

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2010 3:00 p.m., Hoke 301

Presenter and/or Time	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action and Outcome
President DeAnna Timmermann, 3:00 pm	Call to Order and Welcome		
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmerman, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, David Drexler, Beth Upshaw, Karyn Gomez, Jessica Plattner, Darren Dutto, Michael Jaeger, Sharon Porter, Jodi Varon, Leandro Espinosa, Rosemary Powers, Sarah Witte, Camille Consolvo, Bob Davies, M. Ruth Davenport, Steve Tanner, Colleen Johnson.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Approval of minutes for December 1 postponed until next meeting so Kathleen can find her notes. (Currently posted as a draft.)	None.
Bob Davies	President's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOU has many recent accomplishments: record enrollments, high productivity of faculty and staff, full dorms, including parts of Hunt Hall, sports, etc. • Sees continued growth. Need to be prepared for growth in sophomore to senior class dues to high enrollments of first-year students. • Vote on ballot measures 66 and 67 coming up. February special session of legislature: we may need to consider various budget scenarios, but probably can make it through without cutting people. • Several initiatives in the works—will provide more info to Senate soon. • The “health” of EOU okay, but need to get some things done for accreditation. • Confident about future, accreditation, etc. • Questions/comments: 1) Are there changes in state revenue forecasts due to improving stock market, etc? Not yet—OR lags rest of country in recovery. Next couple of biennia will be difficult financially. 	
M. Jaeger	Provost's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention: up and much healthier (see documents on agenda), on campus as well as distance. Overall numbers up. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definite growth for future. • Questions/comments: 1) Will we be able to add faculty for distance ed ? Yes, as needed. 2) For adding course sections—when will we know enrollments and when can we add sections—currently haphazard. Michael: especially need to consider sophomore needs for next year to accommodate large first-year class—should be doing this now as we schedule for next year. 3) General questions about understanding projections—ask Farouk! 	
<p>D. Timmermann, Darren Dutto</p>	<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFS alternate? No one has approached anyone yet—will do this. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPCC (see agenda): Consent agenda for several Psychology changes. Senate APPROVED changes. • Questions about actions that might not need Senate approval—catalog descriptions, prerequisite changes, etc. Need to find out. • Sarah Witte: programs should make sure program outcomes match in catalog and program portfolio. 	<p>EPCC requests all APPROVED.</p>
<p>Sarah Witte, Jeff J., et al.</p>	<p>Information Items</p>	<p>1) Sarah and Jeff, regarding OUS assessment framework group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OUS trying to come up with common guidelines for assessment. Legislature likes the VSA idea of standardized exit exams, etc, but universities do not want to join and they violate accreditation principles, etc. • Learning Outcomes: these line up pretty well across institutions. • Other issues: group looking at various models of teaching, learning, assessment, etc. Universities do not need to be “in lockstep, necessarily,” but 	<p>Motion to have committee reconcile language for ULO’s, bring it to a vote at a joint Senate-UC session in February is APPROVED.</p> <p>DeAnna will recruit people to work on ULO language.</p>

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		<p>should be within framework. There's a shift in pedagogy, more learner-centered; there are also workload issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah needs feedback on portions of the plan to make her recommendations, has set up Survey Monkey survey. K. Dahl will inform CAS faculty. Need feedback by 1/29/2010. • Chancellor's charge is to complete assessment framework for system (stay ahead of legislature). • General expression of frustration with assessment issues, legislature, etc. <p>2) Sarah: University Learning Outcomes—both Senate and Council have endorsed concept, now four versions need to be reconciled. Someone needs to be the decider. Jeff: Senate should not decide them alone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of need to see UC proposals, possibly re-endorse? Rosemary: no need to keep stretching it out forever. Should endorse ULO's, have committee reconcile language, vote on it in joint session in February. MOTION to do so: APPROVED w/ 1 abstention. • Friendly amendment: have student rep on committee. DeAnna will find someone to work on language. 	
	<p>Senate Reports</p>	<p>1) Rosemary: state board met with business council and education councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do business leaders look for in graduates? They say they want liberally educated people but they sometimes pull students out of school early for tech work, etc. • Would like the AAOT to include "cultural literacy," 8 credits of writing. • State board itself: Passed sexual assault policy statewide, but no inter-institutional hearings board in place as some have suggested. • New bill HB 2500: all state agencies should have website showing all financial transactions. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed budget reduction scenarios, 5% and 10%--need for framework: fund balances, furloughs already planned, possible cap on enrollments to not strain resources, etc. • Will provide rural committee news later. • Question: do we need to do anything now about the AAOT additions? No, just be aware. <p>2) Jeff J.—UC: Council felt left out of the ULO process.</p> <p>3) Jeff J.—IFS: Chancellor reported 5 % budget cuts, if/when enacted, will come out of fund balances. For 10 % cut, large campuses will turn away students, small campuses can still admit more students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Frohnmayer: big universities should be allowed to leave OUS, become corporations. “Spirited discussion” followed. IFS PASSED resolution <p>4) Jodi—FPC: need input on interim evaluation policy; need to share with faculty, will discuss at next meeting. See handouts.</p> <p>5) DeAnna: revisiting GEC policy. See handout from Leandro.</p>	
	5 Minute Access	None.	
DeAnna	Good of the Order	Asks Michael when proposals are coming; Jaeger: Wants to bring forward “concepts” first. 39 states have something like this, will provide models.	
	Next Meeting	Part of agenda postponed until next meeting. Next Meeting is January 19, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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