

**EOU Faculty Senate  
Minutes, October 2, 2012**

**In attendance:** DeAnna Timmermann, Elwyn Martin, Charles Lyons, Mike Heather, Barb Schultz, Heidi Harris, Doug Briney, Donna Rainboth, Carolyn Bloyed, Frank Bushakra, Rebecca Hartman, John Knudsen-Martin, David Drexler. **Attending via Google Hangout:** Keri Wenger, Colleen Johnson, Mike Pierce, Regina Cashen  
**Also attending:** Bob Davies, Steve Adkison, Nicole Howard

Meeting Called to Order 3:05 pm

Motion and Second to Approve Meeting Minutes from May 15 and June 5, 2012. Approved unanimously.

**President's Update:**

**Continued strong enrollments.** Headcount slightly down, but FTE and SCH up slightly. Bob detailed his six focal areas he and the VPs will be working on through the year. Will be developing new **tobacco-free policy** per Governor's executive order.

**OEIB:**In response to senators' questions, a discussion ensued regarding Achievement Compacts, the Oregon Education Investment Board, and potential implications for EOU. Discussion of our retention efforts, tracking students who leave EOU.

**Provost's Update:**

**Search for Business/Education Dean.** Building on Task force recommendations, will soon begin a search for Bus/Ed dean. Search committee will be chaired by a faculty member, provost has been receiving nominations for the last two and one-half weeks, and committee should be announced shortly. Undecided about use of search firm. Provost will keep us updated.

Discussion of transition **to newer version of Blackboard, renovations of Pierce and Zabel.** Blackboard transition mostly seamless. First week was slow because of need to use a single application server, but we are up on a multi-application server now. We have plenty of room now to transition to a different system or a newer version of Bb.

**State level:** Efforts to understand status and role of OEIB. Rudy Crew, new Chief Education Officer of the state is in place. Emphasis on K-14, not so clear what implications for us are, relative to that emphasis, but Rosemary Powers' connections with the state level

Higher education committees will be helpful for EOU and is serving on the Student Success Task Force.

**Two state-level audits.**

**Teacher Preparation**, focus on K-12 and colleges of education across the state. Crew will be paying close attention to this. May or may not interact with our TSPC certification in the College of Education

**Higher Education Instructional Costs or Affordability.** Rex Kapler taking lead on this.

**SB 242, task forces to figure out at the system level a variety of administrative questions.** Don't expect us to drop PEBB or PERS. We get an announcement that state pick-up of PERS has increased so PEBB can stay solvent. Will keep us informed as details become clear.

**The Credit for Prior Learning Task force.** Currently being formed by the Chancellor at the system level. Get system out ahead of the Western Governors wave that seems to be sweeping the region. Should be faculty driven task force and Provost will be asking that EOU EPCC chair be appointed.

Question from senator about a search for a permanent **CAS Associate dean**. That will depend upon the pleasure of the CAS faculty dean. Provost's understanding is that by the end of the year we will have a permanent Assoc. dean, that could be one full-time but Provost is open to discussing continuing with two part-time deans if that is the preference of the CAS dean.

Question from senator regarding follow-up on Task force recommendation to move **Liberal Studies (LS) into the CAS structure**. Provost says LS is about to find an academic home. He sees that as being in CAS with a dotted line to the associate dean of Business. 60% minors are in CAS; 40% in Business. We're going to have that conversation.

**Senate Action Items: Old Business**

**Request for DPD status, REL 330.** Untabled from last meeting, seconded.

EPCC chair Howard joins the discussion. States that **EPCC needs to create policy for program removal**. Forms don't make sense with new structure without division chairs. Need to change signature line of forms for curriculum approval.

Discussion about **how approval of curriculum goes through approval process.**

Question emerges about who has authority—dean or faculty in College Council—to override an approval of curriculum, or approve a disapproved curricular proposal.

Discussion of CAS by-laws and need to update them.

Discussion of the status of CAS divisions as representative or administrative groupings.

President points out that the discussion is more appropriately held at the CAS level rather than at Senate, with the Senate being informed of that CAS discussion. Provost notes this leads into a larger question of shared governance, updated entity bylaws, Bus/Ed doesn't have bylaws. What does faculty want in terms of shared governance?

**Motion made to approve REL 330 for DPD.** Seconded. Nothing in paperwork has changed since tabling, but faculty member needs to be notified of Senate decision. Heidi pulled initially from consent agenda because of incomplete paperwork and lack on syllabus of required DPD content. Provost clarifies that if Senate does not approve paperwork gets kicked back to EPCC. Howard states that Senate cannot overrule EPCC's recommendation. Several senators disagree and state that Senate can overrule EPCC. Faculty were notified that the course would be on the agenda, but are not in attendance. Lack of clarity on what happened with paperwork originally at the EPCC meeting and what got forwarded to Senate. Possible that the paperwork was complete in EPCC, but not for Senate. Senate votes on the paperwork it received. Senator moves to table until November. No second. Motion fails. **Motion to approve fails. All aye votes with one abstention. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted to return course to EPCC.**

#### **4:30 Senate Action Items: New Business**

**Faculty President proposes changing Senate meeting schedule for fall 2012 only.** Moved and seconded with unanimous vote to have two meetings in fall term.

Meeting schedule for AY approved. Moved, seconded, unanimously approved.

**Senate Information and Discussion Items.** President updates senate on **Honors Committee and RAG committee.** Senators need to contact constituencies and fill vacancies on those two committees.

**Athena Pierce is new Senate student representative but has a scheduling conflict.**

**UC has not yet elected a representative.**

**Support staff position for UC and Senate will be .4 time, currently interviewing, hope to make an offer next week.**

**Senate topics for the year:**

**Shared Governance Review. Does Senate want to continue review?**

President Davies communicated to Senate President that he no longer feels his charge for review is necessary though of course we may continue if we so choose.

Howard brings up issue of whether we want to address **changes in EPCC voting**.

Provost points out it is quite unusual to have a registrar vote on a curriculum committee. Faculty must own the curriculum. Discussion concerning role and definition of ex officio committee members. Must all ex officio members across committees have the same voting status? Suggested that this question be resolved at the bylaw level rather than proposing constitutional changes. If member is listed as ex officio in constitution, committee can determine at bylaw level whether ex officio members vote.

Senate president encourages members to read bylaws. We should check to see if they are up-to-date.

Provost has charged us with clarifying process of how business is brought to Senate, and general Senate business process. President asks for individuals who would like to work on this policy issue in an ad hoc committee.

FTP handbook changes did not occur last year. We have people coming up for review this year. Seem to be new forms and processes to evaluate faculty, but President wants to clarify that criteria are unchanged and follow the handbook. Provost points out that handbook criteria don't address evaluative needs for online teaching positions. Faculty members being evaluated, or those sitting on evaluation committees can choose whether or not to use the Chico rubric. Provost will not support criteria changes for TP that don't support teaching. Discussion as to whether or not process and requirement changes have occurred without FTP handbook changes going through shared governance process. Faculty member being reviewed clarifies that the rubric is not mandated. Another faculty argues that it should not be an option, because it introduces different criteria for different faculty and that we should simply follow the current language of the handbook. One faculty states we don't need separate criteria for two modalities because criteria are general enough to apply to teaching in both modalities. Provost states that he will clarify whether or not changes are occurring in the TP process and will report back to Senate. FPC's work is straightforward in what needs to be done to update the handbook.

**5:02. Meeting adjourned.**