Oregon TECH FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

May 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m.; McLoughlin Room

Attendance/Quorum

President Robyn Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All senators or alternates were present except for Andria Fultz and Bill Goloski. A quorum was determined.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 7, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Report of Officers

Report of the President – Robyn Cole

- Meeting to be capped at 9:00 p.m.
- Any additional items not covered will be covered at a special meeting 05/12/15 at 6 p.m.
- Senex, Matt Beekman was thanked for calling role and for meeting with the Wilsonville senators.
- Amendments to the Faculty Senate Charter have passed and are approved. They will be passed to President Maples for his signature.
- The Senate ballots have been distributed to mailboxes. The results will be calculated next week and the results disseminated.
- A welcome to Tiernan Fogerty to the Senate. LeAnn Maupin appointed him to the Academic Council.
- Regarding the collective bargaining, it is planned to meet with involved individuals, so it is being discussed.
- Emeritus status for Charlie Jones will be voted on later, under New Business.

Report of the Vice President - Terri Torres

No report.
Report of the Provost – Brad Burda
No report.
Report of the President's Council Delegate – Robyn Cole
There has not been a meeting, so there is no report. However, there will be a meeting on May 20.
Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Rank Promotion & Tenure - Ken Usher

OIT20-40; Changes start on pg. 5, 2 changes on pg 5. Propose to strike Post-tenure Review by Dept. Chair. Pt C, Exceptions should be going through College Dean rather than Provost. Item D, simple change of adding words to effect that whenever possible committee member should be from campus of person being reviewed. All other changes relate to College Deans and College Promotion Committee. Recommendation is to no longer have Promotion Committee "go away" and replace it with a training program, so that someone is appointed as moderator and the Dean contribute their input.

- Motion was made to adopt the changes. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried though there were 0 Nays and 5 Abstentions.
- Motion was revised for 2A and 3A so that the composition of the committee is to include a majority of members from the same location as the candidate. More discussion followed. Moderator to be appointed by the College Dean. Motion passed.

Faculty Welfare - Don McDonnell

No report.

Academic Standards – Karen Kunz

No report.

Faculty Compensation – Rick Hoylman

No report.

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees

- Bylaws election rules were discussed at length.
- Terri Torres made a motion to drop the word "general" from the bylaws regarding elections. Motion was seconded by Karen Kunz. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Faculty groups were next discussed. The Wilsonville Senate members group creates issues of representation as student/faculty numbers determine the number of Senators. This may create imbalance of votes and if there are less than 6 faculty, there is no representation. That is why there are guaranteed spots for geographical locales, to attempt to ensure representation for all locations.
- Next up for discussion was the Bylaws requirement of the Academic Council, one would be from HAS and one from ETM.
- A friendly recommended amendment was made to change wording to "the other" was made, no discussion, friendly motion passed. Another change was made to handle the way the ballots will be counted. They are to be counted by no one up for election. Next, Article 6, Section 1, changes are made to the Order of Business so that reports are moved to the latter part of the meeting and the Open Floor period is moved to the middle, immediately after New Business. Lastly, regarding Article 10, a review should be made no later than each 10 years. It was suggested that the Senate try the changes and make revisions a year or so from now, if needed.
- Motion to approve 1) the language to change the Presidential election, 2) faculty groups and to how Senators are elected and 3) election of Senators not candidates, 4) the order of business, 5) review no later than 2015 and 6) a few minor verbiage changes. Motion was approved. The language of the nomination and election procedures was discussed. It was stressed that the language currently requests, not mandates that both nominations and voting should be done with consideration to the diverse interest of faculty and their geographic differences. This is covered on Page 6, Article 4, and Section 1B. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Motion was made to change language from "shall" to "will". Motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion is related to Page 4, Bylaws Section 3, Selection and Election of Officers. The motion read "the selection and election of Senate officers in Section B to also include Section C, Page 6, and Article 4. The Executive members are to consider the diverse interest of faculty including geographical location and strive to reflect that diversity in the voting. Motion was approved with no opposition and one abstention.

Next discussion was for the committee's recommendation to eliminate the 2 voting class administrative members and replace them with 2 ex-officio members, with no voting rights, appointed by the Administrative Council.

- It was moved and seconded to adopt this change. There was discussion. The recommendation was based on the belief that having classified administrators vote on faculty matters was not appropriate.
- Motion was made by Ken Usher to amend the wording and to strike ex-officio and strike the last 2 sentences in Part D. Discussion followed. Motion failed with 7 Yeas, 10 Nays and 2 Abstentions.
- A motion was then made to change the amendments, Part D and to remove the ex-officio members. No further discussion. Motion passed with 9 Yeas, 4 Nays and 5 Abstentions.

A final recommendation was made by the committee to continue work on this topic next year, as there may be changes that would be desired.

Unfinished Business None. New Business None Report of the AOF Representative – Christian Vukasovich No Report. Report of the IFS Representative – Feng Shi Postponed until May 12 meeting. Report of the FOAC Representative – Terri Torres Postponed until May 12 meeting. Report of the Administrative Council Delegate – Tony Richey Postponed until May 12 meeting. Report of the ASOIT Representative – Kristen Marsters

Postponed until May 12 meeting.

Open Floor Period

- Faculty Welfare- No Report.
- Academic Standards- No Report.
- Discussion ensued regarding FCC numbers and releasing this information.
- Final item- emeritus decision recommendation for Charlie Jones. Committee unanimously recommended emeritus status based on his many years in engineering and management teaching. Passed.
- Next meeting will be a special meeting May 12, 2015.
- Good news- PERS decision means PERS retirement will be more beneficial for faculty. The tuition benefit was also supported and was pushed through by the legislature.

Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Beekman, Secretary

/jp