

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2009 3:00 p.m., Hoke 301

Presenter and/or Time	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action and Outcome
President DeAnna Timmermann, 3:00 pm	Call to Order and Welcome		
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmerman, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, David Drexler, Ted Atkinson, Beth Upshaw, Karyn Gomez, Jessica Plattner, Darren Dutto, Michael Jaeger, Sharon Porter, Jeff Vermeer, Rebecca Hartman, Steve Clements, Jodi Varon, Carolyn Bloyed, Leandro Espinosa.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Minutes approved for November 17, 2009.	Minutes approved.
M. Jaeger	Provost's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's "a lot of saber rattling" on the part of UO, et al, about "seceding from the union" and becoming independent corporations. Independent but poor, like OHSU? What about the small universities? Currently "off the radar and not on someone's plate for dissection," which is good. • Reminder of changing demographics in the state and region, increasing Latino population, need to prepare for these changes in student body in the future. • Work continues on several initiatives and future budget and planning stuff. • New future discussions of possibility of community colleges offering selected bachelor's degrees, "applied science," technical bachelor's degrees, that sort of thing. Possible opportunity for EOU to "emulate the community college experience" for less-qualified students. We're currently in the (peaceful) eye of the storm, but will be pulled into the storm soon. • Comments/questions: 1) if these ideas are pursued, need to protect liberal arts and more traditional degrees, too. 2) Would there ever be the possibility of developing interdisciplinary master's degrees in CAS? Jaeger: yes, why not? 	
M. Jaeger, for Bob Davies	President's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While revision of the sexual harassment policy continues, there's a need for an interim policy to improve current cumbersome procedures while revisions are completed. Asks for Senate endorsement of interim policy. See below. 	

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<p>D. Timmermann, Darren Dutto</p>	<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeAnna: Sexual Harassment Policy—President Davies would like approval of a temporary interim policy while the final version is being completed and input from various focus groups and individuals is being considered and/or incorporated into the policy. Better to have an interim policy with some of the desired changes than just keep it the way it is. • Discussion/comments: 1) Jeff J.--supportive of interim, glad that administration was willing to delay final revision to gain buy-in from Senate and Council. 2) Jodi—asked for clarification about the legal language regarding a “reasonable person”; points out that there is a conflict between “seeking a person who can be trusted” (to talk about harassment) and the requirement that the “trusted” person report the allegation. 3) DeAnna--The issues being raised will continue being discussed as final revisions are made. 4) Rebecca: interim much improved over old policy, should be approved with stipulation that concerns be addressed. • Discussion of need for sunset clause. Senate voted to APPROVE the interim SHP with stipulation that permanent policy be in place by end of winter term, as planned. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPCC (see agenda): Senate approved three requests: 2 program changes for Anthropology/Sociology and 1 GEC status request for new REL 101 course (earlier approved for Religious Studies minor). • Jeff J.: is positive that Senate does not need to approved GEC requests, just be informed about them. Discussion of what Senate should and should not do regarding EPCC actions. Not clear, earlier procedures need to be revisited, see who reports what to whom. EPCC needs to clarify what to bring to Senate and how—what things can go into a consent agenda. <p>Committee Vacancies:</p>	<p>Interim Sexual Harassment Policy APPROVED by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>EPCC requests all APPROVED.</p> <p>Shari Carpenter and Jeff Johnson elected to IFS. Alternate pending.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Johnson: Still need 2 IFS senators and 1 alternate. Shari Carpenter has agreed to stand; Jeff Johnson re-nominated. Both approved/elected. Discussion of need to get newer faculty involved--people will check on individuals in their respective divisions. 	
	5 Minute Access	None.	
DeAnna	Good of the Order	Asks Michael when proposals are coming; Jaeger: Wants to bring forward “concepts” first. 39 states have something like this, will provide models.	
	Next Meeting	Next Meeting is January 19, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dahl