

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2010 3:00 p.m., Hoke 301

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President DeAnna Timmermann, 3:00 pm	Call to Order and Welcome		
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmermann, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Karyn Gomez, Darren Dutto, Rosemary Powers, Kerri Wenger, Frederick Pratter, Ted Atkinson, Chris Heidbrink, David Drexler, Beth Upshaw, Kathryn Shorts, M. Ruth Davenport, Kerri Wenger.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Approval of minutes for April 20 and May 4, 2010. APPROVED. Clarification requested from R. Powers about continuing discussion about RAG funding—will be added to next meeting’s agenda.	Minutes for 4/20 and 5/4 APPROVED.
Bob Davies	President’s Update	None.	
D. Timmermann, Darren Dutto	Action Items	<p>Old Business:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <p>1) <u>EPCC action items</u> (see agenda):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New graduate courses in Education (related to ag endorsement) APPROVED. • New courses with Religious Studies prefix (REL), including 210, 310, and 410 numbers, APPROVED. • Slight change to Religious Studies minor APPROVED. • Changes in Exercise Science: concentration and course changes. Nursing program has been consulted, etc. APPROVED unanimously. <p>2) <u>EPCC information</u>: description change for READ 542.</p>	<p>New graduate courses in Education APPROVED.</p> <p>New courses with Religious Studies prefix (REL), including 210, 310, and 410 numbers, APPROVED.</p> <p>Slight change to Religious Studies minor APPROVED</p>

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		<p>Some questions for Darren about DPD review process. R. Powers: should have members of the DPD committee look over/review proposals in the short term.</p>	
<p>J. Johnson, R. Powers, et al</p>	<p>Senate Reports</p>	<p>1) <u>J. Johnson for IFS</u>: Produced “white paper” related to public corporations idea—IFS supports maintaining a university system. Powers and Miller on Board have met with IFS, are preparing a position to present to IFS.</p> <p>IFS now split: OUS is a state agency, but enrollment growth not budgeted for by state, so increased tuition dollars went into state coffers and the universities have to ask for the money. Chancellor has no easy access, very frustrated.</p> <p>University fund balances being eyed by legislature, may be “swept” in next biennium.</p> <p>IFS recognizes need to stay together as a system, must be involved in dealing with financial troubles.</p> <p>2) <u>R. Powers: governance and policy committee on Board</u> working on plans, looking at structural shifts. Chancellor: suggests system that is public but not a state agency governed by agency rules; people trying to envision this.</p> <p>OUS would promise state certain level of performance if free from agency requirements, e.g.:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fund balances can’t be swept b) No caps on tuition c) Different financial rules d) Salary and benefits changes e) Board sets guidelines for tuition f) State funding based on various criteria (to be determined) <p>There’s a meeting scheduled for 5/27 to discuss these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Johnson: everyone agrees that the “mess” at OU has hurt their chances to be a separate entity. • Question: how does Oregon differ from other states in terms of funding, etc? Can we get around state funding constraints since the funding keeps decreasing anyway? 	

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		<p>R. Powers: different states have quirky funding systems—possibly some models out there, but uncertain how successful/sustainable they are.</p> <p>J. Johnson: smaller schools are more dependent on state funding—a change to “independent” status would make them more vulnerable in hard times.</p> <p>Possible ideas or solutions? R. Powers: why would legislature give up control? We’ll probably move somewhat toward more—but not complete—autonomy.</p> <p>3) <u>R. Powers: Board commitments—</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student success regardless of geography, etc. Make transfers between schools easier. • Collaborations among institutions, look at jobs/workforce issues. Board recognizes that “there’s never been more collaboration/communication between/among groups, committees, task forces, etc. • Consensus on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting students • Need/preparing for a diverse faculty • Improve access in Bend area • Attracting technology, new research (Frederick—private funding very uncertain, rules change, etc) <p>Question: any discussion of investing in education eventually decreasing *need* to spend on social services, prison system, etc (due to education improving well being of more people). R. Powers: would need greater taxation to accomplish all this—could be done!!</p>	
<p>D. Timmermann, et al</p>	<p>Information Item(s)</p>	<p>1) <u>Discussion of new course evaluation form</u>: will be used by all students, who will get grades early if submitted early.</p> <p>F. Pratter: hates it. Why change? Messes up keeping longitudinal records of one’s own teaching.</p>	

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		<p>Senate members; should try it out, can change it, reject it later—needs to be tested first.</p> <p>Some don't like questions. General discussion about different issues: timeline, wording, grammatical balance between questions and how they are answered (“structural clarity”); no need to complete this now since it will not be used this term anyway.</p> <p>Motion to send back to FPC to rework questions linguistically, make grammatical. Revisit scale—perhaps different scale for different sections?</p> <p>Motion PASSES, 12 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention.</p> <p>2) <u>New Senate and Senate Committee members</u> announced (see agenda).</p>	<p>Motion to send evaluation back to FPC to rework questions PASSES, 12 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention.</p>
D. Timmermann	Discussion Items	<p>1) Call for nominations for Senate officers, to be voted on next meeting. Self-nominations encouraged. DeAnna will send out email to include all new Seantors, who will be encouraged to attend next meeting.</p>	
R. Powers	5 Minute Access	<p>What is to be done about RAG funding regarding pedagogical support? Can't leave it hanging. J. Johnson: should refer this to ourselves—ask RAG to report back in fall. K.Dahl: first need to see how bargaining goes, whether additional funds are available.</p> <p>Senate should tell RAG what the priorities are for funding. R. Powers and F. Pratter will be subcommittee, will “hash out” some beginning ideas, bring back to Senate in the fall.</p>	
	Good of the Order	None	
	Next Meeting	Next Meeting is June 1, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dahl