

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 7, 2014

President Robyn Cole called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. All senators or alternates were present. A quorum was determined.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 3rd regular and organizational meetings were approved as presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Report of the President – Robyn Cole

- Met with President Maples, Provost Burda, and Dean Foley regarding committee assignments.
- Will meet with Di Saunders next week.
- SenEx met with the Provost today to discuss committee charges. The FCC discipline floors have been posted to the Provost's web page.
- SenEx met with Senate standing committees chairs to discuss charges.
- Will meet with President Maples and Mary Ann Zemke next week to discuss campus updates.
- SenEx will submit a list of items to help set the agenda at the next Faculty/Administrator meeting. Ideas should be submitted to SenEx members.
- SenEx is very concerned regarding the communication situation. Robyn will meet with President Maples this week to discuss the issues.
- At least two SenEx members will attend Faculty Senate meetings on the Wilsonville campus this year.
- The Ad Hoc committee has been charged to review, report, and make recommendations concerning amendments to the Senate Charter, Bylaws, and Constitution.
- SenEx is compiling information regarding ADA accommodations. There is concern amongst faculty on both campuses regarding the nature, level, and frequency of disability accommodations being granted to students. Comments or concerns regarding this matter may be forwarded to SenEx.

Report of the Vice President – Terri Torres

- No report.

Report of the Provost – Brad Burda

- SenEx asked Provost Burda to post the discipline floors on the Provost's web page. The posted floors are based on work done by FCC in spring 2013 so no salary increases since that time are reflected in the data.
- Breakdown of salary increases over the last year:
 - Senate requested a 9% salary increase, approved by Administration
 - Summer or fall of 2013 – 3% COLA, no market adjustment
 - Winter 2014 – 2.25% COLA, 1% market adjustment
 - Summer or fall of 2014 – 2.25% COLA, .5% market adjustmentSenate recommendations for the next biennium should be submitted by the beginning of spring term 2015.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL DELEGATE – Robyn Cole

- No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Rank Promotion and Tenure**
Reviewing and revising the e-portfolio guidelines. Discussion regarding creation of tabbed table of contents in promotion binders.
- **Welfare**
No report.
- **Academic Standards**
AS will be working several projects:
 - DE online policy
 - Credit for prior learning policy
 - Pass/no pass policy
 - Assessing needs for common course outcomes and graduate classes
- **Faculty Compensation**
Discussion regarding current charges.

It was requested that Senate members receive a copy of all standing committee charges for this year. If the Senate would like to create additional charges, send them to SenEx for consideration/administration. One suggestion was that FCC investigate compression within and between ranks.

It was recommended that the *Welfare Committee* be renamed *Faculty Welfare Committee* for clarity on the agenda.

REPORT OF SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE

- No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Faculty General Education Committee Rationale. Read the document, give Terri an opinion, and further discussion can be made at next month's meeting. Discussion regarding general education and Senate.

REPORT OF THE AOF REPRESENTATIVE – Christian Vukasovich

- Things to watch in the 2015 legislative session:
 - Adjunct rights bill – adjunct healthcare, other rights to be determined
 - Shared services bill – some services extend beyond the 6/30/15 deadline
 - Tuition benefit bill – staff tuition benefit guaranteed through 6/30/15
- Morrow case for PERS is ongoing. Oral arguments on October 14th. Decision likely next April.
- EOU, PSU, SOU seeing tenured faculty being fired due to program cuts.
- OSU change in tuition remission for grad students.
- PSU – AAUP and AFT organizing campaign for grad student employees; tuition remission disappearing for hourly pay for those grad students; credit for prior learning major issue; tuition increases proposed; summer term no longer self-supporting; AAUP contract does not cover summer session.

- SOU –Roy Saigo was appointed as two-year interim term president; retrenchment plan; hiring freeze.
- EOU – Jay Kenton was appointed interim president for one year; less than 1000 students on campus at present.

Oregon is 46th out of 50 states when it comes to higher education funding.

REPORT OF THE IFS REPRESENTATIVE – Feng Shi

- Introduction of OSU-Cascades campus in Bend.
- HECC and the future of higher education in Oregon.
- The future of higher education funding in Oregon.
- Information on teleconference with Senator Michael Dembrow, discussion of various matters
- Campus reports
- Statement on academic quality: IFS response to the Outcomes Based Funding Technical Work Group. Discussion.

REPORT OF THE FOAC REPRESENTATIVE – David Thaemert

- No report.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL DELEGATE – Tony Richey

- Working on revising the charter and bylaws for Administrative Council.
- Reaching out to administrative staff on campus.
- There is currently no handbook for administrative staff. The Council is working to create one for new employees.

REPORT OF THE ASOIT DELEGATE – Kristen Marsters

- There is a student government class that is one credit per term, and there are two students enrolled at this time. They are trying to get more students involved.
- Working on revising the structure of the Financial Allocations Committee. This year it consists of three ASOIT representatives and four students at-large. The application process is open to elect the four at-large students who will be in charge of the Special Considerations Committee and doing budget allocations at the end of the year for programs and clubs.
- Blood drive October 30th and 31st.

OPEN FLOOR PERIOD

- Discussion regarding general education, the GEAC document, and whether or not general education belongs in the Senate.
- Follow-up discussion on the technology resolution of last academic year, including:
 - Smartboard issues and possible training on smartboards
 - Communication when open tickets are worked on
 - Staffing issues and response time

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Beekman, Secretary

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