermediate Writing
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SPAN 1020H Spanish First Year
MATH 2210H Multivariable Calculus
BIOL 4750H ST: Biology Seminar
BIOL 1620H Laboratory

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Appendix C.

2010-2011 Departmental Honors Advisors

College of Agriculture
Animal, Dairy Science Lyle McNeal
Agricultural Education Bruce Miller
Biotechnology Daren Cornforth
Bioveterinary Science Lee Rickords
Dietetics Megan Bunch
Nutrition Science Daren Cornforth
Food Science & Food Tech. Management Daren Cornforth
Interdisciplinary Studies Lisa Allen
LAEP Bo Yang
Plants, Soils, and Climate Jeanette Norton
Nutrition and Food Sciences Megan Bunch

College of Business
College-wide Plan Jeffrey Doyle

Caine College of the Arts
Art Alexa Sand
Interior Design Mary Leavitt
Music Nicholas Morrison
Theatre Arts Kevin Doyle

Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Communicative Disorders  Sonia Manuel-Dupont
Early Childhood Education and ELED  Deborah Byrnes
Family, Consumer, & Human Development  Kaelin Olsen
Health Education Specialist and  Eadric Bressel
Human Movement Science  Scott Bates
Interdisciplinary Studies  Terri Gass
Parks and Recreation  Eadric Bressel
Psychology  Scott Bates
Special Education & Rehabilitation  Barbara Fiechtl

**College of Engineering**
College-wide Plan & Aviation Technology  Wynn Walker

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**
American Studies  Paul Crumbley
Anthropology  David Lancy
Creative Writing  Christie Fox
English  Joyce Kinkead
History  Susan Shapiro
Interdisciplinary Studies  Mary Leavitt
International Studies  Veronica Ward
Journalism & Communication  Ted Pease
Languages  Sarah Gordon
Law & Constitutional Studies  Veronica Ward
Liberal Arts and Sciences  Susie Parkinson
Philosophy  Charles Huenemann
Political Science  Veronica Ward
Religious Studies  Charles Prebish
Sociology  Christy Glass
Social Work  Terry Peak
Women and Gender Studies  Brenda Cooper
**College of Natural Resources**

Watershed Sciences  
Wayne Wurtsbaugh & Helga Van Miegroet

Wildland Resources  
Gene Schupp & Helga Van Miegroet

Environment and Society  
Mark Brunson

**College of Science**

Biochemistry  
Alvan Hengge

Biology  
Kim Sullivan

Chemistry  
Alvan Hengge

Computer Science  
Myra Cook

Geology  
Joel Pederson

Interdisciplinary Studies  
Richard Mueller

Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Mary Leavitt

Mathematics and Statistics  
David Brown

Physics  
David Peak

Public Health  
Kim Sullivan

**Appendix D.**

**Faculty teaching Honors classes or serving as contract or thesis advisors:**

A total of 188 faculty participated with Honors this year.

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**Honors Advisory Board 2010-2011**

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The Merrill-Cazier Library Advisory Council advises the Dean of Libraries in (1) meeting the learning, instruction, and research needs of students, faculty and staff; (2) formulating library policies in relation to circulation, services, and the collection development of resources for instruction and research; and (3) interpreting the needs and policies of the Library to the University. The Council membership will consist of nine faculty members, one from each College and RCDE with one undergraduate and graduate student appointed by the Provost. Faculty members will serve three-year terms and are renewable once. The Dean of Libraries serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The chair will be elected from the Council membership on an annual basis.

**Members:**

Laurie McNeill, Engineering (13)  
Lance Seefeldt, Science (13)  
Sandi Gillam, Education (12)  
Christopher Scheer, Arts (13)  
Cami Jones, ASUSU GSS  
Joe Watson, ASUSU  

Chris Skousen, Business (14)  
Daren Cornforth, Agriculture (13)  
Jeffery Smitten, HASS (12)  
Joseph Tainter - Natural Resources (13)  
RCDE - Vacant  
Richard Clement, ExOfficio

**Overview:**

The Council met three times during the academic year (December 2010, February, April 2011). Much of the discussion focused on the impact of budget reductions. The Council was also given updates on: (1) Library collections, (2) HathiTrust, (3) CEU merger, (4) sustaining open access models, and (5) the Institutional Repository.

**2010/11 Action Items:**

1. Identify new representatives for the LAC from the College of Engineering, Caine College of the Arts, Natural Resources, and RCDE.  
2. Continue discussions on copyright/scholarly communication issues.  
4. Review the Library’s transition to more electronic content and patron usage.

**2011/12 Agenda Items:**

1. Identify new representative for the LAC from RCDE.  
2. Review the Library’s transition to a new Discovery system.  
3. Work with the Library on the migration to the Sierra Integrated Library System.
Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee
Faculty Senate Committee Summary Report

Section 1. Introduction:
The role of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee is to formulate recommendations regarding parking policies. All recommendations are subject to adoption by the Administration. The committee membership represents faculty, staff and students. Membership consisted of the following individuals for the 2010-2011 academic year:

**CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTED**  
**MEMBER**

**Faculty/Staff Members**
Chair  Whitney Pugh  
Faculty Senate  Ralph Whitesides  
Faculty-at-Large  Rosemary Fullerton  
Professional Employees Association  Chuck Kimber  
Classified Employees Association  Deb Megill

**Student Members**
Executive Vice President  Kristen Frank  
Student Advocate  Jason Russell  
Natural Resources Senator  Blake Thomas  
Agricultural Science Senator  Jarvis Pace  
RHSA (Housing)  Daniel Ainsworth

**Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members**
Assistant  Tiffany Allison  
USU Police  Steve Mecham  
Facilities  Stanley Kane  
Disability Resource Center  Diane Baum  
Parking and Transportation Services  Alden Erickson  
Parking and Transportation Services  Teresa Johnson  
Parking and Transportation Services  Joe Izatt  
Parking and Transportation Services  James Nye  
Motor Pool  Kevin Phillips

Section 2. Outline of Facts and Discussions:
The Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee did not meet during the 2010-2011 academic year. Lisa Leishman, Director of Parking left the office on September 19, 2010. After a national search, James Nye was appointed on October 15, 2010.

Section 3. Important Parking Related Issues:

- James Nye, Director of Parking and Transportation, presented a department report.
The department has received a few complaints from faculty, staff or students concerning the change in Orange parking area due to construction of the RCDE building. 65 permit holders were removed from the Orange parking areas due to a loss of stalls to the building site. These permit holder were reassigned to the Green parking areas.

The department is investigating ways to find more faculty and staff parking to offset the losses of several parking lot for the past three years.

**Upcoming Plans for Committee**
The Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee is scheduled to discuss the following issues during the 2011-2012 academic year. Other pertinent issues may come forth as necessary.

- Operating hours in the Big Blue Terrace
The Educational Policies Committee met on September 1, 2011. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the Educational Policies Committee web page\(^1\) and are available for review by the members of the Faculty Senate and other interested parties.

During the September 1\(^{st}\) meeting of the Educational Policies Committee, the following discussions were held and key actions were taken.

1. Approval of the report from the Curriculum Subcommittee meeting of September 1, 2011 which included the following notable actions:
   - The Curriculum Subcommittee approved 62 requests for course actions.

2. There was no report from the Academics Standards Subcommittee.

3. There was no report from the General Education Subcommittee.

4. Other EPC Business:
   - The request from the Caine College of the Arts to change the name of the Department of Art to the Department of Art and Design was approved.
   - The request to move the Department of Computer Science to the College of Engineering was approved.
   - The request from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to establish the Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence was approved.
   - The request from the College of Agriculture to create the School of Veterinary Medicine was approved.
   - The EPC website is being revamped to provide more useful information about program proposal procedures.

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\(^1\) [http://www.usu.edu/fsenate/epc/archives/index.html](http://www.usu.edu/fsenate/epc/archives/index.html)