

**Minutes  
Faculty Senate  
February 12, 2009**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Thursday, February 12th in room G-106 at noon with Faculty Moderator Lance Crimm presiding.

1. **Quorum** of many people declared at 12:04; Attendance

Initials	Senators	Initials	Ex-Officio
P	Robert Tango, ARCH	A	Lisa A. Rossbacher, President
A	Hazem Ziada, ARCH	P	Zvi Szafran, VPAA
P	Joyce McGriff, BA	A	Jeff Ray, Dean ETM
P	Russ Patrick, BCP	P	Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S
P	Matt Wilson, CET	A	Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE
P	Hussein Abaza, CM	P	Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
P	Orlando Karam, CSWE	A	Anjli Patel, SGA President
P	Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE		
P	Brent Jenkins, ECET		
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		<b>Visitors</b>
P	Glenn Allen, ENGR		Andrew McMorran
P	Terry Carter, ETCMA		Robert Forbes
P	Keith Hopper for Iraj Omidvar, ETCMA		Quint Hill
P	Walt Thomas, IET		Mary Ellen Salter McGee
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		Joel Fowler
P	Yongli Ma, LIB		Steve Hamrick
P	Laura Ritter, MATH		Margaret Venable
P	Greg Conrey, MET		Sylvia Carson
P	Thomas Nisley, SIS		Kit Trench
			Kasey Helton
			Tom Currin
			Shariar Makarechi

2. Approval of minutes from the November 11, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.  
**Passed.**

3. Administrative Leadership Development Team Visits Faculty Senate  
Mary Ellen McGee (AAEEO), working with individuals from different administrative areas about policies of the university and processes. Group is now looking at operations and functions of the academic area.  
Kit Trench, Casey Helton, Andrew McMorran, Robert Forbes, Quint Hill, Jeff Orr, Ron Lurk, David Stone.

4. Reports from the Documents Review Committee (Abaza)  
P&P 910.04 Recreation & Wellness Center Usage  
**Motion** to approve this version of the P&P. **Motion passes** (1 opposition vote).  
Discussion: Faculty Senate does actually have to vote on this P&P as it does affect the faculty (fee has increased). Discussion of appropriateness of fee.
5. P&P 304.0 Course Objectives, Grading, and Evaluation of Students' Performance discussion (Greg Conrey)  
Committee made motion to approve P&P. **Motion passed.**  
Discussion of grade of "IP". IP can only be used for designated courses that are more than a semester long.
6. P&P 803.07 – Evaluation of Faculty discussion (Briana)  
The intent of Senate is fairly clear; the wrong version of the P&P was presented. Administration will combine wording of both versions and email senate the corrected version who will vote on it at the next meeting.
7. P&P 802.01 – Filling Teaching Faculty Positions discussion (Becky)  
Some departments following current P&P (dean convenes search committee, dept. chair part of committee) and some departments doing it the old way (dept. chair convenes committee). Need to ensure consistency. Zvi will take to ALC to ask for input.  
**Motion** to ask Zvi to take to ALC for recommendations. **Motion passed.**
8. VPAA's Comments and update  
Most of the most current updates are in the Weekly Blab. Evening Engineering Program: met with GT who wanted to study the proposal further. We should be hearing from GT Provost soon.  
Joel Fowler – comments on Graduate part of Academic Plan. Substantive changes "bring graduate programs to center of faculty thinking"; establish council--how is this different from GPC; recruiting from undergrad – only time a student should stay here is if they have no other options. Doesn't institutional effectiveness already regularly evaluate graduate curriculum?  
Undergrad academic plan – undergrad research needs to be elevated. There will be implementation committees to determine what's done in what order. There will also be flexibility during implementation.  
Senate being asked to endorse Academic Plan so it can go to next step. Straw vote indicates that most senators are not ready to endorse at this time. Questions should be addressed to Zvi before next meeting, responses will be sent to entire Senate.
9. Old Business  
P&P on Graduate Status – there is a problem with the P&P. We are not supposed to give temporary faculty permanent status or on-going status.

**Motion** to ask GPC to update P&P and bring to senate. **Motion passes.**

10. New Business

P&P 814.10 – anonymity was removed from P&P for data collection protocol for administrative assessment. Faculty and such can now evaluate President. It was a conscious decision of administration to make comments signed with name.

Should senate evaluate again? Vote was 9 to 3. The DRC will review the P&P again.

11. Announcements

Abestos abatement in Building D, letter from Dr. Rossbacher will be forwarded to all senators.

12. Adjourned at 12:58.

Next Senate meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2009 in G-106

Next Faculty meeting is Thursday, February 26, 2009 in Burruss (??) Auditorium

Respectfully submitted: Briana Morrison

Approved by: Lance Crimm