

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

for April 23, 2009

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The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by the Senate Chair, Carole Timpone.

Roll call.

Senators present: Gail Aamodt, Mike Charles (substituting for Mark Bailey), David Boersema, Jim Flory, Sandra Pelham-Foster (substituting for Linda Hunt), Alex Toth (substituting for Lynda Irons), Kevin Johnson, Jennifer Jordan, James Butler (substituting for Shereen Khoja), James Lane, Rick London, Mike Millard, Provost John Miller, Martha Rampton, Victor Rodriguez, Lori Rynd, Jeff Seward, Mark Szymanski, Carole Timpone, Rick Whiteley, John Hayes (substituting for Lorne Yudcovitch)

Senators absent: John Medeiros

Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting of the Senate were approved unanimously.

University Committee reports.

Institutional Review Board minutes from February and March were received (see attachments #1 and #2).

University Personnel Committee report- The UPC has recommended to the Provost that Faculty Development Grants be decided on by the colleges (see attachment #3). A new process will be developed for fall. The process will be reevaluated after one year. Money will be allocated based on proportion of faculty per college. The senate asked the UPC to consider whether allocation should be based on proportion of applications or number of faculty.

Update from Presidential Search Committee.

The first presidential candidate is on campus today. The faculty is encouraged to ask questions at the open forums, discuss candidates with colleagues, and share opinions with the Board of Trustees. The Search committee will meet on the 5th or 6th to make a recommendation to the Trustees and the Trustees will make the decision. A candidate evaluation survey has gone out by email and a reminder to respond will be sent.

Approval of new Standing Committee members and announcement of newly elected Senators.

Not all committee nominations and senate elections have taken place. Next year improvement needs to be made meeting deadlines. There are six senators with terms ending August 15th, 2009. James Kundart has been elected by the College of Optometry to replace Rick London. The College of Arts and Science has elected Tal Sanders to replace Jim Flory and reelected Kevin Johnson and Martha Rampton. The College of

Health Professions will meet May 20th and elect senators to replace James Lane and Jennifer Jordan. Shereen Kohja will be on sabbatical next year. The College of Arts and Science will meet May 7th and choose her substitute. An email will be sent out after the May 14th Faculty Senate meeting announcing the new senators. New Senator Packets, including Robert's Rules of Order, will be delivered to all new and continuing senators in May.

The following nominations have been made: Paige Buagher to replace Tim Stephens on the Curriculum and Standards Committee; Lorely French to replace David Boersema on the Honors and Awards Committee; Christine Gunther to replace Shawn Henry on the Personnel Committee; Kathlene Postma to replace Lorely French on the Personnel Committee; Shawn Davis to replace Jay Thomas on the Personnel Committee. David Boersema moved and Lori Rynd seconded approval of the nominations. The motion passed unanimously. The College of Education will meet May 4th and nominate a replacement for Mark Szymanski on the Honors and Awards Committee. The College of Health Professions will meet on May 20th and nominate a replacement for Alyson Williams on the Standards and Appeals Board.

The Institutional Review Board has reelected Philip Schot, Mark Pedemonte, Brad Fujisake and Ken Bush. They have elected Cheleen Mahar and Luke Moissinac and will be electing Isaac Gilman and Dan Ullman.

Action Item: Revised Chapter 4 from the UPC

The Chapter 4 revisions by the UPC were received for deliberation only. The Faculty Senate bylaws state “a proposal that is ‘received for deliberation only’ may not be submitted to a final vote of the Senate until the written plan for deliberation has been carried out and a final version of the proposal has been prepared. The final version of the proposal will then be handled as a piece of new business that must be formally received at one meeting of the Senate and then approved or rejected only at a subsequent meeting of the Senate.” Roberts Rules of Order allow procedural rules to be set aside with a 2/3 vote of the senate, but never actual by-laws. There is a problem with our current approved By-laws, which comingle true by-laws and procedural rules. This has happened with the “received for deliberation only” option in the current amended By-laws. If the senate doesn't receive and vote on the Chapter 4 changes today, but, per the by-laws, votes at the next meeting in May, the changes won't become official until the May minutes are approved in August. This could affect new faculty starting this summer. James Lane moved and Mike Millard seconded to suspend the rules with respect to this particular document, that could thereby allow, with 2/3 senate approval, the option to vote on Chapter 4 changes at this April meeting, rather than holding off until May, if so moved and seconded.

Senate By-laws dictate an annual review. A change to the by-laws should be considered in August to allow setting aside rules of procedure, when deemed appropriate and timely. The senate will consider separating out procedures and rules from the by-laws. It was further noted that if the rules are suspended and the document is voted on today there will be no additional time to get feedback from constituents. The revised Chapter 4 allows current faculty to be grandfathered into the current Chapter 4. Only a few faculty will be starting this summer and it is unlikely they would choose to be grandfathered into the current Chapter 4. There was a call for a vote on the motion to suspend the rules with

respect to this document. A roll call vote took place with 4 yes votes 15 no votes. The motion failed. Mike Millard moved and Kevin Johnson seconded to receive the Chapter 4 document. The motion passed unanimously. The Chapter 4 document will be on the May agenda. The senate recommended that the UPC review the following sections and consider revisions (see attachments #4, #5, and #6)

Page 36, item 7 on the list of appropriate peer recognition--some colleges might not consider service as an officer as evidence of creative and scholarly work. Other colleges do not view such appointments as honorary, but as recognition by their peers for work in their field. Chapter 4 will take precedence, but colleges will be asked to write their own guidelines. The college or department level language can specify what makes sense for their faculty and weight particular items differently. The Chapter 4 language has to be broader. The question was raised whether or not a list is even necessary given that each college is now required to delineate acceptable forms of scholarship within the disciplines.

Page 39- the UPC has received support for making the policy family friendly. There was concern that the current language creates a loophole by allowing someone to take a longer leave because of family reasons. The UPC thinks the limits are sufficient and that the required reviews will prevent abuse.

Verb tense needs to be reviewed and made consistent throughout the document.

Carole reminded senators to get input from their constituencies before the May 14th Senate meeting.

2009-2010 Faculty Senate Calendar

The senate discussed the meeting dates of the Faculty Senate for the 2009-2010 academic year. David Boersema moved to approve the calendar. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (see attachment #7).

Senate Officer Elections

Chair-Elect, Jeff Seward, offered his resignation as Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate. He expressed his desire to serve as Chair for the 2009-2010 academic year, and asked the senate to discuss and vote on his offer of resignation. Jeff Seward left the meeting to allow for discussion. The senate deliberated and voted by secret ballot to accept Jeff Seward's resignation as Chair-Elect. Jeff Seward returned to the meeting. The senators eligible to be elected as current Chair-Elect and become Chair August 15, 2009 are David Boersema, Kevin Johnson, Martha Rampton and Rick Whiteley. Martha Rampton, David Boersema and Rick Whiteley withdrew their names from consideration. David Boersema nominated Kevin Johnson as current Chair-Elect. By secret ballot, 18 voted yes and 1 abstained. Kevin Johnson was elected current Chair-Elect.

The senators eligible to be elected Chair-Elect are Linda Hunt, John Medeiros, Mark Szymanski, and Lorne Yudcovitch. Carole Timpone nominated Linda Hunt as Chair-Elect for 2009-2010. By secret ballot Linda Hunt was unanimously elected Chair-Elect.

Announcements

The Chair will be given the opportunity to address the President and Board of Trustees and present the Faculty Senate's recommendation on the proposed football business plan. She will have ten minutes to speak to the Board and requested senators email her with input. This will be discussed further at the May 14th senate meeting.

Provost/Vice Provost's Reports

The School of Dental Health Science currently offers one degree, a Bachelor of Science in Dental Health, to students graduating from the dental hygiene program and degree completion program. They will now offer a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene to graduates of the dental hygiene program and a Bachelor of Science in Dental Health to graduates of the degree completion program (see attachment #8).

The Board of Trustees adopted a diversity initiative. The Hillsboro Professional campus, along with the Portland campus, received training in diversity. This June, leadership and staff from the Forest Grove campus will participate in training and, in the fall, training will be provided for faculty in Forest Grove. The Eugene campus will be integrated with Forest Grove.

Pacific has joined the Internationalization Lab. An Internationalization committee has been formed and will be surveying faculty on their interest, participation, availability, and curriculum. On many campuses diversity and internationalism are being combined. Pacific has been selected to participate in a conference in June with these two programs meeting and learning about ways to integrate goals.

The Provost is working with the Chair and Chair-Elect to review and assess the Faculty Senate. He would like to help facilitate getting the review started before summer break in order to report back to the senate next year. The University Council and Staff Senate are doing similar reviews. He would like to find ways to support those who serve in governance. The new Student Senate will soon be announcing their bylaws and officers for next year.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.