

**Minutes
General Faculty Meeting
February 9, 2006**

The SPSU Faculty met in the Burruss Auditorium at noon on February 9, 2006, Faculty Moderator Mark Stevens presiding.

1. Quorum

The Moderator reported that quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Minutes

The faculty approved the Minutes of the General Faculty meeting of November 18, 2005.

3. Approval of Committee Minutes

A motion to approve all Committee Minutes was made and seconded. A motion to add the Undergraduate Committee minutes to the agenda was made and seconded. The minutes of the Undergraduate Committee included a revision to the Information Technology (IT) curriculum. The faculty approved the addition of the Undergraduate Committee minutes to the agenda. The faculty approved the following committee minutes:

- Faculty Senate October 13, 2005, November 10, 2005 and December 8, 2005
- Faculty Council, August 23, 2005
- Student Life, November 11, 2005
- Graduate Programs, October 13 and 27, November 8 and 22, 2005
- Undergraduate Student Status, January 31, 2006
- UITAC, November 29, 2005

4. Presentation of Graduate Program Committee's Recommendations

Dr. Zvi Szafran presented to the General Faculty the recommendations of the Graduate Program Committee to revitalize the graduate programs at SPSU. The recommendations include establishing a marketing and growth plan for graduate programs at SPSU and ensuring that graduate students have access to effective and efficient administrative and support services.

5. Discussion of a Research Symposium

Professor Ronny Richardson informed the faculty that he is promoting the idea of having a one day off-campus meeting on research at SPSU. The first item in the agenda is to establish a steering committee, which should have a faculty representative from each school. Those interested in on the committee can contact Professor Richardson or Dawn Ramsey, Dean of Extended University.

6. Update on Strategic Plan

Dr. Szafran in his update informed the faculty that the three major points of the Strategic Plan are: to increase enrollment; to create a welcome atmosphere for faculty, staff and students at SPSU; and to become a more comprehensive university by broadening the offerings of academic programs with a technology base.

7. Outstanding Faculty Awards

The Vice-president of Academic Affairs proposed that the faculty modify the nominating process for the Outstanding Faculty Award. The current process requires three letters to nominate a candidate. The VPAA's proposal will require only one signature. A show of hands indicated that the majority of faculty present agreed with the proposal to simplify the nomination process. This proposal will be presented to the Faculty Senate.

8. Announcements

Dr. Joyce Mills the Director of the Library introduced to the Faculty the new members of Library personnel: Elizabeth Keathley -Archivist and Branton Stewart- Cataloger. Professor Thomas Nisley announced to the Faculty the opening of the International Forum with two presentations, one on February 16, 2006 and another on February 23, 2006. Dr. Andy Wang announced to the Faculty the STEM Workshop for high school teacher and counselors to be held on February 11, 2006 at SPSU.

The General Faculty meeting adjourned at 12:55. The next meeting is scheduled for noon, Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Mark Stevens
Moderator of the Faculty

Zvi Szafran
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Carlos A. Ortiz
Secretary of the Faculty