

Minutes
SPSU General Faculty Meeting
Noon Tuesday, November 25, 2008
H200

1. Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 with the moderator declaring that a quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Meeting minutes of October 30, 2008

The minutes were **approved**.

3. Faculty Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Senate (Lance Crimm) – Senate is working on changing terminology from “department chair” to “department head” in P&Ps. Senate also voted to allow representation for Division of Engineering within committees: For all P&Ps, the Division of Engineering should be considered a department.

B. UITAC (Bob Brown) – At the most recent meeting the committee received a strategic plan from Gruzka. The committee asked for updates to the plan and those updates have been complete and Bob will email the revised plan to committee members.

C. Graduate Programs Committee (Rene Butler) – Informational Instructional Design Graduate program curriculum was approved at last committee meeting and needs to be approved by general faculty to go downtown in December. Special called meeting to discuss the graduate portion of academic plan.

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

E. UCC (Tom Rotnem) – Committee approved Architecture’s request for change in residency requirement to be consistent with other degrees. Committee approved departmental permanent course substitution lists. Committee has voted to request a meeting in summer and to hold a meeting during fall kickoff. Committee approved Political Science program in concept.

F. Undergraduate Student Status Committee (L.R. Ritter) – Committee met on Nov. 4th and handled a few student petitions. Committee revisited maximum hours allowable for summer; BOR has limit of 12, so committee raised allowable hours back to 12. Committee approved Architecture request for change in residency for Professional program.

G. Student Life Committee (William Griffiths) – Committee held meeting last week, and Gruzka talked to committee about an increase to the technology fee. Also discussed were increases in athletic fees (for assistant soccer coach). SPSU is losing some out of state waivers for athletes. The discussion on fee increases will be continued and voted upon next semester.

4. Acceptance of recommendations contained in Committee Minutes

- **Faculty Senate:** Nov. 13, 2008

- **Graduate Programs Committee:** Oct. 14, 2008
- **Student Life Committee:** October 23, 2008
- **Undergraduate Student Status Committee:** November 4, 2008
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:** November 6, 2008
- **UITAC:** October 21, 2008
- **Curriculum proposal for Information Instructional Design approved in GPC added to omnibus motion.**

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

5. Fall 2008 Degree Candidates

Faculty would like to congratulate Registrar's office and all involved in getting petitions in on time and list processed in a timely manner.

Motion to approve list. Approved.

6. VPAA's Comments

- Budget information now predicted in January.
- Raises start in January....no news is good news. Presumably if they were going to stop the raises, they would have done it by now. Question remains as to who pays for raises.
- No updates from Georgia Tech. (Even from Interim President!) Financial crisis has hit their endowment.
- Lynn Weisenback is in charge of education downtown. We are meeting with PSC and other educational initiatives and moving ahead with educational programs.
- Thanksgiving. Zvi expressed his wishes for every to have a nice holiday and thanks for all you've done all semester long.

7. President's Comments – President in Florida

8. Briefing: Fall Recap and Critique with Ideas looking toward Spring

Item for spring – Where is post tenure review going? Noteworthy standard applied to post-tenure review in latest P&P approved by President. Some things were taken out in examples list. Senate can look at it again. (Joel)

Has Senate done any work on current grading policy? Almost ready to pass...should be passed at the next meeting. (Steve Edwards)

9. Announcements

A. Casey Helton (Auxiliary Services) has announcement on parking – commented that this was the most efficient meeting she's ever been to on campus. Textbooks – timeliness of book adoptions effects used book availability. Thanks to the 80% who have turned in book requests for spring.

Parking is a pain. 2300 parking spaces, 5000 decals distributed. Parking deck expected to open at beginning of summer. We will be losing 120 spots on December 1st for new parking deck construction. Some big meetings have been scheduled on campus that will involve an additional 50 cars. Please let auxiliary services know when special meetings are planned. Ride a bike or carpool if you can. Hope to have new spots available for carpoolers. Monday through Thursday from 10 to 6 is crunch time. They are working on satellite parking as well.

We will raffle a choice parking place once every general faculty meeting. Doesn't guarantee someone won't park there, but they will get a ticket. Campus Safety tries not to tow cars. They are working on a booting policy – but that just means they'll be parked

there longer. Also in discussion is extending the Silver Comet trail to the back side of campus. Question: Where are bike racks? Some are around the residence halls. In the process of changing from parking office to transportation office. We have added a Saferide program to take students to parking, which will include satellite parking when available. We are looking to add more bike racks around the academic buildings. We are looking to mark off motorcycle parking as well. It is hard to get students to write tickets after 7 pm. Some students are paying \$600 in parking fines to get to register. We are looking to extend parking behind building J (where trailers used to be).

Parking spot raffle until Feb 26th... **Winner is Tom Rotnem.**

Pay for print in H labs starts in spring. Prices are just covering costs – paper, ink, software, service contracts.

B. No update on SACS.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:37.

Next General Faculty Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2009 at noon in Burruss Auditorium

Submitted by: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Faculty Moderator