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November 13, 2023
3:30 – 5:00 pm
Old Main-Champ Hall

MINUTES

Present: Grant Cardon, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (President-Elect)
Maureen Hearn, Caine College of the Arts (President)
John Ferguson, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business (Past-President)
Matt Bunnell, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Carol Kochan, University Libraries
Danielle Ross, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Michele Hillard, Executive Secretary
Yoon Lee, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Don Busenbark, Statewide Campuses
Yu Huang, College of Engineering
Robert Wagner, Executive Vice President
Denise Stewardson, Extension
Sarah Null, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
Elizabeth Cantwell, President
Larry Smith, Provost

Absent:

Guests: Paul Barr, EPC Chair
Abe Rodriguez, USUSA President

Call to Order - Maureen Hearn

Approval of Minutes – [October 16, 2023](#)

*Motion to approve the October 16, 2023, minutes made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Carol Kochan.
Minutes approved as distributed.*

University Business - Elizabeth Cantwell, President | Larry Smith, Provost

President Cantwell – She has a new approach to [reporting to the Board of Trustees](#). She would like the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to review the report. This will be forwarded to all the FSEC members. This is the new format that will be reported to the USU Board of Trustees. She is currently at APLU and will, at some time, provide some feedback and issues that will be useful and important for everyone to hear about. The president will provide a report after the next USHE meeting.

Provost Smith – Attended a workshop sponsored by the northwest commission. Eleven days ago, Dean Kaluarachchi notified the provost that he would be stepping down as dean of the College of Engineering. There will be a national search to fill this position and we are still deciding on membership for the hiring committee. Planning on having the first meeting right after Thanksgiving. There will not be a search firm used unless we run into a situation with the quality or number of applicants. Starting tomorrow afternoon the president and provost will take a 48-hour road trip to the statewide campuses for listening sessions. Other campuses will be visited in January. The provost wanted to acknowledge the athletics department. At Saturday's football game,

during halftime several faculty and students were honored. The provost is currently working with athletics to see how we can bring academics and athletics together.

Faculty Senate Business - Maureen Hearn | John Ferguson | Grant Cardon

President Hearn wanted to thank everyone who has worked with the individuals in their colleges. There were approximately 55-60 faculty members in attendance at the president's first listening session. There were good discussions, and the next session is scheduled for December 7. Approximately 55 faculty members have signed up for that date. In the process of fleshing out the task force for faculty senate to begin working with the Staff Employee Association (SEA). The first meeting will be the week of November 27. Also, in the process of getting the membership together for the ad hoc committee looking at code 104. The IRB task force committee has almost finalized their survey and they would like to get it to the faculty. The divestment committee is still ongoing and will meet again this semester or early in the spring. We also need to look at the salary/equity committee. Have been notified by Matt Pinner that there is a growing concern that we don't have enough faculty members signing up for the equity hearing boards. If senators don't step up, then we won't have faculty oversight. Federally mandated training must be completed before faculty can serve on the board.

Information

Educational Policies Committee – [November 2, 2023](#) - Paul Barr

Motion to move the Educational Policies Committee report to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by John Ferguson. Seconded by Matt Bunnell. Moved to agenda.

General Education Subcommittee– approved two designations.

Academic Standards Subcommittee – The committee discussed questions regarding student alcohol consumption and sleeping arrangement during university sponsored events.

Curriculum Subcommittee – approved 124 course requests and 11 R401 proposals. Changed the CIP code for the PhD in Economics program to 45.0603. Was going to change the CIP code for the master's in accounting, however, if we do that, we lose the four-to-five-star rating. This would cause problems with the yearly performance funding. Receiving more and more requests regarding centers and institutes. Academic Standards will look at the definitions of Centers and Institutes and possible review cycles.

Reports

N/A

Old Business

Faculty Code 405 (3rd reading) - John Ferguson

Motion to move Faculty Code 405 to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Grant Cardon. Seconded by Carol Kochan. Moved to agenda.

Discussion regarding the timeframe for reviews. PRPC evaluated the comments, and they decided on a window of up to five years for review. It will be up to departments and how they choose to make it work. No other changes to the code currently.

New Business

[Faculty Code 406](#) – Tenure Eligible Appointments (1st reading) - John Ferguson

This was tabled until 405 gets approved. No changes.

Motion to take this off the table and send it to the Faculty Senate agenda made by Carol Kochan. Seconded by Yoon Lee. Moved to agenda.

USU Student Code Alcohol [Amendment](#)/Resolution - Abraham Rodriguez

Amend student code of conduct which addresses the restrictions for alcohol at off-campus university sponsored events. Seeks to provide clarity and look at the needs and requests of the students. The proposed changes allow for exceptions when alcohol consumption is otherwise permitted by the University. This offers more flexibility. The amendment provides clearer language regarding the use, possession, and distribution of alcoholic beverages. An FAQ might be a good way to provide information regarding this and other items. It is important to understand what "unlawful" means and the university needs to make that determination. All other

Utah institutions are more open on their alcohol policy than USU. Impressed how the student body president has moved through this process. His leadership and research are exemplary. As a university we need to look at the overall alcohol policy.

Motion to move the USU Student Code Alcohol Amendment to the Faculty Senate Agenda made by Grant Cardon. Seconded by Yoon Lee. Moved to agenda.

Adjourn: 4:23 pm