

**Minutes**  
**SPSU General Faculty Meeting**  
**Noon Thursday, July 9, 2009**  
**H200**

**1. Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 with moderator-elect Mark Stevens declaring that a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of April 28, 2009**

The minutes were **approved**.

**3. Approval of graduates for August 1, 2009 graduation**

The list of graduates was **approved**.

**4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes**

- **Undergraduate Student Status Committee:** June 11, 2009  
Committee met to discuss student petitions. Committee recommends that the Grade Forgiveness Policy be reworded so W's will not forgive previous grades.  
**Motion to approve the above minutes. Approved.**

**5. VPAA's Comments**

- Letters of Intent for evening Engineering programs are now up on BOR website and are in process. Thus far, no negative comments. Deadline of July 24 (approximately) for comments, and it is theoretically possible for the programs to show up on August agenda.
- Four degrees in Education, (physics, chemistry, biology, and math) letters of intent are downtown, we now need to develop full proposals, which must satisfy NSC and NCATE. To meet all the requirements is more complex, but the system remains behind the proposals.
- Budget – System has already said 3% budget cut, late Tuesday afternoon we were asked to identify a 6% cut by July 27<sup>th</sup>. Beginning of last year was this same situation. We set aside a 3% budget contingency. This is a percentage of what the state gives us, which is approximately 60% of our total budget. Budget reduction plan will likely look like: use contingency for 3%; do not fill positions, hold vacant positions vacant, do not purchase equipment (facilities and Academic Affairs), reduce professional development funds and travel funds. Budgeted at a 0% increase, any increase in enrollment will give us additional income but will also incur additional expenses. This past year was an okay capital equipment year basically because we were in a strong fiscal position. We hope that this will happen again, but must wait for final enrollment numbers and budget information. We should not have to resort to furloughs or anything else ugly. Other USG institutions will probably have to resort to furloughs. Question: what does a furlough look like? BOR will provide information. Shorten the semester and those extra days would be days off? May identify certain days or shorten semester, or may leave it up to faculty (teach for free). Job still has to be done, so yes, administrators will still work.
- July 30<sup>th</sup>, Campus Beautification Day to enhance campus for fall. Email address [green@spsu.edu](mailto:green@spsu.edu) with ideas. Looking for volunteers, see emails for more details.

- Request for more information on road construction, etc. Needs to be a web page for constant updates. Faculty will have to pay to park in deck, students pay fee, get to park, faculty pay fee, they can park in the deck too, no reserved faculty parking.
- Continuing Education building plan: we are trying to rent property, the American Business Center, with 10,000 sq ft of space. Contracts were finalized on our end yesterday. They must sign our contract. Then the agreement goes downtown to BOR for approval. We have exigent circumstances so it should be approved. Then Lodge will basically be empty until pylons go in, then we will move ELS into that building and free up space in J and M.
- Zvi will be gone to the RCAA meeting tomorrow until Tuesday, Wednesday he will be on campus. Next Wednesday will be his only day on campus (and also it's his birthday). He then goes to conferences and China and will be back on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **6. President's Comments**

- President Rossbacher was off campus at a meeting.

## **7. Announcements**

**A.** Professor Gerd Wöstenkühler is a visiting faculty member working with Darren Wilcox.

**B.** On July 28, 29, 30, 100+ Girl Scouts will be on campus (and it may be noisy).

**C.** Raj Sashti is working in Academic Affairs and working in International Education Areas for resources for students and faculty.

## **8. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 1 pm in ???

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Mark Stevens, Faculty Moderator-elect