

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
for December 6, 2007
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The first official meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the University Faculty Chairs, Karl Citek and Jay Thomas, since the Senate itself did not yet have a presiding officer.

Senators present: Provost Willard Kniep (ex officio), John Gietzen, Lynda Irons, Juancho Ramirez, Jeff Seward, Martha Rampton, Christine Guenther, Carole Timpone, Jim Flory, Dave Boersema, Victor Rodriguez, Shereen Khoja, Lori Rynd, Rick London, JP Lowery, James Lane, Gail Aamodt, Linda Hunt, Camille Wainwright

Senators absent: Rick Whiteley, Mark Szymanski, Latha Reddy

The election of officers was conducted by Karl Citek with the following results:

Carole Timpone was nominated for the office of Chair of the Faculty Senate by Dave Boersema and was then elected Chair by acclamation.

Jeff Seward was nominated for the office of Chair-elect by Camille Wainwright and was then elected Chair-elect by acclamation.

Sen. Timpone then assumed the chair for the duration of the meeting and the two University Faculty Chairs left.

The first order of business was to establish a regular time for future meetings. The Senate agreed by consensus to have regular two-hour meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month with the first such meeting scheduled for February 28, 2008. Berglund Center room 200 was suggested as a potential meeting place, as it has teleconferencing capabilities for the Eugene senators. Sen. Wainwright volunteered to research this option.

The Senate agreed by consensus that it was appropriate and necessary to establish two ad hoc subcommittees, one to begin work on drafting bylaws for the Senate to flesh out the working procedures and rules of the Senate beyond the barebones procedures established in the Handbook and a second to begin work on the governance website called for in the Handbook. It was agreed that these two subcommittees would have some sort of reports ready for the consideration of the full Senate by the third week of January.

The members of the Bylaws Subcommittee are Lynda Irons, John Gietzen, and Jeff Seward.

The members of the Website Subcommittee are Shereen Khoja, Juancho Ramirez, and Carole Timpone.

Provost Willard Kniep informed the Senate that he is appointing an ad hoc University "Reconciliation" Task Force to work on coming up with Handbook language to articulate the relationships among the Faculty Senate, the University Council, the proposed Staff Senate, and perhaps a Student Senate so that the overall structure of the governance system would be available in one coherent section of Chapter 2 of the Handbook. He requested that the Faculty Senate appoint two representatives to serve on that Task Force. Martha Rampton and Carole Timpone volunteered for that service.

The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.