



EASTERN OREGON
UNIVERSITY

EOU Faculty Senate

Minutes

March 1, 2011

Senators Present: Jeff Johnson, Jeff Dense, Kathleen Dahl, Charles Lyons, Frederick Pratter, April Curtis (for Jessica Plattner), Leandro Espinosa, Darren Dutto, Mary Fields, Ruthi Davenport, Karyn Gomez, Frank Bushakra, Doug Briney, David Drexler, Chris Heidbrink

Guests: Steve Adkison, Dennis Hopwood

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - January 18, 2011 -- Deferred
 - February 1, 2011 – Deferred
- **President’s Update and Discussion:** None this meeting
- **Provost’s Update and Discussion:** See discussion items below
- **Senate Action Items**
 - **New Business:**
 - 1) **Education Policy & Curriculum Committee (EPCC) Report** – Sally Mielke
 - EPCC Action Items:
 - New Program(s)
 - Media Arts Communication Concentration – Approved unanimously
 - Digital Design Concentration – Approved unanimously
 - Film Production Minor – Approved unanimously
 - GEC language
 - GEC – Civic Engagement Rubric language revision – Approved unanimously

Consent agenda

COM courses removed from consent agenda. The rest of the consent agenda was approved unanimously

- COM 211, New Course
- COM 214, New Course
- COM 214, GEC
- COM 215, New Course
- COM 215, GEC
- COM 235, New Course
- COM 285, New Course
- COM 345, New Course
- COM 350, New Course
- HIST 201, DPD
- HIST 202, DPD
- SSCI 115, NEW Course
- SSCI 115, DPD
- SSCI 115, GEC

Action Items

- COM 211, New Course
- COM 214, New Course
- COM 214, GEC
- (Correction COM 214 not DPD)
- COM 215, New Course
- COM 215, GEC
- COM 235, New Course
- COM 285, New Course
- COM 345, New Course
- COM 350, New Course

} All COM courses approved unanimously

• **Senate Information Items**

- **Jeff Johnson:** report on attendance at state board retreat as IFS president -- Budget situation as seen by the Board, and by the Chancellor's Office is dire.

• **Senate Discussion Items**

- **Steve Adkison:** review of committees, enhancing shared governance, etc.
The Provost issued a charge to the University Council and to the Faculty Senate that we take the lead in assuring that important committees and the Council and Senate themselves have officers in place by the end of Spring Quarter so that the business of shared governance can begin immediately the next Fall.
- **Dennis Hopwood:** new or revised policy proposals (see attachments)

Proposed Dual Career Couples Policy -- Not much discussion or debate. Such policies are common within the academy. General agreement that such a policy makes sense.

Modified Search Process – Not much discussion or debate.

Criminal Background Checks -- A good deal of discussion and debate. Senators Dense, Johnson and Senate President Dahl, in particular, strenuously object to the proposed policy. Agreement that the policy would be further reviewed and come back at the next Senate meeting.

Diversity Strategic Plan – Discussion deferred.

- **Meeting adjourned due to lateness of the hour**