

**EOU Faculty Senate  
Minutes, November 6, 2012**

**In attendance:** Rebecca Hartman, DeAnna Timmermann, Jean Morello, Barbara Schulz, Colleen Johnson, David Drexler, Frank Bushakra, John Knudson-Martin, Charles Lyons, Mike Heather, Heidi Harris, Elwyn Martin, Susan Murrell **Attending via Google Hangout:** Kerry Wenger, Mary Fields **Also attending:** Steve Adkison, Nicole Howard, Ray Brown, Cory Brewster, Peter Maille, Christy Oliveri, Shelley Schauer

**Meeting Called to Order 3:02 pm**

Motion and Second to Approve Meeting Minutes from October 2nd, 2012. Approved unanimously.

**EPCC Consent Agenda**

Motion made to approve ED 462 for UWR Status and Hist 203 for Gen Ed and UWR status. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

**EPCC Information Item**

EPCC chair Howard reports that January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get courses to EPCC for Fall 2013 implementation. This gives EPCC enough time to process and DegreeWorks needs that lead time. The deadline for any curriculum to be submitted to EPCC and be considered for the 12-13 academic year is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Senate President notes that it is very important for Senate Representatives to share with colleagues that anything that needs to get done for next year needs to be completed now to meet the January 15<sup>th</sup> EPCC deadline. Courses not submitted by the deadline will not be able to be offered next year unless they are listed as an X10.

**EPCC Discussion Item**

Howard reports that the EPCC unanimously approved a Constitution change to add a line stating that the Registrar, representative from advising and two students shall serve ex officio without a vote. The Senate President reports that this change will be an action item at the January meeting and if the vote passes the change will be passed onto the University Council and the Senate would then like to work with UC to pass any constitutional changes at the end of the academic year. Howard reports this should work because all parties have already agreed to abstain from voting for this year. Discussion on wording. Howard will reword constitutional changes and send new document. Vote will take place at meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Senate Discussion Item**

**Proposed Changes in the Honor Program.** Presented by Ray Brown so input is received and any necessary changes made before the January EPCC deadline. After looking at Honors Program in large and small schools throughout the United States it has been decided that EOU could have a viable Honors Program but changes need to be made. In the past the program has suffered from lack of leadership and funding. Old program summarized in presentation. Issues: not much guidance once

students reached their junior year and lack of a strong cohort. Proposed program requirements: honor seminars instead of humanities classes, interdisciplinary courses, service learning, interdisciplinary research, leadership, publication and presentation. Will need a program director. Two concerns are getting support from college community and how to accommodate online students. Committee members have found that it would be possible to run both online and on campus programs with 1 FTE. This information results in a question from a senator about support from administration for funding for the 1 FTE needed. Provost responds that the Honors Program has his full support and that instead of trying to hire a director the discussion should be to engage the broadest possible range of faculty. One idea discussed is to have faculty members serve two year terms. Comment from senator on where distance and transfer students will fit in. Honors Committee member Cory Brewster responds that as program is currently designed it would be possible to roll out for online students, but transfer students will need to be looked at on a case by case basis. Discussion about funding for honors position. Senator comments that since an Honors FTE position would take a position away from the colleges and would go through the Faculty Senate it could put the Senate in an interesting political process that we all should be aware. Senate President responds that Senate Representatives need to go back to constituencies and see if they are behind this project. Discussion on topic will be added to blackboard and after bringing topic to constituents will be discussed again at January meeting.

#### **Provost's Update:**

**Credit for Prior Learning.** Faculty task force has been created to look into this program with two faculty representatives from each institution. The first meeting will be held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and what the group comes up with will be forwarded to the Provost Council for discussion.

**Western Governors University.** EOU will maintain current relationship. There will not be an Oregon branded WGU. Key piece of discussion with WGU is whether students from WGU will be eligible for state level financial aid via Oregon opportunity grant funding. The Provost and President believe that they should not be eligible because there is already not enough money to go around. Provost will keep updated on how discussion turns out.

**Search for College of Business/Education Dean.** The position description has been finalized. Teaching faculty will receive information on search committee members.

**Blackboard.** Still dealing with blackboard issues related to servers. We are still receiving feedback that it is very slow. It is now stable but still on a single server instead of usual multi application. It will not be set up on multi server until after Fall term. IT is working as quickly as possible on issue.

**Wordpress.** All academic programs have been asked to transfer websites to Wordpress and it has become clear we do not have the resources to support migrations. Provost will meet with Tim on Friday to get short term support in place to work on websites.

**Advising Leadership.** After shift in leadership there will be a renewed focus on their role with students. Regional directors will be brought to campus to build relationships. Phase two will bring faculty to regional centers so we have a better idea of what life is like for that half of the students.

**Faculty Satisfaction Survey.** The American Council on Education Faculty survey was completed last year. The results are in and were discussed at the Provost's Council and will now be brought to respective Faculty Senates. Faculty Senate President will receive copies of EOU faculty results, the EOU institutional survey and the aggregate OUS survey. There will be further discussions and this topic will be added as future Senate agenda item. The Faculty Senate President will also add as a thread to blackboard.

### **Senate Discussion Items**

**Senate Bylaws Update.** Faculty Senate President has not received any feedback on bylaws and asked for confirmation that there are no changes needed. No changes presented. There have been no volunteers for ad-hoc committee to create procedure for Senate. Members will be contacted via email for their individual preferences for being considered. Website will need to include documentation that gives people an idea of how things proceed through Senate.

### **Senate Information Items**

#### **Committee Updates.**

##### Faculty Senate

- Jean Morello has replaced Athena Pierce as our Student Representative, and Genesis Meaderds is the UC Representative.

##### Honors Committee

- Jeremy Riggle (SMT), Marian Mustoe (DSSML), Ray Brown (Ed), Gary Keller (Bus), and Mary Asker (Student)
- A & L and Administrative Faculty have not yet filled their positions.

##### Research and Development Fund Committee

- Jill Gibian (DSSML), Chip Ettinger (SMT), Laurie Yates (Bus), and John Knudson-Martin (Ed).
- A & L have yet to fill the position.

##### Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

- Sharon Nelson is now on the committee as the new administrative faculty.

**Proposed Early Alert Program Model.** The program has already been approved but is being brought to the Senate for feedback. The program will now be housed under Housing & Student Affairs. Christy Oliveri will be receiving alerts. Anyone can file an alert for any student. Oliveri will receive alerts and refer to appropriate office. Concerns and suggestions discussed. Senator notes that most colleges have a team of people for early alert and wonders if one will be enough. Oliveri notes that at EOU we do not have the resources for a group of people and with the referral model it should not be too much for one

person to handle. Sorting teams and how they met at other schools discussed. Provost notes that as the model is put in place we can look at changes to be made and revisit. Oliveri confirms model is for all students. The program model will go into effect by end of Fall Term and fully implemented by the Winter Term. Discussion on faculty responsibility. Provost confirms that faculty sets the expectation for their students. Senator suggests that it would be a good idea to have a clear policy in place when reporting students who may have psychological issues. Oliveri states that any serious crisis issues should not be handled via early alert and should be referred immediately to the counseling center. Procedures and program description will be included on the website for reference and campus will be notified when available.

**Five-minute access:**

None

**Good of the Order:**

Next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> and the call for agenda items will go out in early December.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.**