Faculty Senate Minutes
January 28, 2025: MS Teams, 3-5 PM

Call to Order; Silent Roll Call (0 min.)   [session start time 3:00]

Present:

Senator (S), ExCo (E), Other Non-Voting Member (O), Designee (D)

Abdennour Seibi (S)	Diego Alvarado Karste (S)	Laura Ricaldi (S) (E)	Rich Paustenbaugh (E)
Ahmed Alsharif (S)	Donna Fairbanks (S)	Laurie Toro (E)	Richard Cho (S)
Aicha Rochdi (E)	Doug Czajka (S)	Maria Blevins (S)	Rick McDonald (S)
Alex Yuan (S)	Douglas Gardner (E)	Matt Flint (S)	Ron Miller (S)
Alma Laney (S)	Dustin Shipp (S)	Matthew Duffin (S)	Sayeed Sajal (S)
Anthony Ciccone (S)	Erin Peeples (O)	Max Aeschbacher (S)	Sean Crossland (S)
Ben Moulton (E)	Evelyn Porter (E)	Mel Gurr (S)	Shelton Weech (S)
Chris Lindquist (S)	Farzad Ahmadi (S)	Merilee Larsen (S)	Stephanie Dunn (S)
Christopher Goslin (S)	Jennifer Shubert (S) (E)	Michaela Sawyer (S)	Summer Karafiath (S)
Colleen Hough (S)	John Newman (S)	Ming Yu (S)	Tracy Sermon (S)
Dallas Smith (S)	Joshua Fagan (S) (E)	Nate Jeppson (S)	Tyson Riskas (S)
Dan Perry (S)	Kat Brown (E)	Nichole Ortega (S)	Wioleta Fedeczko (E)
Dan Sutliff (S)	Ken Adams (S)	Nizhone Meza (E)	
Deb Dowd (S)	Kevin Smith (S)	Raiden Gaul (S)	

Absent/Excused:

David Frame (S)	Ian Gotcher (E)	Nicole Gearing (E)	Waseem Sheikh (S)
Ezgi Sertler (E)	Jonathan Allred (E)	Peter Sproul (S)	Wayne Vaught (E)
Howard Fullmer (S)	Matt Withers (S)	Terrance Orr (S)	

Approval of Previous Minutes (available in Faculty Senate teams/website)
- Minutes stand approved

Faculty Senate President, Wioleta Fedeczko   [3:00-3:06]
- **UVU Correspondence**
    - Reminder for faculty to use their UVU email addresses when contacting students to ensure privacy and compliance with FERPA regulations. (see Notes below)
- **Provost Town Hall**
    - Scheduled for Thursday, January 30th, where Steven Anderson and Jim Mortenson will discuss the legislative session and related policies

Academic Affairs, Laurie Sharp, *Associate Provost of Programs, Assessment & Accreditation* & Kat Brown, *Deputy Provost*   [3:06-3:27]
- **Academic Master Plan Update**
    - Laurie presented the draft of the plan, which includes four pillars: student success, faculty and staff success, academic programs, and community

- o Emphasized importance of feedback from faculty and the need for further refinement and assessment
- o Next steps involve incorporating the feedback received and identifying more granular assessment strategies. Emphasized the importance of having a faculty footprint in the plan and invited faculty members to participate in the process by providing feedback and joining the committee if interested
- **HB261: Syllabus Update**
  - o Laurie provided update on the syllabus requirements, expressing appreciation for faculty compliance and addressed concerns about the timing and clarity of the guidelines
  - o There will be ongoing efforts to seek further clarification from the Commissioner's Office
- **Post-Tenure Review Update**
  - o Kat discussed the post-tenure review process, noting that it is the first cycle and the focus is on meeting minimum expectations for teaching, scholarship, and service
  - o The reviews are due to the Provost by March 1st
  - o Development of Policy 638 to ensure appropriate evaluation and the importance of flexibility in applying the rubric

[3:27-3:50]

Policy
- **Introduce,** Laurie Sharp, *Associate Provost of Programs, Assessment & Accreditation* [3:50-3:54]
  - o [Policy 522: Undergraduate Credit and Transcripts](#)
  - o [Policy 610: Credit Hour](#)

- **Introduce,** Joshua Fagan, *Faculty Senate Policy Liaison* & Drew Burke, *Senior Director of Employee Relations/Policies* [3:54-4:00]
  - o [Policy 153: Religious Accommodations](#)

Non-Policy Items
- **Intellectual Property &** [Policy 136](#), Dan Fairbanks, *University Research*; Brad Baugh, *Director of Tech Comm & Intellectual Property Counsel* [4:00-4:10]
  - o Addresses the transfer of copyright for scholarly works to faculty members
  - o Explained process and importance of contacting Brad with any questions or concerns

- **Innovation Academy Updates,** Kirsten Mast, *Deputy of Innovation Academy* [4:10-4:22]
  - o Introduced herself and discussed Innovation Academy initiatives, including the tracking of high-impact practices, the upcoming Innovation Awards, and the opening of faculty director positions for GI (Global/Intercultural) and service learning

Policy
- **Comment and Discuss,** Joshua Fagan, *Faculty Senate Policy Liaison* [4:22-4:25]
  - o Policy 548
    - ▪ [Policy 548: Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Healthcare and Counseling Clinical Program Students](#)
    - ▪ [Policy 548 Comment Document](#)
    - ▪ No comments at this time
      - Motion to Suspend the Rules and Vote: *Tyson Riskas*
      - Seconded: *Josh Fagan*

VOTING RESULTS:
38 agree, 0 disagree, 1 abstain

Good of the Order [4:25-4:33]

- Wolverine Access Issues: create a comment document to collect evidence of issues with Wolverine Access and textbook price increases
- Ensure increased parking enforcement and police presence during large events at the UCCU Center to direct attendees to the correct parking lots

Adjourn   [session end time 4:33]

- Meeting ended at 4:33pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 3-5pm (Teams)

Upcoming Agenda Items 2025

February	Introduction to new SRI Tool	- Laurie Toro, Director of Faculty Development - Bryan Cowley, Business Systems Analyst II - Kat Brown, Deputy Provost
February (or March)	Campus Climate Survey Updates	Office of Institutional Engagement & Effectiveness
February 11	UVU Update from President Tuminez	Astrid Tuminez, UVU President

Announcements: *No time allocated. Please review and send to your departments, as applicable.*

The 9th Annual Intermountain Teaching for Learning (T4L) Conference will be held at UVU February 26-28. UVU Faculty registration is covered 100% for all current full-time and adjunct faculty. Promo code: UVUGREEN

Graduation and Commencement 2025: Note the dates for Commencement and Convocations. Commencement will take place on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM. Convocations will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2.

Faculty Senate Input Form: Faculty Senate now has an anonymous input form for faculty who have recommendations for Senate topics.

Cultural Competency Workshops: Foundations of Inclusion (FOI) workshops are now Cultural Competency (CCW) workshops. If you have an FOI certification, it counts as a CCW certification. Faculty are welcome to attend workshops to continue learning or to earn certifications. Check out all of the available workshops.

Notes: UVU Email

UVU Policy 446 Privacy and Disclosure, Section 4.2.6: Consistent with USHE Policy 840, employees or other designated individuals who conduct university business shall use only electronic communication

systems for university-related communications. Conducting university business on any personal or non-UVU enterprise email, unapproved electronic messaging or file-sharing systems, or other non-UVU electronic communication systems or methods is prohibited.

USHE Policy R840 Institutional Business Communications, Sections 4.1 and 4.2:
4.1 "Institutions shall establish a policy that requires its employees, officers, or other designated individuals to use only the institution's enterprise email system when conducting institutional business by email."

4.2 "The policy must specifically prohibit employees from using any private or non-enterprise email service for institutional email business."