

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
October 18, 2007**

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

1. **Quorum** of 13 people declared at 12:04; Attendance

| Initials | Senators | Initials | Ex-Officio |
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| P | Robert Tango, ARCH | | Lisa A. Rossbacher, President |
| A | Sid Davis, BA | P | Zvi Szafran, VPAA |
| P | Russ Patrick, BCP | P | Jeff Ray, Dean ETM |
| P | Matt Wilson, CET | P | Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S |
| A | Hussein Abaza, CM | | Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE |
| P | Orlando Karam, CSWE | P | Bill Barnes, Dean ACC |
| P | Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE | | Kevin Moss, SGA President |
| A | Scott Larisch, ECET | | |
| P | Brent Jenkins, ECET | | |
| P | Keith Hopper, ETCMA | | Visitors |
| P | Iraj Omidvar | | Steve Hamrick |
| P | Walt Thomas, IET | | John Sweigart |
| P | Susan VandeVen for Becky Rutherford, IT | | |
| P | Yongli Ma, LIB | | |
| P | Larry Wang, MATH | | |
| P | Greg Conrey for Glenn Allen, MET | | |
| P | Al Churella, SIS | | |
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2. Approval of minutes from the October 11, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting. **Approved.**
3. Report update of Archival of Minutes P&P (Scott Larisch- not present, delayed until next meeting)
4. Report of P&P 206.0 revising on Institutional Effectiveness (Becky Rutherford)
Waiting on input from SACs leadership team.

5. Update on ad-hoc committee to revise P&P on lecturers to eliminate conflicts in timing of reviews for people in these positions and other tenure versus promotion timing. (Bob Tango)

There is a conflict in BOR minutes. Marcy Middleton (from BOR) indicated that BOR will correct at November meeting; we were advised to wait until after 11/7 to make an action. Not more than 10% of faculty can be lecturers & senior lecturers.

6. Senate By-Laws updating including the idea of tracking P&Ps that have not been updated within Five years to be placed into a Review Process (Briana Morrison)

No comments, to be discussed at future meeting.

7. Discussion of a possible change on the way I grades (incompletes) are processed (Steve Hamrick)

Student earns an I, and I is posted to end of term grades for term enrolled for course. When student completes requirements for course, the final grade is posted to term when course completed (not original term). Problem now with financial aid as hours attempted are counted twice (per auditors). Under new proposal by registrar, grade would now be posted as grade with symbol in the term enrolled in the course; place the date completed the course in a comment field in Banner. Granting of an I may have an effect on HOPE and / or scholarship and should be considered by faculty. Zvi suggested changing I to I followed by grade earned (i.e., IB or IA, IC, etc.) rather than no indication of an incomplete, or using a ~ to indicate the incompleteness.

Motion: Endorse the premise that the registrar take necessary steps to make I grades in compliance with the financial aid office, with the registrar employing a designation such as IA, IB, IC, etc.

Passed.

8. Decide on how to deal with previously discussed issues such as:

A. revision of parking P&P – decision of Senate not to address at this time

B. student excused absence policies – faculty want the onerous to be on the student to contact the instructor when they are going to be absent. This can be followed up with a single email from responsible party indicating all students who are going to be absent because of official university business. The problem is that handbook and catalog are out of sync. Additional problem of excused absences going against course syllabus.

Resolution: It is the responsibility of each student to contact directly his/her instructor(s) regarding anticipated absences.

Passed.

Lance will ask Barry Birckhead to add statement to student Handbook.

C. post tenure review P&P – phrase from P&P “continued activity of value” changed to “noteworthy” when approved by President. Zvi argues that it is “difference without distinction” meaning that neither “noteworthy” nor “value” are defined. Question is does faculty want post tenure review performance to be acceptable at a lower level than pre-tenure. There are currently people on campus looking into a definition of noteworthy. Whatever you’ve done to earn P&T you should keep doing afterwards.

Motion to continue to discuss at a future meeting. **Passed.**

9. Old Business

10. New Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:59.

Respectfully submitted,
Briana Morrison, Secretary to the Faculty

Approved by Lance Crimm, Moderator