FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2013 3:00 P.M.  
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Renee Galliher (Chair), Alan Blackstock, Richard Clement, Jennifer Duncan, Curtis Dyreson, Nancy Hills, Doug Jackson-Smith, Yanghee Kim, Vincent Wickwar (excused), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Glenn McEvoy (Past President), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant)  

Guests: Ed Reeve, Terry Peak

Renee Galliher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Glenn McEvoy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Yanghee Kim and passed unanimously.

Announcements

Brown Bag Lunch with the President & Provost. March 28, 12:00 noon in Champ Hall.

University Business – President Albrecht and Provost Coward.

President Albrecht gave a brief update of the completed legislative session. There were some victories for USU including; significant money for graduate programs, and some funding for building projects in Price and Brigham City. The Legacy Bill tuition waiver passed which will extend the legacy benefits to grandchildren of USU graduates. A bill also passed to remove the cap currently in place on the number of out-of-state tuition waivers that can be granted. Bill 358 formally changed the name of Utah State University – College of Eastern Utah to Utah State University Eastern. The President and Provost will be visiting each college over the next 6 weeks to discuss budget issues.

Information Items

Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee Annual Report – Terry Peak.

A motion to place report on the Consent Agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Curtis Dyreson. The motion passed unanimously.

Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee Report – Sydney Peterson. Sydney Peterson was unable to attend, so President Albrecht presented the report in her stead. The information contained in the report is confidential until a formal announcement is made.

A motion to place the report on the Consent Agenda was made by Jennifer Duncan and seconded by Yanghee Kim. The motion passed unanimously.

Disposition of Task Forces Review of AFT and BFW Feedback – Renee Galliher/Vince Wickwar. The Executive committee decided not to act on the 406 Task Force presently, but it will be brought back again in the last meeting of this academic year or the first meeting of the next academic year.

The recommendation of FSEC is to take the three big issues of the Post Tenure Review Task Force to the full senate for discussion and to get a better sense of consensus at the April 1st meeting, and then provide PRPC with specific recommendations for moving forward. The FSEC members are encouraged to talk with all the senators from their colleges and encourage them to become familiar with the issues involved to allow for a more productive discussion.

A motion to place this item on the Faculty Senate Agenda as New Business was made Curtis Dyreson and seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith.
New Business

**EPC Items - Larry Smith.** Larry Smith was unable to attend so the report was presented by Ed Reeve. He highlighted two issues. First, that the graduate programs are still aligning their programs based on their internal reviews and these items are being processed by EPC, and secondly, that a name change for the College of Agriculture was approved. It will now be known as the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the Consent Agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Curtis Dyreson. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRPC 402 - Elimination of the Graduate Student Senate (second reading) – Terry Peak.** Terry Peak presented the second reading of the changes to section 402 dealing with the elimination of the Graduate Student Senate. There was no discussion.

Glenn McEvoy moved to place this item on the agenda as an Action Item (Second Reading). Yanghee Kim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

**Restructuring of Faculty Senate and its Committees – Renee Galliher/Glenn McEvoy.** The committee engaged in a discussion about how to reduce the size of committees and if all committees should be effected. It was suggest that the AFT Committee might create a larger pool of people, independent of the committee selection process, that would serve for several years and could be called on to hear grievances, a pool similar to jury duty. Committee members were asked to think of specific suggestions on how to go about reducing the size of committees and how to build a grievance panel pool.

It was concluded that EPC and AFT should probably remain unchanged in committee size but the other four committees could be reduced from 15 members to 8. It was decided that Glenn McEvoy will return this item to the Executive Committee in April for further discussion.

A motion was made by Doug Jackson-Smith to place this on the next FSEC agenda as Old Business. Glenn McEvoy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Renee Galliher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776