

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Thursday, February 26, 2009
H-200 Seminar Room

1. Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 with the moderator declaring that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of November 25, 2008

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

- A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm)** – just approved 2 P&Ps: fee for recreation center going up by about \$10; clarification and updating on grading policies. Minutes are posted.
- B. UITAC (Bob Brown)** – meets on Monday, committee will discuss changes in DoIT and discussion of replacing email system.
- C. Graduate Programs Committee (Rene Butler)** – Approving minutes of meeting discussing graduate portion of the academic plan. February meeting discussed bridge from MS in Business Administration to MBA.
- D. Faculty Council (Gouranga Banik)** – elected new officers, no meetings.
- E. UCC (Tom Rotnem)** – accepted 12 courses in CGDD and architecture special grading standards
- F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L. Ritter)** – met Feb. 3rd, considered reinstatement petitions.
- G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths)** – last meeting discussed fees and fees.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

- **Faculty Senate:** February 12, 2009
- **Graduate Programs Committee:** December 2, 2008
- **Student Life Committee:** November 20, 2008
- **Undergraduate Student Status Committee:** February 3, 2009
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:** February 5, 2009

Omnibus motion to approve the above set of minutes. **Approved.**

5. Research and External Funding (Sandra Stone and Betsy Adams)

Grant money will be available through government agencies (stimulus package). OSP would like to be more of a resource for you. Please fill out form and return so OSP can be more efficient in contacting you when locating resources. Return surveys to J355. Members of Community of Science – all funding opportunities worldwide.

Office of Sponsored Programs – grant proposal guide has been updated with roles and responsibilities. Everything will be available online on a website soon! Signatures required before submission. Spreadsheet for budgets will also be online soon.

6. QEP Presentation (Bob Brown) and SACS update (Becky Rutherford)

Bob – presentation on QEP. Program will begin Fall 2009 with CSE school only, first year freshman only. If program is successful then it will be expanded in 2010 to all majors. Question on status of DegreeWorks...paid for, don't know where it is.

Becky – SACS committee is in place and will be here March 22nd. We will have a meeting of the whole campus on Wednesday, March 25th where the committee will report results to us. Committee is 8 people and they will be meeting in the library rotunda. Becky will come up with interview schedules.

Questions: 1) Question about credit by exam. Answer: We have credit by exam but not credit by experience. Email is enough to be sent indicating results of credit by exam. Credit is extended for that class. 2) Any idea who committee will want to interview? Answer: Probably faculty senate, group of students, department chairs.

7. VPAA's Comments

- Career Fair held yesterday 54 companies attending, more than 500 students and alumni attending, some new companies
- Budget – Gov. Perdue has decided to reduce revenue estimates for current year \$450M, \$20.2M cut for USG unknown how to distribute to campuses, SPSU \$200K if percentages hold; enrollments and other revenues are robust, dept. budgets have not been cut, no layoffs, etc. This was supposed to be the year we reaped benefits of enrollment, but SPSU in good shape. When will this year's budget be finalized? Unknown other than June 30th. Timing means we won't know about FY10 until June?
- Thanks for everyone for turning out at last open house. Feedback was fabulous.
- Thanks to many people who helped with SACS and QEP efforts
- USG is looking at calendar. Recommendations: 2 semesters with 15 instructional weeks including final exam period. 750 minutes per credit hour. Fall terms begin no earlier than 8/1 and must end by 12/31; Spring term can begin no earlier than Jan. 2nd and end by 5/30. Must separate terms by at least one day. Can have summer term. Allows for specialized programs that don't require physical space can overlap semesters. No information on summer terms. Question to downtown: must we follow these rules. Answer: not mandatory. Indication that 75 day rule is not a SACS requirement.
- Sandra & Betsy will work with faculty to secure outside funding. Funding can be things other than research: curricular development, instruction. Think of things you're interested in doing and then get outside support to do it. Dept. chairs have been asked to prepare a report on what is reasonably possible.
- System is supporting us going forward for education programs
- Q: anonymous comments... is administration willing to change policy? Discussion moved to Senate

8. President's Comments

President not here.

9. Discuss alternative future General Faculty meeting dates due to SACs and Spring Picnic

10. Drawing for next SFPS (Special Faculty Parking Space) (Tom Rotnem)

Rich Bennett gets parking space.

11. Announcements

A. Think about positions for next year. Four have been asked to be moderator, all declined.

B. Nancy Reichart and Honors Program having raffle for parking space. Proceeds go toward Honors scholarship. Also remember to send email if you want an honors research assistant for summer (curriculum development, competition teams, etc.)

C. PLSAMP meeting at 3:00 today

D. Construction Management reaccredited for 6 years

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Thursday, March 26th?? at noon in Burruss Auditorium (??)

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator