

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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		None.
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmerman, Ruth Davenport, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Leandro Espinosa, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Frederick Pratter, Jodi Varon, David Drexler, Rosemary Powers, Ted Atkinson, Beth Upshaw, Michael Jaeger, Rebecca Hartman, Chrystine Brown, Karyn Gomez, Kerri Wenger, Thacher Carter, Debbie Rogers, Emma Winkelman, Bob Davies, Jessica Plattner, Tony Tovar, Sharon Porter, Jeff Vermeer, David Komito, Carolyn Bloyed, Darren Dutto.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Minutes approved for October 6, 2009, the latter amended to correct the spelling of Karyn Gomez' name.	
Bob Davies	President's Update	<p>Davies outlined several issues facing EOU, a "confluence of rivers," including what's happening with the OUS system, the ballot measures in February, and SB 442.</p> <p>1) System: lots of discussion about how the system should operate and be organized going forward: relationships/interactions among universities; different models suggested, including OU leaving system and going private, OSU expanding to incorporate the regionals, division of current system into to systems, etc. President will keep us updated on developments.</p> <p>2) SB 442: Senate bill requiring consideration of solutions to OUS problems. Possibilities: going to semesters; combining business/administrative functions of several universities; special look at rural Oregon, how to get more people in college, and so forth. Rosemary is on the Board committee considering rural issues/problems/solutions. Davies: "we need to control our own destiny," preserve goals of access, affordability, etc.</p> <p>3) February elections: Davies: fight over tax measures is "holy hell," "a bloodbath," an "all out war," and a "free for all." We may even receive a small budget cut before the ballot measures. What happens in February will probably be a prelude to setting the budget the following year. We "must control our enrollments," President will keep us apprised about how well we've increased enrollments. Will probably be difficult to keep our out-of-state waiver. Must do a lot of marketing, lobbying, etc, before February.</p>	

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		<p>4) Accreditation: making great strides, on track with improvements. Michael Jaeger will say more about that.</p> <p>5) Governance and campus culture: must keep working on sharing information, improving shared governance at EOU. President is evaluating all programs on campus toward this end.</p> <p>Comments/reflections from faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to form better relationships with high school teachers • Need better publicity for events, like Girls in Science • Appreciation expressed for Bob’s attention paid to community people/kids, who mention this in other contexts—creating good impressions. • Success of ETIC at EOU—at presentations by universities, faculty at big universities “whining” about lack of staff and having to load own paper in copier, while EOU moves ahead with projects. • Volleyball tournaments should be brought back to campus (previously here but moved a few years ago). • Need to get more media coverage of Eastern Oregon generally. 	
<p>Michael Jaeger</p>	<p>Provost’s Update</p>	<p>Jaeger gives accreditation progress report regarding Commission’s recommendations. Interim accreditation visit in January 2010. (See report/handout with recommendations and current status on agenda.)</p> <p>Most areas making good progress, some nearly complete. Emphasized by Provost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving collection of and utilization of data, statistics, etc. • Academic portfolios and program assessments are coming along. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're working on final revisions of GE (!) • EOU still needs to store records in fireproof safe our facility—with so many records in paper, need lots of space. Doing this is under development. • Really need to work out good system to evaluate online faculty, currently under development. • Library “needs more books,” and other things—working on that. 	
D. Timmermann	Old Business	Revised Senate Routing Form presented.	Routing Form unanimously approved.
Darren Dutto	New Business: EPCC	<p>1) <u>Religious Studies Minor courses.</u></p> <p>Jeff Johnson: there's long been a big desire on part of students for a RS minor; fully deliverable both online and on campus; all courses already exist except for REL 101.</p> <p>Comments/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's with the five credit courses? Jeff: long standing credit allocation for social science and some humanities courses, not unusual in DSSML. • Staffing for REL 101? Jeff: courses will have to be scheduled to allow for Jeff's teaching of 101 initially—hope is for additional FTE in future (like most programs). • Where will minor be housed? In DSSML. • Long discussion about lack of course about Judaism. Jeff and David K. agree that it is imperative to get someone to teach such a course in near future. Judaism will be included as part of new REL courses, but currently, faculty do not feel qualified. EOU minors, as opposed to 	<p>1) Religious Studies courses approved by unanimous voice vote (with stipulation that a course on Judaism be included in electives).</p> <p>2) List of courses with numbering changes, etc, approved by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>3) GEC review criteria revision (breadth categories) approved by unanimous voice vote.</p>

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		<p>majors, often lack a component; hope that program will grow, develop/add expertise.</p> <p>Suggestion that minor could be approved on condition that program eventually expand to include missing subject matter. Jeff invites other disciplines/faculty to develop appropriate courses. Suggestion that material be added to “History of Christianity” to expand on Judaism, or if already included, change title. Current title privileges Christianity. REL faculty reluctant to dictate terms to other programs.</p> <p>Question as to whether students have requested courses on other “minority” religions? Jeff: not really.</p> <p>Michael Jaeger: faculty could find courses on Judaism at other universities as “placeholders” that students could take until EOU has appropriate course.</p> <p>Dutto: all this discussed at EPCC, which accepted Jeff’s explanations.</p> <p>Doesn’t look good on paper: “Don’t they know about Judaism?”</p> <p>Call for question. One person suggests waiting, but someone suggests voting on version that addresses problems. Jeff: most minors not scrutinized this much, although this is a delicate subject not like some others. Rosemary: gender Studies minor was scrutinized like this, too. One person says that comments seem to pertain more to a major.</p> <p>Other concerns included faculty teaching too much overload and what happens to David’s courses if he leaves IT job (he keeps teaching them). David: his courses are among only EOU CAS courses focusing on Asia.</p> <p>What happens to our concerns if we approve courses now? Offer of friendly amendment: approve courses with stipulation that a course on Judaism be added to electives for minor.</p> <p>2) <u>List of courses with number changes, minor revisions</u>. Question about when EPCC will accept new gen ed proposals—answer: soon.</p>	

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		<p>3) <u>Modification of GEC review criteria</u>: move breadth categories (SSC, SMI, etc) to “content knowledge area of GEC outcomes.</p> <p>4) <u>Discussion of ULOs—EPCC needs input/comments</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language in ULO’s may not mean same thing to different disciplines. Darren: Important not to be too restrictive. • Where in the ULOs should we put inclusiveness/diversity and global understanding? • Primary outcome of a university—students should graduate “knowing stuff”—should possibly reword first outcome. • Need to work on clear relationship among ULOs, gen ed, PLOs, graduation requirements, etc. Assessment of these things? Where does assessment come from, how well done? Jaeger: only two areas are to be assessed—GEC and program outcomes. People already working on this. Should leave outcomes general enough for different programs to work with. • Upcoming assessment issues: Jaeger—assessment tools/procedures will steadily be developed. Dutto: EPCC working on it, too. • Discussion of word “dedication” to civic engagement: how can we assess “dedication” to something? • Jaeger: other units (Council, e.g.) are also providing input on ULOs. 	
Jodi Varon	New Business	Jim Tooke nominated for Emeritus status by FPC.	Approved unanimously by voice vote.
D. Timmermann, et al	Information Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeAnna: will need another meeting this month on November 17, 2009. Committee reports moved to 11/17. • Karyn: Sexual Harassment Policy—PCSW met with Bob Davies, there will be campus forums headed by Bill Grigsby and Cori Brewster. One 	

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		coming up Thursday, November 5, in Hoke 309. Two documents at forum: revised policy and document for comments.	
Rosemary Powers	Discussion Item	Proposal for all-campus theme of Power of Place for next academic year. Rosemary handed out proposal (see agenda). Discussion moved to next meeting.	
	5 Minute Access	None.	
	Announcements	None	
	Good of the Order	Jeff Johnson: we need an IFS person. Would be good to have someone from Senate. Be thinking about that.	
	Next Meeting	Next Meeting is November 17, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dahl