Eastern Oregon University - Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2010 3:00 p.m., Hoke 301

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President DeAnna Timmermann,	Call to Order and		
<u>3:00 pm</u>	Welcome In Attendance	DeAnna Timmerman, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Karyn Gomez, Jessica Plattner, Darren Dutto, Sharon Porter, Rosemary Powers, M. Ruth Davenport, Chris Heidbrink, Kerri Wenger, Frederick Pratter, Anna Maria Dill, Kim Sorensen, Melanie Noell, Ted Atkinson	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Approval of minutes for March 2.	Minutes approved.
D. Timmermann, Darren Dutto	Action Items	Old Business:	
		New Business:	
		1) EPCC (see agenda):	
		• MS 304—no syllabus included. Discussion about need to see syllabus, even if it is the U.S. military. Motion to table awaiting syllabus passed, 1 opposed.	Motion to table MS 304 awaiting syllabus PASSED.
		Information items:	
		a) Update military science catalog description for MS 205.	
		b) Diversity Requirement: K. Sorensen present to answer questions—Discussion:	
		EPCC will approve courses, based on specified criteria; Senate should specify level of approval, i.e., can EPCC be the decider or must individual courses be approved by Senate.	
		Brief discussion of having requirement be 5 credits and not number of courses. Timeline? Programs should set up specific criteria and course lists. Requirement would begin Fall 2010.	
		Need language regarding requirement for transfer students, etc. Also need very	

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		clear guidelines for faculty and advisers.	
D. Timmermann, et al	Information Item(s)	 Discussion of proposed changes in constitution regarding duties of financial aid committee, previously approved by UC. New committee to read applications for EOU Foundation scholarships. Will eventually be voted on electronically. Timmermann for Varon: tenure and promotion revisions to be brought 	
		 forward later. Leandro Espinosa on sabbatical. A&L will meet and decide whether to replace or just have two Senators. 	
	Senate Reports	1) R. Powers: OUS update (see handout). Summary of Board retreat—how to deal with crises, incorporation, establishing independent tax base, etc.	
		New compact with state? Would redefine relationship between OUS and legislature.	
		Tuition—should schools set own tuition? Presidents all want flexibility, but affirm importance of having some sort of university <u>system</u> . IFS wants <u>strong system</u> .	
		Research—U of O 5 th in nation in getting research funding.	
		Academic strategies committee—access and retention, looking at Latino and rural students.	
		Provosts' Council—supposed to show how missions of different institutions align, look at duplication of new programs, etc. J. Johnson: IFS concerned about "corporate models" (e.g., what OHSU did in leaving system), generally do not like idea of big universities breaking away.	
R. Powers, D. Timmermann	Discussion Item(s)	1) R. Powers: RAG committee grants criteria—will propose new language to expand categories to cover more pedagogical projects.	Direct RAG committee to create

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		J. Johnson: qualified support, but still necessary to support scholarship.	new language allowing for funding for pedagogical projects.
		Discussion: concerns about "zero sum game," "constant pie," etc (that is, having a fixed amount of money for faculty support would mean that if one person gets more, someone else would have to get less). Dahl: could ask union to get more money through bargaining—Dahl will collect ideas and send to bargaining committee, or people could email Greg Monahan directly.	
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	2) D. Timmermann: we need executive committee to meet once a term to coordinate /communicate governance issues, etc. Would improve process and timing. Currently unclear who does what when, should have central website with info, etc. Would require a constitutional change. General agreement that this would help communication between Senate and Council.	
5 Minute Access	M. R. Davenport: Senate will meet briefly on 4/8 at 3:00 to discuss Provost candidates, provide strengths and weaknesses to President.	
Next Meeting	Next Meeting is April 20, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Dahl