

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Thursday, October 2, 2008
H-200 Lecture Hall

1. Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 with the moderator declaring that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of August 12, 2008

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm) – Senate has met one time and prioritized the different P&Ps that need to be discussed; a subcommittee is responsible for looking at them. Senate is responsible for bringing Quint Hill to today's faculty meeting.

B. UITAC (Bob Brown) – Has not met yet, aiming for October 13th where they will elect a new chairperson and hear update from Bill Gruzksa.

C. Graduate Programs Committee (Rene Butler) – Have met once, but have not approved minutes yet. Committee reviewed course description updates for some MBA courses and graduate faculty applications.

D. Faculty Council (Gouranga Banik) – Selected chair on line.

E. UCC (Tom Rotnem) – Met and approved some new courses, agreed to some revisions in concentrations and recommended a new certificate and 2 new concentrations.

F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L.R. Ritter) – Had first meeting; 2 issues: reduced the number of hours students can take in summer and committee will now review students on deferred suspension.

G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths) – Soliciting for agenda items.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

- **Faculty Senate:** Sept. 18, 2008
- **UCC:** Sept. 11, 2008

Omnibus motion to approve the above set of minutes. **Approved.**
(Happy Birthday to Khalid Saddiqi!)

5. Insurance / Benefits Presentation and Discussion (Quint Hill)

More detailed session on 10/9 for open enrollment.

See presentation for more information.

Quint will be out of the office 10/13-17 and again in November, so please be patient if you don't get an immediate answer.

6. VPAA's Comments

- No additional information about the budget.
- Proceeding forward with education programs, collaborating with Kennesaw only for master's degree; will proceed with an independent undergraduate program.
- Demand for evening engineering program is supposedly finished and sent to GA Tech, we have not yet received our copy.
- Accounting proposal went downtown this morning.
- Letters for ECTMA new program and Political Science were approved.
- Game Design program proposal proceeding and next step is the UCC.
- We need to think more about on-line instruction. Last Dean's Council meeting has information as will ALC minutes and this week's Blab. As we continue to grow we need to consider more hybrid, online, etc. courses. Nothing to say that everything has to be the same in every area. Distance Learning Task Force will be presented with some questions to answer to the ALC and Dean's Council.
- Question: Seems to be a problem with work orders into IT and lack of responsiveness. This needs to be considered if we go to more online instruction.

7. President's Comments

- Memorize QEP before SACS meeting next March.
- No new information about the budget. Probably not more information until after the election. Have a sense for what the USG plan for 6%, 8%, and 10% cuts would be. SPSU has a plan as well; even the 10% cut would not result in layoffs. Legislature wants to look at every state agency to ensure efficiency.
- Wonderful press for university: milestone events, groundbreaking, etc. Also hearing a great deal from the community of the good stuff we're doing.
- Two Open Houses: October 11th and November 8th. Nothing more important that we do for recruiting students. Whatever you can do to help support is very valuable.
- Comment from floor: Would be better to have both a right and left turn lane to exit at the West Entrance.
- No update on traffic light at East Entrance.

8. Announcements

A. USG Faculty Council forming. Bylaws presented (and approved by SPSU Senate and thus faculty) in the spring. Updates to those Bylaws have been presented and Senate will review at the next meeting. Looking for 2 volunteers to serve on the USG Faculty Council. First project to be tackled will be update to core curriculum.

B. 100 girl scouts on campus during open house days.

C. ABET visit starts Sunday Civil, Computer, Electrical, Telecommunications, Industrial, Mechanical and IT.

D. Georgia BEST robotics 10/18 at Cumberland Mall; 10/25 on campus in Gymnasium

E. Social and Community Building Committee will host a soup cookoff the last week of October

F. Interface Lecture Series: 3 lectures to tie into the First Year Experience: The Network Society. Book chosen by Reading group is "Convergence Culture" which also ties into topic.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Thursday, October 30th at noon in Burruss Auditorium

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator