**Faculty Senate Minutes**

November 14, 2017

CB 511, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Mark Abramson, Kim Abunuwara, Pauli Alin, Jonathan Allred, Jon Anderson, Brian Barthel, Howard Bezzant, Laurel Bradshaw, Bret Breton, Kat Brown, Josh Cieslewicz, Alan Clarke, Suzy Cox, Ken Crook, Karen Cushing, Reid Elem, Sara Flood, Nathan Gale, Lindsey Gerber, Phil Gordon, Darrell Green, Merrill Halling, Basil Hamdan, Matthew Holland, Jamie Johnson, Reza Kamali- Sarvestani, Lydia Kerr, Chelsie Kraczek (UVUSA), Duane Miller, Anthony Morris (Library), Shalece Nuttall (PACE), Jeff Olson, Terrance Orr, Hong Pang, Alan Parry, Jeff Peterson, Jim Pettersson, Karen Preston, Denise Richards, Robert Robbins, Anthony Romrell, Sheri Rysdam, Leo Schlosnagle, Tyler Standifird, Mike Stearns, Craig Thulin, Sean Tolman, Sandie Waters,

***Excused or Absent***: Clay Brown, Dan Hoffman, Margaret Mittelman, Jeff O’Flynn, Meghan Roddy, Matthew Taylor, Robert Warcup, Paul Weber

***Guests:*** Robin Ebmeyer, Bruce Eliason, Jackson Miner, Colleen Bye

Call to order – 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from October 31, 2017. Minutes approved.

**PRESIDENT**

* Holland provided an overview of experiences at Pembroke College.
  + Future opportunity for a UVU faculty member to attend Harris Manchester College summer 2018 for a week as a visiting faculty member. This is a three-year trial for UVU. Working out details on the selection process.
  + Studied and performed writing and scholarship on Jefferson and Madison. Will lecture in spring 2018 as one of the ROK lecturers on this subject.
  + Wrote about UVU’s Unique Dual Mission. Prime Minister Theresa May called for a radical overhaul of technical education and a credible alternative to the traditional university. Led to Holland giving a presentation at the Rothermere American Institute on higher education policy and the unique model at UVU titled “Utah’s Answer to Prime Minister Theresa May’s Call for a “Credible Alternative” to the Traditional University.” Baroness Nicholson of the House of Lords asked Holland to share the vision.
  + Met with various interesting individuals such as Sir Keith Burnett from The University of Sheffield who started an advanced manufacturing center and establish apprenticeship programs through sponsorships. Also met with David Goodhart who wrote the book *The Road to Somewhere.* He argues the biggest problem with Brexit is an educational issue that created two roads: 1) road to anywhere (University path) and 2) road to somewhere (vocational path). Met with leading Bishop, Church of England, who oversees education and noted from an ecclesiastical point of view concerned about their young parishioners and having opportunities with respect to training.
  + Discussions all culminated in an opportunity to speak with Parliament for about two hours on UVU’s mission and model. Noted growing interest both nationally and internationally on our dual mission.
  + Presidential Priorities
    - Publicly promoting and internally extending:
      * Unique dual mission model
      * Nation’s Best Open Admissions Platform for Student Success
    - Integration and publication of our university master planning in conjunction with student success manifesto
    - Reimaging the undergraduate experience
    - Reconceptualize university funding strategy
    - “Close the Gap”
      * Business Building
      * Soccer Complex
      * Noorda Performing Arts Building
      * Center for Constitutional Studies
    - Providing leadership for a major expansion and focus on computing and technology, with special focus on cybersecurity.
    - USHE/Legislative Leadership
      * Focus on Business building and growth funding
    - Several targeted student champion/high-impact moments
  + Presidential Transition
    - Chaired by BOR see https://[www.uvu.edu/presidentsearch/search-committee.html](http://www.uvu.edu/presidentsearch/search-committee.html) for search committee details.
    - Intent is to name the new President by May 2018.
    - Public forums with the Search Committee will take place on November 28, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in SB 134.

**SVPAA**

* PBA Conversations concluded today. President will hold Post-PBA Conversation on Wednesday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m. in SB 206abc. PBA presentations are posted online and Olson welcomes comments from faculty. Recommendation was to consider streaming conversations in the future.
* Academic Affairs is currently in the RTP process. Most departments need to refine their department criteria. Thulin encouraged senators to apply pressure on departments to complete tenure and rank criteria and reminded all that criteria revisions should occur every five years.
* Please encourage faculty to not cancel their classes and hold their final exam at the appointed time or make their final assessment due the day the final is scheduled. ExCo underscored the importance of not canceling classes or minimizing the academic rigor.
* President will receive a draft report from the NWCCU accreditors in the next few weeks for factual review prior to final submission to NWCCU Board. President will meet with NWCCU in January for the final report. Part of the transparency should be in the lead up to the Executive level.

**AVPAA**

* AVPAP Search Committee is bringing three candidates for campus visits. This position does impact departments and curriculum. Encourage faculty and staff to attend campus forums.
  + 11/28 – Dr. Nathan Lindsay – 2:15 p.m. – FL 120 (Note: time changed to 1:15 p.m.]
  + 11/30 – Dr. David Connelly – 1:30 p.m. – FL 120
  + 12/1 – Dr. Haleavalu Vakalahi – 2:30 p.m. – FL 120

**LIBRARY**

* ROK Speaker – Anniversary Lecture – Tom Holdman and Cameron Oscarson – 1:00 p.m. – 11/16 – Bingham Gallery.

**PACE**

* PACE receives many comments regarding tuition benefits for married children. This affects all employees. Email any comments to PACE or Craig Thulin. Benefits Committee is on a fact-finding mission to determine the magnitude of concern. Recommendation to consider conducting a survey. Do have data from other USHE institutions on how they are handling dependents under/over age 26, but do not have the associated costs. Olson shared there is a limit on how different UVU can be as there are many stakeholders that review our benefit package.
* PACE Social, December 14, more details to come.
* Wolverine Sightings – Remember to submit these nominations to recognize your staff for going above and beyond.

**UVUSA**

* Expressed the need for faculty support for Alternative Break trips.
* Student Voice Forum – 11/16 – Noon – Ballroom - Topic: Parking

**ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**

* Seeking faculty advisors for Alternative Spring Break trips. Faculty member fully funded by the program.

**DEBATE CALENDAR**

* Policy 705 – *Unmanned Aircraft Systems*
  + Currently UVU does not have a policy for unmanned aircraft. Need policy to keep university safe and provide guidance to assist individuals in FAA compliance. Ebmeyer stated that the term “unmanned” comes directly from FAA and UVU has no plans to deviate from that term.
  + Aviation had developed curriculum for individuals to obtain a certificate, but it was quickly outdated once the FAA regulations came out. Working on revision.
  + Ebmeyer stressed the importance of safety and appropriate use of drones indoors. The primary concern always is safety.
  + In response to using drones off-campus, faculty need to review the policy for proper procedures. There will be training available, but it depends on individual situations on who would need training. Procedures do not require faculty to become an expert. Intent is to be sure they are following procedures.
  + Ebmeyer responded that UVU has not reviewed drone use outside of the United States and individuals would need to follow up with legal counsel and review ITAR rules.
  + Section 4.3.3 addresses use of drones off campus when part of a university program, department, or class.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* Service & Elections
* Trying to form an Advisory Committee to review Institutes and Centers. Still need a faculty member from CHPS. Green will follow-up with Steve Allred.
* RTP
* RTP Advisory Committee has been constituted and meeting. Brown requested all questions and concerns be directed to the Advisory Committee, Thulin, or Pettersson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Student Voice Forum – 11/16 – Noon – Ballroom - Topic: Parking
* Study Palooza – Invite Kolene Mills to 11/28 meeting.
* Sustainability Day – Colleen Bye expressed thanks to faculty for support in encouraging student participation. Event to be held annually. Bye met with Holland and asked him to sign on to “Zero Carbon by 2050” also called “Second Nature” and for a recycling program that works. Working on Sustainability Wall with Presidential Interns to highlight what UVU is doing for sustainability. **MOTION** – Clarke moved that Faculty Senate resolve to suggest Administration join the Second Nature and do what is at least equal to sister institutions. Alan Parry seconded. Thulin asked Robbins, Clarke and Bye to draft a resolution and bring back to Faculty Senate on 11/28.
* SOE is hosting a free event screening on 11/28, CB 101, 7:00 p.m. titled “Screen Agers – Growing up in the Digital Age.”

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* Expressed concern from faculty about the HR Matters required security training being too juvenile, not registering completion of the modules, etc. Invite Ray Walker or Risk Management to ExCo on 11/21 and Faculty Senate on 11/28.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.