

Minutes

June 2, 2015, 7:35 p.m., Mt. McLoughlin room, College Union

Attendance/Quorum

President Robyn Cole called the Organizational meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All senators or alternates were present except for Feng Shi and Tiernan Fogarty. A quorum was determined.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes of previous meetings were read.

New Business

From the May Faculty Senate elections, the new Senators were seated. The new Senators are as follows:

- ETM: Mathew Sleep; Kevin Pintong
- HAS: Joe Reid; Terri Torres; Chris Castor, Robyn Cole
- Wilsonville: Maureen Sevigny
- At-Large: David Thaemert

A welcome was given to all by current President Robyn Cole, who then gave a brief statement on what the Faculty Senate is and does, which is the institutional philosophy of shared governance with the school.

Elections: The Senate Executive (SenEx) election slate was presented with opportunity for write-in candidates. No additional nominations were presented. The two candidates for President each made statements.

- Slobodan Petrovic:
 - He thanked everyone for his nomination.
 - He stated that these are critical times for OIT, with radical changes needed with decreased funding. He sees an urgency for the Faculty Senate to help solve some of these issues, as the administration, the President, Provost cannot solve all the problems for the faculty. He also sees post-secondary education is changing at a fast pace and that OIT must change also.
 - Priorities he sees include:
 - Unity amongst faculty (e.g., no K Falls campus versus Wilsonville).
 - Senate must be active, as the administration cannot do everything.
 - The Senate must have a mission and vision for the long-term, at least a five-year plan, to revitalize the university.
 - The need to lead by progress, to find new ways to be attractive to new students means to have faculty willing to change and not stick to “the same old thing”. Research must be encouraged, which will bring in additional funding.
 - To accept increased responsibility and executive powers, thus increasing power.
 - To have transparency on all level, including budgets, rank, promotions, tenure.
 - To have the Senate discuss relevant and important issues, to prioritize the issues taken up.
 - To have different operations of Senate Executive committees, to meet in the summer to develop strategies, so there will be no need for weekly meetings. Meetings will then be held to execute the strategies developed during the strategizing sessions. And to have one meeting with the Senate and the Provost to exchange information and to update.

- In all, radical changes are a must. He thanked all for the opportunity to state his views.
- Robyn Cole:
 - She thanked Slobodan Petrovic for sharing his comments and agreed that there are big issues at stake.
 - She stressed the need to work collaboratively with administration and faculty.
 - The need for transparency on issues.
 - She stressed the facts that OIT has good faculty, good jobs and is doing positive things.

The SenEx vote was called. Assisting with the vote tally were Matt Beekman, Ken Usher and Claude Kansaku. Ballots were cast and counted, including Wilsonville votes, which were cast by phone. SenEx election results:

- President: Robyn Cole
- Vice President: Terri Torres
- Secretary: David Thaemert
- Executive Senators: Mason Marker and Maureen Sevigny

Open Floor Period

Nothing was presented.

Adjournment

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Robyn reminded everyone that there will be no Faculty Senate meetings until the Fall 2015 academic term.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Beekman, Secretary
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