

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009 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		None.
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmerman, M. Ruth Davenport, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Frederick Pratter, David Drexler, Rosemary Powers, Ted Atkinson, Beth Upshaw, Karyn Gomez, Emma Winkelman, Jessica Plattner, David Komito, Kim Sorensen, Chip Ettinger, and Liz Burton.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Minutes approved for November 3, 2009.	
D. Timmermann, et al	Information Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeAnna: Sexual Harassment Policy—not yet available for review, may be presented at December 1st meeting. If not, next quarter. • DeAnna: Provost's accreditation update (from last meeting) available under Reports and Documents on Senate website. • DeAnna for Jodi: FPC has received draft of online evaluation policy from Sarah Witte, will review soon. 	
Various presenters	Senate Reports	<p>1) Rosemary: State Board—Committee examining rural success meeting and considering many topics, including SB 442 issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked to examine semester system; removal/cancellation of small classes; examining needs for staff, etc. • Community college presidents and reps from rural counties met in Pendleton, discussed statutory changes, budget requests, etc. <p>Related concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and outreach, looking at best practices • Removing barriers for students to transfer throughout system, transferability of student courses • Possible collaborations—joint degrees, a general degree accepted everywhere, etc—need to focus on “student success,” not on “whose students” they are • OUS Symposium theme this year: What works and what doesn't? • State Board Retreat: What does it mean to be a system, etc? Should we 	Motion to ask Rag committee to report to Senate each fall and discuss allocations and other issues APPROVED unanimously. (See Report #4.)

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		<p>be looking at business models? Should the system be broken up?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three suggested readings: Crossing the Finish Line, Hollowing Out the Middle, and Perfect Storm. <p>Questions/comments for Rosemary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for small classes—what are they and who decides? Answer: not specifically addressed. • When is report commissioned by SB 442 due? October 1, 2110. • Rosemary: “something is different this time,” not business as usual, sounds like major overhaul is coming. • Comment: There would be problems changing to semesters—costs but also articulation with community colleges. Rosemary: won’t happen without CCs. <p>2) Jeff Johnson--University Council Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost gave report on accreditation. • Budget and Planning discussion, everyone wants more open, consultative process. • Sexual Harassment Policy: Council basically on same page as the Senate, optimistic about getting policy soon. <p>3) Jeff--IFS: need three new people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFS is shared governance and communication body, has 4 meetings per year, also has rep on Provosts’ Council. Reps and alternate serve 3-year terms. • Jeff’s “substitute term” expires soon. Shari Carpenter, currently the alternate, is willing to be elected as a rep. Jeff also willing to serve again, but ideally should look for “new blood.” • How elected? Senate does that from nominations, will vote December 1. • How are expenses paid? Covered by Provost’s office. • Chip: should also have reports from AOF. Rosemary: invite Greg as AOF President to come to Senate, report on new lobbyist, etc. <p>4) Chip Ettinger--Research and Development Fund Committee (RAG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants to inform Senate that committee plans to raise total allocation to \$2000 per faculty member. (Once was intent [in contract?] but has not 	

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		<p>yet been implemented.)</p> <p>Questions/comments for Chip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are faculty ever turned down? Not for original research presentations, usually for just attending a conference. • If there is a higher allocation, would anyone be turned down? Possibly 1 or 2. About 30% of requests ask for more than \$1500, but usually by just a couple hundred. • Rosemary: Not sure committees themselves should change how they fund people—shouldn't it go to the Senate? Jeff—some history: when old constitution was revised, RAG was below the radar, but committee has been expanded to include more people. Rosemary is right that Senate should have final say. • Frederick: try it for a year and see if very many people are disadvantaged, report back in a year. • MOTION: RAG should report to Senate each fall on the previous year's allocations and issues that come up. Also, motion included thanking Chip for information provided to Senate. Approved unanimously by voice vote. 	
<p>R. Powers, K. Dahl, et al</p>	<p>Discussion Items</p>	<p>1) Rosemary--Discussion of Power of Place theme for next academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope that President would announce, help encourage and broadcast. <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good idea, could be made into an EOU niche; need to brainstorm a variety of things different units could do. • Need buy-in from the top and good marketing to make it significant; spring symposium, other events could engage the theme. • Emma: students would like it, could be part of the leadership conference and other activities. • Jeff: would be hard for some programs to do separate selected topics courses, but good idea. Should dream bigger, have key event and/or speaker each term, not just once. • MOTION: Senate recommends to President and Provost that EOU have the theme "The Power of Place" for academic year 2010-11. Approved by unanimous voice vote. <p>2) Kathleen—academic advising issues:</p>	<p>Senate approves by unanimous voice vote a motion to recommend to President and Provost that EOU have the theme "The Power of Place" for academic year 2010-11.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just want to start discussion about changes in advising at EOU. Faculty information and input promised (by Dr. Cannon) in CAS meeting at beginning of term, but this hasn't happened. Liz (attending Senate meeting to participate in discussion): is starting to happen, advising administrators have met with CAS division chairs within past week. <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious workload issues: advisors being asked to take on more and more duties with no additional staffing. Two people mentioned advisors working in their offices beyond normal work hours. • Location: CAS faculty probably prefer to keep division advisors near division offices, helps advisors and students have quick access to faculty. Liz: having all advisors together helps build a "team." • Flow of communication pertaining to advising issues not very good. • Some issues are different for CAS advisors as compared to professional program advisors. • Advisors are professionals, have attended conferences, workshops etc, for years—should be respected and treated as such. • No specific motion or action at this time. 	
	5 Minute Access	None.	
	Good of the Order	None.	
	Next Meeting	Next Meeting is January 5, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dahl