

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Tuesday, March 31, 2009
H-200

1. Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 with the moderator declaring that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of February 26, 2009

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm) – No minutes to approve yet. At the last meeting the senate endorsed the academic plan. One upcoming topic is parking. No P&Ps passed at last meeting.

B. UITAC (Bob Brown) – Committee had one meeting. The bulk of the discussion was on tech fees and the process. The general agreement is that the process is broken; things get requested twice, as the tech fee proposal timeline is not inline with capital budget planning. David Stone & Dave Caudill are drafting a new proposal for the process to consolidate the two.

C. Graduate Programs Committee (Sheryl Duggins) – The committee approved the MS in mgmt bridge program to MBA; talked about workload policy of 12-12 instead of 9-9 especially as related to new faculty hires; passed new MSSWE curriculum; adopted policy of maximum hours for students on probation (8 hours, special consideration of for those on scholarship or visa). In March 06 passed a policy concerning taking a course more than once...only last attempt counts.

D. Faculty Council (Gouranga Banik) – have not met.

E. UCC (Tom Rotnem) – Light agenda at last meeting. Passed two 2 hour honors courses. Alternative Energy ECET course approved.

F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L. Ritter) – no meeting as nothing on agenda.

G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths) – Meeting will be April 23rd.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

Motion to Suspend the Rules to consider SLC and UCC minutes. Motion passed.

- **Graduate Programs Committee:** Feb. 10, 2009 and March 17, 2009
- **Student Life Committee:** Feb. 19, 2009
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:** March 5, 2009

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

Substitute motion to consider minutes of GPC of March 17, 2009 separately, approve remaining.

Zvi indicated possibly grandfathering in 9-9 load for existing grad faculty. However new faculty will be told 12-12 with possible reduction with appropriate general scholarship performance. **Motion passed.**

Motion to approve 3/17 GPC as posted. Approved.

5. SACs update (Becky Rutherford)

(clapping clapping) It went very well. Thanks to everyone in the past 3 years for all their help. The 3 recommendations made by the committee are very minor and the 3 recommendations for the QEP is very normal. We have 5 months to come back with response; won't hear formally until first week of December.

6. Nominations for At-Large faculty committee positions

Betty Oliver for Faculty Council

You can also email Lance or Briana before next meeting. We will vote at the next meeting.

7. VPAA's Comments

- Things completed – BA and Master's in Accounting approved at last BOR. Instructional Design, set of questions received and answered. Hopefully it will show up on April agenda. Haven't heard anything on games proposal. Waiting on last letter of support for poly sci degree.
- Working on letter of intent for science education program
- Engineering proposals have gone downtown; Tom Currin now Assoc. Dean of Engineering
- Results from the BoR committee on core curriculum: a plan to set minimums in each existing area of core. Area B 3 hour min; area D 7 hour minimum; area E 6 hour min; area F to make up the rest of the hours (up to 60). Course(s) to focus on global issues, course(s) to teach critical thinking; course(s) on American context. University will be required to accept other university core even if 60 hours have not been completed.
- Thanks to all those that helped with SACS
- Moving forward with a smaller group of new hires for faculty...deans have met on must hires.
- Asked deans to bring forward capital requests, DR's for basic stuff; times tough but still making progress

8. President's Comments

- Thanks to all who helped with SACS visit, self-study, QEP, attending meetings, etc. Becky & Bob's leadership. Favorite moments during visit: QEP meeting evolved from interrogation to interactive discussion thanks to Julie Newell and Bob Harbort...a meeting that transformed the entire visit.
- Zvi is taking leadership for SACS meeting conclusion (celebration) on 4/9 at 4 pm location TBD, stay tuned
- Budget – Senate met yesterday, put \$15M in, took \$28M out; nothing directly effects SPSU; how it shakes out we don't know. BOR will take up system and institution budgets at April meeting. SPSU has made some reasonable assumptions (more flexibility with increased enrollment) for new hires.
- At April BOR meeting the regents will take up adding language to faculty contracts to allow for furloughs and decrease in compensation. Not in mind at

SPSU but that flexibility is needed at other institutions. Those stipulations are already in effect for administrators.

- Feedback for senior administrators: it's not anonymity or authorship but constructive criticism that President desires. President is scheduled to meet with Doc Review Committee and on how to get useful feedback; perhaps changing the questions then anonymity or authorship doesn't matter.
- On Saturday night the regents had their annual awards dinner. Five awards on teaching were given, one went to Carol Barnum. Favorite moments for the President were meeting Carol's mother and Carol's statement in front of a regent that "This came out of my post tenure review process," and one of Carol's first students came by with the Governor and said, "See Governor, this is the professor I keep talking about!" Alumnae also recognized: Mike Garrett (CEO of Georgia Power) inducted into the Hall of Fame. SPSU only school with both teaching and alumni award recipients.
- BOR April meeting – Bob Ormsby (figurative father of Lockheed C5) is to be voted upon to have honorary degree from SPSU. Since an individual is only allowed one honorary degree from a USG institution and Mr. Ormsby is a GT grad, he was approached to see if this was acceptable. Mr. Ormsby indicated that he was thrilled to have honorary degree from SPSU. He will also be our Spring Commencement speaker.
- There will be a Townhall meeting at 4 pm today to explain designs, infrastructure, ETC, studio expansion, parking deck, residence halls, cafeteria, new plaza. Q&A time is planned.

9. Announcements

- A.** Next General Faculty meeting is on a TUESDAY because of Employee Picnic.
- B.** International Form lecture series – global elections in a networking world. Tomorrow at 7:30. April 22nd at 7:30 is second lecture.
- C.** Geek Squad summer academy again this summer with 120 girls on campus the first week of August.
- D.** All is well with psychology degree
- E.** ASEE southeastern hosted by SPSU Monday / Tuesday at Marietta Conference Center.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:51.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Tuesday, April 28th at noon in Burruss Auditorium

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator