

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Tuesday, April 28, 2009
H-200 Seminar Room

1. Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 with the moderator declaring that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of March 31, 2009

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm) – Passed P&P 803.07 (evaluation of faculty) and 814.1 (data collection protocol for administrators). The Senate also endorsed the Academic Plan.

B. UITAC (Bob Brown) – have not met since last general faculty meeting.

C. Graduate Programs Committee (Rene Butler) – Committee approved the admission requirements for master's in accounting and changed the prefix on accounting courses. Looked at D and F grades (based on SACS input) and graduate classes will now allow D grade (not satisfactory). Programs can limit number of C's allowed.

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

E. UCC (Tom Rotnem) – Many changes approved. New courses to ENGR, ECTMA, IET, MET, CSWE. Approved changes to the catalog concerning earning both BA & BS degrees (dual / double majors). Next UCC meeting on June 25th either in person or online to consider student petitions for those graduating in summer or fall.

F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L Ritter) – Committee met on April 7th and voted to do away with Warning and Deferred Suspension categories. Committee voted to change the full time hours for summer is 12 hours. Marathon meeting scheduled for May 12th at 2. Maximum and full time hours are the same (12 hours). Full time definition is not a SPSU decision, has federal implications. Suggest that we move maximum to 14 (Scott Tippens) to improve efficiency. Zvi disagrees and says that if student chooses 12 or more hours, need to have faculty signature.

G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths) – Last meeting of the committee was 5 days ago at which the athletic budget, intramural budget and SGA budget were approved.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

- **Faculty Senate:** March 19 and April 16, 2009
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:** April 2, 2009
- **Graduate Programs Committee:** April 14, 2009
- **Undergraduate Student Status Committee:** April 7, 2009

Motion to suspend rules to consider all above minutes. **Approved.**

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

4A. Motion to endorse moving the “holy hour” to 12:30 – 1:30 on Tuesday/Thursday and thus changing the block schedule. **Motion not approved.**

Discussion: Can we move day up to start classes at 7:30? Change to schedule has many ramifications. Can we send it back to where it came from for more discussion? Will be discussed at ALC on Wednesday and should include all those that schedule classes.

5. Nominations for Annual Election of at-large faculty Committee Positions

Mark Stevens nominated for moderator and seconded.

Nominations closed.

6. Approval of SPSU Spring 2009 Degree Candidates

Motion to approve candidates. **Motion approved.**

7. VPAA’s Comments

- Masters in Instructional Education Design approved in April. Gaming proposal to be on May agenda, Political Science scheduled for June. Letter of intent on educational programs should get a 30 day turn around. Ed Council Approved Spanish and French 2001 for Area C. Engineering programs are downtown.
- Done with first round of hiring, a couple of more to finish. Theoretical possibility there may be more depending on budget.
- In the past 1-11 hours was parttime in terms of tuition, then fixed rate for 12 or more hours. Now fixed rate starts at 15 hours (except those under Fixed for Four). Question of how much revenue this will generate. May be a compensating effect...will students take fewer hours? May make student participation in Semester Abroad decrease because of students having to pay more.
- P16 office (outreach to public schools) being restructured with more focused mission and fewer people.

8. President’s Comments

- Budget for next year probably about the same as we had this year. Budget projected on students behaving next year the same as this year in terms of credit hours enrolled. Difference in paying for hours 12, 13, and 14 would be about \$700K, but we’re not spending it yet. Semester fee of \$100 reinstated, results in \$1M for SPSU. Expected to go away when last of fixed for four go away.
- Budget will be about 17% down from last year, but we get 5% back from stimulus funds
- Students had opportunity to meet with chancellor
- State support of budget has gone from 75% to 49% since Dr. Rossbacher’s arrival
- Plans in place to deal with pandemic, epidemic, etc. No reported or documented cases of swine flu in GA at this time
- Thanks for what has been a remarkable year. Given the budget crises and SACS visit, a really good year.
- Question: consider ramping up server capacity to allow online instruction, telecommuting in case of closure

9. Announcements

A. Mark Stevens new moderator;

- Student Life: Sarah Holiday, MATH and Keith Hopper, ECTMA;

- Faculty Council: Tom Rotnem, SIS, Betty Oliver, ECTMA, Carlos Ortiz, CET;
- Undergraduate Student Status: Jennifer Vandebussche, MATH, Laura Palmer, ECTMA

B. Rich Bennett drew Beth Farber for parking space

C. 200 Girl Scouts on campus last Saturday, thanks to all those who helped. Earth Day Family Festival a big hit.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:54.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Thursday, July 9 at noon in Burruss?? Auditorium

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator