

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Thursday, October 30, 2008
H-200 Lecture Hall

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 October 2, 2008

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm) – The Senate looked at a P&P created by staff concerning Donated Leave. They also looked at and passed a template for future faculty meetings. Senate passed P&P 2020.0. The DRC is meeting to update old P&Ps.

B. UITAC (Bob Brown) – Met last Tuesday and minutes are now posted. Committee endorsed a tactical plan for this year presented by Bill Gruzka. There will be a meeting on the strategic plan on Nov. 11th at noon in M100.

C. Graduate Programs Committee (Sandra VasaSideras for Rene Butler) – no comments.

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

E. UCC (Tom Rotnem) – Met Oct. 9th and did a lot of things including approving revisions to MET program concentrations and student petitions. Committee also approved in concept CSE Computer Game Design and Development program.

F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L.R. Ritter) – Met Oct. 7th, and considered one student petition. Committee is still considering the way deferred suspension is enacted at the end of each semester. Committee was asked to rewrite the student status explanation section of the student catalog.

G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths) – Met last Thursday, and elected a new chair and secretary and approved minutes of last meeting last year. Committee talked to SGA president about goals for semester which include implementing a safe ride to Walmart once a week. Committee discussed the future parking deck and a new residence hall for 2010. There is a problem with template for meetings passed in Senate as Student Life Committee was recommendation to meet on Tuesdays which is when the SGA meets. The Student Life Committee meeting needs to be moved to Thursdays. Committee also discussed faculty having tests during last week of class, but this discussion was tabled.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

- **Faculty Senate:** Oct. 16, 2008
- **UCC:** Oct. 9, 2008
- **Graduate Programs Committee:** Sept. 16, 2008

- **Undergraduate Student Status Committee:** Sept. 9 and Oct. 7, 2008
Move to approve Senate minutes without Template. **Approved.**
Omnibus motion to approve the above set of minutes EXCEPT Senate. **Approved.**

5. Next General Faculty Meeting

Current next scheduled Faculty Meeting is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at noon in the Burruss Auditorium. After discussion, it was decided to leave the meeting on the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.

6. VPAA's Comments

- Work is proceeding on a number of degree programs, Computer Game Design and Development will be going in as a letter of intent. Political Science and Instructional Design programs have been approved. Accounting bachelor's and masters is currently downtown. No, we have not heard from GT on engineering. Zvi has contacted the President of GT who is trying to find out. Kennesaw has backed out of the STEM education program, we will be proceeding with an independent education program and we are currently in discussion with the system office. System office is in support of this and may offer support to develop grants.
- Tutoring center now open. 1) Go take a look. 2) Encourage students to use. Math, English, Science. 3) Spaces that you may want to use to hold help sessions. Coordinate with Jon Lindsay.
- 2nd open forum on Academic Plan next Monday at 2 pm in library rotunda.

7. President's Comments

- No information about the budget. May get some next week. Stay tuned.
- President spent Monday and Tuesday in Washington for the American Council of Women in Higher Education Commission on Women. Received information on federal legislation that will impact higher education – new GI bill, very valuable for anyone who has served in active duty.
- Gini Head and Quint Hill have information concerning TRS and cost of living updates to be voted on in Nov. Regents meeting.
- Future building projects – parking, residential housing. Be aware that there will be some growing pains (i.e. loss of parking to gain parking deck).
- Starting to gear up for future legislature session which will likely include guns on college campuses. Access to higher ed is also an issue. Continue to discuss budget, cost, and technical college system.
- Lisa has not yet attended PeopleSoft training. Harbort: Unfunded mandate.
- Parking question: Some of the upper lots will also be closed. 2 faculty lots across from G and K.

8. Announcements

- A. SACS Offsite team looking at self-study next week. We should receive feedback in Nov. QEP is Learning Communities.
- B. PSLSAMP research conference Nov. 13-15 in Savannah. Email will be sent for students participating, please be considerate.
- C. Tutoring Center – Outreach library will be in the Tutoring Center TTh noon – 2. Contact Aaron Wimer for more information.
- D. Interface lecture Nov. 19th at noon. Ties into first year experience. Josh Levy will speak on “Can blogs change the world?”

E. Bob Harbort will pay for any student project for microphone that can be directed to pick up voices around the room.

F. 8 people joined meeting online via Wimba. We need to consider a policy of whether online attendees are part of quorum and can vote.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:43.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Tuesday, November 25 at noon in Burruss Auditorium

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator