PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, January 9, 2012
Presiding Officer: Gwen Shusterman
Secretary: Sarah E. Andrews-Collier


Alternates Present: Tappan for Beyler, Reese for Danielson, Ruth for Greenstadt, Burgess for Ketcheson, Webb for Palmiter, for Rigelman.

Members Absent: Arante, Caskey, Curry, Elzanowski, Farr, Feng, Johnson, Medovoi, Ryder, Trimble.


A. ROLL
B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2011, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. The minutes were approved with the following corrections: The item removed from E.1. Curricular Consent Agenda, "Program Change to MAIMS in Education:Media/Librarianship" was numbered E.1.a.2.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

CHANGES to Conunittee and Senate memberships since December 6, 2011: Removed from Senate membership, for non-attendance: OTT, and PULLMAN.

The Presiding Officer introduced Tom Bull, the new director of the Alumni Association. Applause.

Election of Steering Committee Member

SHVSTERMAN noted that Patricia Wetzel can no longer serve in Senate as she is acting Vice Provost for the remainder of the academic year, and opened nominations for her replacement on the Steering Committee. Darrell Brown was nominated and elected by universal acclaim.
Discussion Item - What it is we need in our next Provost?

SHUSTERMAN opened with a thank you to Roy Koch for his service to the faculty. She reviewed the published position description, and stressed that the discussion focus on future goals and outcomes. She moved the meeting to Committee of the Whole for ten minutes.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Curricular Consent Agenda

WEBB/FLOWER MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE the Curricular Consent Agenda as listed in "E-1."

2. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, Art. V., SEC. 2., 2)

JONES introduced the proposal, discussing the rationale.

REESE/DAASCH MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, as listed in "E-2."

RUTH urged that the new process include notification to chairs, to improve participation.

After no further discussion, the Presiding Officer noted that the proposal would be referred to the Advisory Council and returned next month, as specified in the Constitution.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

G. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

President's Report

WIEWEL noted that his recent trip to Asia made it clear that there is enormous possibility for collaborations that will bring those students to PSU. He continued, we are pleased that the contract is settled, and noted that unrepresented faculty and classified will receive similar adjustments, as is our tradition. He noted that the Oregon Education Investment Board is seeking a chief officer and starting discussions about individual missions and achievement compacts, and urged that several documents from the last OSBHE meeting be posted on the Senate website. It
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Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, March 5, 2012
Presiding Officer: Gwen Shusterman
Secretary: Sarah E. Andrews-Collier


Alternates Present: Ruth for Greenstadt, Webb for O'Halloran, Bowman for Paschild, _______ for Sanchez, Stedman for Weasel.

Members Absent: Carder, Caskey, Curry, Reese for Danielson, Dill, Feng, Johnson, Maccormack, Medovoi, Perewardy, Rigelman, Tarabocchia.


A. ROLL
B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2012, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. The minutes were approved as published.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The 2012 PSU faculty elections will be entirely online during the next two months. Please watch for changes in process and deadlines.

The Academic Ranks Task Force has been constituted. They will report in June to Senate Steering and the Provost, for fall distribution, anticipating a fall decision point and Senate review in December.

Removed from today's E-1, "E.1.c.20."

CHANGES IN SENATE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS SINCE FEBRUARY 6, 2012: Johnson has been removed from Senate membership, having exceeded the absence limit.

The draft university diversity action plan is available on the webpage for comment, and all faculty and staff will be asked to take an online course on diversity policy and procedures in the next two months.
Discussion Item - Academic Quality

SHUSTERMAN previewed the discussion with a reminder that the issue was part of the Senate's agenda setting last year, and JONES conducted a questionnaire with Senators using an Electronic Response System (clickers), results attached. SHUSTERMAN went on to ask the question, "What are quality indicators?" and moved the meeting to a committee of the whole for 15 minutes.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Proposal to Amend the PSU Faculty Constitution, Art. V. 2/. 2)

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS LISTED IN "D-1" PASSED by Unanimous voice vote.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Curricular Proposals Consent Agenda

FLOWER/DAASCH MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE the Curricular Consent Agenda, as listed in "E-1," excluding E.1.c.10.

THE MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

BROWN/LAFFERRIERE MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE ITEM "E.1.c.10" new course proposal for ULIB 101.

RUETER queried if we are creating a new academic unit if we approve the course. BOWMAN reminded that this does not indicate a new program; in May the Senate approved a proposal that Library courses could be submitted (with the prefix "ULIB") in place of their prior homing in the Graduate School of Education. BEILER and HARMON concurred.

THE MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

2. Proposal for the Minor in Advertising Management in Communications

JONES/DAASCH MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSAL, as listed in "E-2."

THE MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

3. Proposal to Amend the Faculty Senate By Laws: Steering Committee Membership

JONES/DAASCH MOVED THE SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSAL as listed in "E-3" (with deletion of the words "two").
THE MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

G. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

President's Report

The president was out of town.

Provost's Report

KOCH discussed PSU's obligation as part of the new OUS Achievement Compact, noting that PSU is ahead of the curve on this project. He noted that a set of measures were established for the seven campuses overall, however the Oregon Education Investment Board charged that campuses provide specific measures. Therefore, this week campuses mapped additional measures onto the original set of measures. There are as few as possible measures overall, for all campuses. He reviewed the measures that were approved on Friday morning for PSU (attachment). Questions for clarification followed.

1. Report of the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Meeting at PSU, March 2/3

BROWN gave a brief oral report of the meeting, noting that meeting minutes are posted on the IFS webpage. He noted that the Provost's remarks reiterate the Chancellor's, that fewer measures are better. He continued, the IFS is discussing academic quality, including that IFS is concerned about the possibility of the Western Governor's University participation in the system due to their quality record. He reminded that IFS and other campus representatives are working on two ad hoc committees on benefits and retirement plans.

The Presiding Officer accepted the report for the Senate.

2. Educational Policy Committee Quarterly Report

ANDERSON presented the report for the committee and took questions.

The Presiding Officer accepted the report for the Senate.

3. Report on NWCCU Accreditation

ROSE presented the report. She reminded that NWCCU accreditation is now a multi-year project with different aspects in each review. This year's is Standard Two, resources and capacity. We have campus working groups in sub-groups,
Proposal for a Constitutional Amendment, Art. V., Sec. 2., 2)

Summary: This document presents a constitutional amendment that: (1) reflects a change from “opt-out” to “opt-in” elections; and (2) eliminates the nominations phase of the previous election procedures.

Context: In June 2010, the Faculty Senate adopted a package of proposals aiming to produce a faculty senate that is more pro-active, more participative, and more effective as an advocate for PSU’s future. These proposals included a change in the rules for eligibility; a reduction in the size of the senate; and a switch in the elections process from opt-out to opt-in. The 2011 Senate elections were conducted according to these proposals, but the faculty constitution was not updated to reflect the change from opt-out to opt-in. The 2011 election process also retained a “nominations” phase from the previous version of the constitution. In their review of the 2011 election process, the Faculty Senate’s ad-hoc “Implementation Committee” concluded that the nominations phase was redundant given the switch from opt-out to opt-in; that it unnecessarily reduced the slate for the election; and that it created complexity and confusion for faculty participants and Senate officers. As a result, the Implementation Committee’s report in June 2011 recommended that the nominations phase of the election be eliminated.

Proposed amendment: The essential details of the amendment are in Article V (FACULTY SENATE), Section 2 (Election of the Senate), Part 2 (Nomination). The following text shows additions relative to the Faculty Governance Guide 2011-2012 in *italics and underlining* while deletions are indicated using *strike through*.

2) Identification of Candidates Nomination. Six weeks prior to the date of Senate elections, the Secretary to the Faculty shall obtain from each divisional administrative officer an approved list of the faculty members assigned to the division. *No later than four weeks before the Senate election, each eligible person on this list will receive an invitation to opt-in as a candidate for a Senate position.* This list will be circulated with the directions that any potential candidate may delete his or her name if s/he does not wish to be a candidate for a Senate position. *No later than four weeks before the Senate election, the Secretary to the Faculty shall submit a list of eligible candidates to every faculty member in the divisions,* and request a nomination of a number of names equal to twice the number of Senate vacancies occurring in that division at the end of the school year. The total number of nominees shall equal twice the number of Senate vacancies in that division. Those persons on this ballot who are named the greatest number of times shall be the nominees. *All persons whose positive opt-in is received by the Secretary to the Faculty no later than two weeks before the election will be declared final candidates.* All persons tied for the final position shall be declared nominees.

Minor administrative changes are also required in Parts 3 and 5 to maintain consistent terminology:
3) Election. On the last Monday in April the Secretary to the Faculty, under the supervision of the Senate Steering Committee, shall mail ballots containing the names of final candidates nominees for Senate election to faculty members of the respective divisions. Each divisional faculty member shall vote for no more than a number of candidates equal to the number of Senate vacancies occurring in his or her division for that year. The person or persons receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. In case of ties for the final position, run-off elections shall be held.

5) Interim Vacancies. Interim vacancies that occur in the Senate shall be filled by appointment by the Secretary to the Faculty, who shall designate to fill the unexpired term with the non-elected candidates nominees who in the immediate past Senate election had the greatest number of votes in the division in which the vacancy exists. An interim appointee shall be eligible for election at the end of his or her term.

Notes: (a) As written, the amendment allows a period of two weeks for the Secretary of the Faculty to generate and distribute the opt-in invitations; two weeks for faculty to respond; and two weeks for the Secretary to the Faculty to prepare and distribute the final ballot. Adjustments to this schedule will be required if any of these time periods is considered either too short or too long.

(b) The constitution also describes procedures for election of faculty members to the Advisory Council (Article VI, Section 1) and to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (Article VII) that are held at the same time as the main Senate election. In both cases, the constitution specifies that the list of valid nominees will be submitted to every member of the Faculty “no later than four weeks before the Senate election.” This is the same time frame as specified in the revised and original versions of Article V, Section 2. As such, we do not believe that this amendment requires any changes in Articles VI or VII. The only complication is the specification that materials for Advisory Council and Interinstitutional Faculty Senate elections must be sent to all faculty members, while Senate election materials need only be sent to those members who are eligible for election (in particular, this excludes most sitting senators). It would still be possible to send election materials to all faculty, but this might create some confusion (for faculty who are not eligible) and some additional work for the Secretary to the Faculty (to filter out responses from faculty who are not eligible).