

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

for October 23, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by the Senate Chair, Carole Timpone.

Roll call.

Senators present: Provost John Miller, Mary Johnson (for Gail Aamodt), David Boersema, Jim Flory, Linda Hunt, Alex Toth (for Lynda Irons), Kevin Johnson, Jenn Jordan, Shereen Khoja, James Lane, John Medeiros, Mike Millard, Martha Rampton, Victor Rodriguez, Lori Rynd, Jeff Seward, Carole Timpone, Mike Charles (for Mark Bailey), Rick Whiteley, Paul Kohl (for Lorne Yudcovitch)

Via remote from Eugene: Mark Szymanski

Senator absent: Richard London

Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting of the Senate were changed to correct the spelling of Nada Lingel (incorrectly spelled "Lingle" in draft minutes). The minutes were then approved unanimously.

University Standing Committee reports.

John Hayes, representing the University Personnel Committee, presented a revised draft of the proposed changes to Chapter 4 of the University Handbook regarding criteria for tenure and promotion. In response to faculty feedback to earlier drafts, the UPC has made several changes to the draft document. Major changes include 1) eliminating a requirement that faculty provide evidence of pedagogical innovation as well as teaching effectiveness while retaining a mandate for each unit of the University to specify "pedagogical expectations" and 2) eliminating for tenure decisions but retaining for promotion to full professor the requirement that faculty show evidence of using their professional expertise in service to the University, their disciplines, or other external communities. Dean Hayes asked for the Senate to receive this new proposal and plan to bring it to a final vote at the Senate's December 11 meeting. He promised to have each of the four Colleges of the University engage in substantial discussion of the new draft before a final vote.

Martha Rampton suggested that the Senate delay consideration of this request until later in the meeting in order to use the "receive for deliberation only" provision in the Senate Bylaws that was up for final approval later in the agenda. Kevin Johnson and Jeff Seward moved and seconded a motion to table the issue until the end of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

David Boersema, representing the University Honors and Awards Committee, reported that J. P. Lowery of the College of Optometry has been elected the new Chair of the Committee and Susan Li of the School of Professional Psychology has been selected as a new member representing the College of Health Professions. The Committee has also decided to change the procedures for soliciting nominations for awards. Instead of notifying all Faculty who are technically eligible for awards to submit materials in support of their candidacies for an award, the Committee plans in the future to ask the Personnel Committees of each of the units of the University to make nominations to the Honors and Awards Committee. Finally, the Committee has prepared new language for Chapter 2 of the University Handbook to update the list of awards and make explicit its reporting relationship to the Faculty Senate. This new language requires approval by the University Council, which is responsible for approving all amendments to the Handbook.

Jeff Seward and Dave Boersema moved and seconded a resolution of the Faculty Senate expressing the Senate's support for the Committee's proposed changes to its procedures and Chapter 2 of the Handbook and requesting that the UC approve these changes. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair will carry these proposed changes to the next UC meeting on November 11th.

Monica Marvin, University In-House Counsel, presented as an information item a new Pacific University policy on campus political activity that clarifies rules and procedures to insure that the University is not perceived as taking an official position in support of any political candidates or ballot measure such as an initiative or referendum. Copies of the new rules are available from the Office of Legal Affairs, which invites questions and comments.

Carole Timpone called the Senate's attention to a report from Lynda Irons from the ad hoc committee working on drafting a new University Mission Statement describing their preliminary organizational work.

Martha Rampton, representing the Presidential Search Committee, circulated the job description that has been prepared by the Committee and emphasized that the Committee is open to suggestions and inputs from all members of the University community.

Approval of new members of the University Appeals Board and the Curriculum and Standards Committee.

Carole Timpone reported that the College of Arts and Sciences had nominated George Harshbarger as a new member of the University Appeals Board and Mariana Valenzuela as an alternate member. She also reported that the School of Professional Psychology had nominated Paul Michael and Susan Tinsley Lee as new members of the Curriculum and Standards Committee. David Boersema and Martha Rampton moved and second approval of the nominations, which were unanimously approved.

Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

Jeff Seward presented the proposal, received by the Senate at the September 25th meeting, to amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws to create a "receive for deliberation only" procedure that would prohibit a final vote at the immediately subsequent Senate meeting and require the initiators of a proposal or the Senate itself to develop a deliberation plan to be executed prior to a proposal being received for final vote by the Senate. The intent of the measure is to deal with issues such as the revisions to Chapter 4 in a way that allows the Senate to launch a deliberative process on major issues without creating concern that a particular proposal is about to be given final approval at the next Senate meeting. Some Senators, however, felt that there was no need to create such a procedure since the Senate was already able to slow down consideration of any proposal before it.

A roll call vote on the measure was required, and the motion to amend the bylaws was passed by a vote of 15-4, and the Senate Bylaws will be amended accordingly.

Voting in favor: David Boersema, Jim Flory, Linda Hunt, Alex Toth, Kevin Johnson, Shereen Khoja, James Lane, Paul Kohl (for Lorne Yudcovitch), John Medeiros, Martha Rampton, Victor Rodriguez, Lori Rynd, Jeff Seward, Mark Szymanski, and Rick Whiteley

Voting against: Mary Johnson, Mike Millard, Jennifer Jordan, and Mike Charles (for Mark Bailey)

Handbook change to allow Faculty Senate to place items on the agenda of University Faculty Meetings.

Rick Whiteley proposed language to amend section 2.6.3 of the University Handbook dealing with "University Faculty Meetings" to add the following language to the final paragraph of the section:

"The Faculty Senate can add business to the University Faculty Meeting Agenda by informing the Faculty Chair of that business at least thirty days prior to the scheduled meeting. The Faculty Chair will then incorporate that business into the meeting agenda."

Dave Boersema and Jeff Seward moved and seconded that this language be forwarded to the University Council for its approval as an amendment to the University Handbook. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair will carry this language to the next UC meeting on November 11th.

Carole Timpone reported to the Senate that a University Faculty Meeting has been scheduled for February 26, 2009, and that it has been agreed that the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for that day will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. with the University Faculty Meeting to follow from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with dinner.

Receipt for deliberation only of proposed Chapter 4 revisions.

Kevin Johnson and Jeff Seward moved to bring the motion to receive the University Personnel Committee's proposed revisions to Chapter 4 off the table. This motion was approved unanimously.

Kevin Johnson and Jeff Seward moved to receive the proposed Chapter 4 revisions for deliberation only. This motion was approved unanimously.

As this action requires that a deliberation plan for the proposed revisions be developed and approved, the Senate and John Hayes hammered out a deliberation plan that included the following provisions:

- 1) The proposed revisions would be discussed at faculty meetings of each of the four Colleges with representative of the UPC and the Faculty Senate serving as facilitators for discussions with a view toward identifying suggestions from each of the Colleges about the revisions that would be transmitted in writing to the University Personnel Committee.
- 2) The proposed revisions would be a major agenda item for the February 26, 2009, University Faculty Meeting with breakout groups representing faculty from each of the Colleges deliberating about the revisions with members of the UPC and the Faculty Senate serving as facilitators with written feedback based on these discussions to be transmitted to the University Personnel Committee.

Kevin Johnson and Rick Whiteley moved and seconded approval of this deliberation plan, which was then approved unanimously.

Information item regarding Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education.

Sara Hopkins-Powell, Executive Dean and Vice Provost of the College of Health Professions, presented as an information item a brief document outlining an intention to create a Master of Science program in Nursing in Nursing Education. The College has received strategic planning money for the 2008-2009 academic year to being the development of such a program. She declined an offer to receive the document for deliberation only, indicating that the proposal was not yet sufficiently developed to be ready for systematic deliberation. The document indicated that a full plan for the new program will be ready later in the fall for presentation to the Faculty Senate and the University Council.

Provost report.

Provost John Miller indicated that a revised Conflict of Interest proposal and University Handbook language specifying the functions and procedures of the University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee would both be ready for presentation at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate in December.

The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.