

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
September 18, 2008**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in room G-106 at noon with Faculty Moderator Lance Crimm presiding.

1. **Quorum** of 11 people declared at 12:03; 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	A	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	Tom Currin, Director ENGR
P	Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE		, SGA President
P	Brent Jenkins, ECET		
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		Visitors
P	Terry Carter, ETCMA		Joel Fowler, MATH
P	Iraj Omidvar, ETCMA		Beth Farber, ECTMA
P	Walt Thomas, IET		Charles Bachman, ECET
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		
P	Yongli Ma, LIB		
P	Laura Ritter, MATH		
P	Greg Conrey, MET		
P	Thomas Nisley, SIS		

2. Election of Parliamentarian

Russ Patrick nominated and elected.

3. Election of Vice-Moderator

Greg Conrey nominated and elected.

4. Faculty Senate Meeting times

Times reviewed, meetings currently scheduled once a month. The body was agreeable that the current slate of meetings on the academic calendar was sufficient and that if necessary we would call special meetings.

5. Clarification of having No Classes being scheduled on TTh noon

Motion to request from the registrar all classes that have violated this time block during the previous 3 semesters. Motion Passed.

7. Formation of Senate Subcommittees

Motion to swap agenda items 6 and 7. **Motion passed.**
 Documents Review Subcommittee must review oldest 10% of P&Ps.
 DRC – Hussein Abaza, Scott Larisch, Russ Patrick

6. Discussion of Faculty issues with possibly prioritizing for the year
 Discussion of voting; decided that only Senators will vote on prioritization.
 Removing issues “grading policy out of date” and “ADA issue” as these will be
 addressed in review of P&Ps. Request was made to expand P&P 460 to include
 faculty as well as students.

Motion to table until January those items that Dean’s Council is working on:
 grad asst (new graduate policy going to GPC)
 readjusting reappt. time table to coincide with annual review
Motion passed.

Add issues “consistent technology in the classroom and training,” and “how indirect
 costs are distributed,”

Results of Voting

Issue	Avg.	Highest (A - 5)	(B - 4)	Neutral (C - 3)	(D - 2)	Lowest (E - 1)
faculty workload for intern and special project / independent study	3.59	5	4	6	0	2
clearer policy for student appeal of academic policies	2.94	1	5	5	4	2
facility design standards (green book?); sustainable committee	2.53	3	1	3	5	5
putting all forms online and in one place	4.41	10	4	3	0	0
facilities – connectivity between buildings, parking lots, etc., campus resources; (faculty) not consulted	2.94	2	4	4	3	3
automated promotion, tenure, reappointment package to reduce redundancy	3.53	8	1	3	2	3
better access to office PC from home / off campus	3.76	8	2	4	1	2
experiment with remote access to faculty meetings	2.82	1	3	7	4	2
consistent technology in the classroom and training	4.12	11	2	1	1	2
how indirect costs are distributed	2.94	2	2	8	3	2

8. USG Faculty Council Bylaws update
Revised in August 2008. **Tabled.**

9. USG Benefits / Insurance news and updates

Quint Hill attended conference for information. Lance will invite Quint to present to Senate. Staff Council is also reviewing; Lance will request that they share information with Senate.

10. Old Business - none

11. New Business – Senate will provide review input to Zvi on software package to deal with automated promotion, tenure, reappointment packages.

12. Adjourned at 12:55.

Next Senate meeting is Thursday, October 16th.

Respectfully submitted: Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by: Lance Crimm, Moderator of the Faculty