

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
April 16, 2009**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Thursday, April 16 in room G-106 at noon with Faculty Moderator Lance Crimm presiding.

1. **Quorum** of 10 people declared at 12:00; Attendance

Initials	Senators	Initials	Ex-Officio
P	Robert Tango, ARCH	A	Lisa A. Rossbacher, President
A	Hazem Ziada, ARCH	A	Zvi Szafran, VPAA
P	Joyce McGriff, BA	P	Jeff Ray, Dean ETM
P	Russ Patrick, BCP	P	Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S
A	Matt Wilson, CET	P	Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE
P	Hussein Abaza, CM	P	Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
P	Orlando Karam, CSWE	A	Anjli Patel, SGA President
A	Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE		
P	Brent Jenkins, ECET		
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		Visitors
P	Glenn Allen, ENGR		Steve Hamrick, Registrar
A	Terry Carter, ETCMA		Tom Currin, ENGR
P	Iraj Omidvar, ETCMA		
P	Walt Thomas, IET		
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		
P	Yongli Ma, LIB		
P	Laura Ritter, MATH		
P	Greg Conrey, MET		
P	Thomas Nisley, SIS		

2. Approval of minutes from the March 19, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. **Passed.**

3. Endorsement of amended Academic Plan (Zvi Szafran)

Motion to endorse the amended academic plan. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Report from the Documents Review Committee (update on 814.1 and combining evals) (Abaza)

Discussion of whether or not DRC should undertake combining of reviews (pre/post/tenure, reappointment, grad faculty, annual faculty). Also discussion on whether to consider digital submissions. Senate agreed that DRC should take on this task.

Committee met with President & VPAA, The Committee endorsed everything except paragraph on pg 2 which states, "University will contract with objective 3rd party to review the written comments and delete ones that clearly do not have an evaluative purpose before they are shared with the person being reviewed. This

step allows for the anonymous feedback while maintaining the integrity of the evaluation process.”

Motion to accept P&P as written by Dr. Rossbacher. Amended motion to delete the above sentences. Discussion. **Motion passes.**

Motion to send P&P back to committee. **Motion withdrawn.**

Also missing from the P&P in the list of people evaluated are Associate Deans, other Directors, etc. and who evaluates them.

Friendly Amendment to add the following sentence to the end of the document: “And other administrative positions as identified by the President and Senior Staff.”

Motion passes.

5. P&P 803.07 discussion with Administrative suggested changes (Briana)

Motion to approve P&P.

Friendly amendment: change evaluation by dean to department chair. **Motion passes.**

6. Distance Learning Taskforce (DLTF) update (Carol Barnum)

In order to make DLTF a standing committee we would have to change the statues.

Background: DLTF has grown as distance learning has grown, however nothing DLTF does goes to the faculty; it is all advisory to the Dean’s Council. Many things DLTF recommends but only goes to Dean’s Council for decision, including budget decisions. Current committee reports to Extended University Dean via Dean’s Council. Is it feasible for DLTF to be a standing committee? DLTF could 1) define a P&P to decide membership, etc. 2) could be created by a motion at the general faculty meeting; 3) could also be an Operating Committee (declared by President). Should task force be disbanded as we move more and more toward delivering more courses online...why should one mode of delivery have special committee?

7. VPAA’s Comments and update (ALC recommendations on 802.01?)

Zvi not here...at General Faculty Meeting

8. Old Business (USGFC)

Need two volunteers still to serve on USG Faculty Council.

9. New Business

10. Announcements (need nominations for committees)

Need more nominations...please ask before you put their name into the hat

11. Adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Next Senate meeting is Fall, 2009

Next Faculty meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in Burruss Auditorium

Respectfully submitted: Briana Morrison

Approved by: Lance Crimm