

**Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**September 24, 2009 3:00 p.m., Huber Auditorium**

Presenter and/or Time	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action and Outcome
<b>President DeAnna Timmermann,</b> 3:10 pm	<b>Call to Order and Welcome</b>	Unofficial discussion leading up to call to order: question of continuing webcasting of Senate--limits places Senate can meet, impedes discussion/debate of topics. Agreement that DeAnna will query campus about use of the webcasting, etc. Issue will be revisited.	None for now. Will wait for results of DeAnna's query to campus.
	<b>In Attendance</b>	DeAnna Timmermann, Ruth Davenport, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Leandro Espinosa, Jessica Plattner, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Frederick Pratter	
<b>D. Timmermann</b>	<b>Minutes Approval</b>	None.	
<b>D. Timmermann</b>	<b>Officer Elections</b>	Senate needs new secretary and representative to the University Council. Nominations: for secretary, Jeff Johnson nominated Kathleen Dahl. For UC rep, Beth Upshaw and Rosemary Powers have self-nominated by email, and Jeff Johnson self-nominated in person. DeAnna will solicit additional nominations this week and the Senate will vote next week. Kathleen Dahl has agreed to be "acting secretary" until elections.	DeAnna will call for additional nominations on Infoline.
<b>D. Timmermann</b>	<b>Ad hoc Committee: Improving recommendation/resolution process</b>	There is a need for a clearer process for getting Senate recommendations and resolutions to the Provost and other necessary parties. Important to have a "paper trail" to indicate who has been informed and what actions are recommended, etc. Group agrees that DeAnna, Kathleen, and Ruthi will meet and devise an appropriate form or document.  Issue came up because the new Withdrawal Policy approved last year was not implemented for fall term and there is confusion. Brief discussion of pros and cons of waiting until winter term or trying implement policy now. DeAnna will talk to Provost about options.	DeAnna, Kathleen, and Ruthi will meet.
<b>D. Timmermann</b>	<b>Meeting times this term</b>	Agreement that Senate would continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons and that the first Tuesday of each month would be the primary meeting day, with the third Tuesday scheduled and reserved for "overflow" business or new issues that come up. Several people expressed a desire to do more substantial work on policies, other projects. The third Tuesday may be cancelled if no reason to meet.  Senate agreed that meeting time will be 3:00 instead of 3:15. Gibb informed DeAnna that setting up Huber for webcasting would be quick (and we may move	

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<b>D. Timmermann</b>	<b>Preview of Coming Attractions (Topics for the year)</b>	<p>DeAnna presented list of topics and issues that she and others have suggested the Senate take up this year. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review/approve changes in the Sexual Harassment Policy – Stephen Jenkins</li> <li>▪ Policy in regards to on-campus student enrollment in distance courses – Provost &amp; President</li> <li>▪ Online course evaluations – Ruthi Davenport</li> <li>▪ Tenure/promotion/leaves criteria &amp; financial support for faculty – Rosemary Powers</li> <li>▪ Curricular requirements to meet diversity goals – Rosemary Powers</li> <li>▪ Develop Faculty Senate response to SB442 – Rosemary Powers</li> <li>• Mandates rural post-secondary institutions to find ways to better address the needs of the citizens of rural Oregon</li> <li>▪ Ethics policies – Rosemary Powers</li> <li>▪ Review of by-laws – Rosemary Powers</li> </ul> <p>Additional issues suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalize/regularize Committee reporting</li> <li>• Examine/evaluate new advising system, work on advising issues</li> <li>• Tackle the Liberal Studies degree—LS committee, faculty oversight, academic rigor, chain of command, etc. (DSSML)</li> <li>• Jeff Johnson’s resolution about the hiring of a new registrar will be untabled at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li> <li>• Last year’s grade-changing issue—what happened with that? DeAnna will follow up.</li> <li>• IFS (J. Johnson)—IFS important, Chancellor listens to IFS (Interfaculty Senate). EOU faculty will need two representatives and an alternate. Alternate Shari Carpenter should be elected to regular position, Jeff’s should be replaced in December, and a new alternate chosen. Jeff recommends trying to get a Senator to join IFS.</li> <li>• Student privacy (R. Davenport)—need to look into whether some of the early alerts/academic warning procedures violate student privacy (by inappropriately exposing or inquiring about student personal issues, etc)</li> </ul>	

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	<b>Good of the Order</b>	None	
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting is October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, at 3:00 p.m.	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Dahl

Minutes approved: [10/06/09 Meeting](#)