FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 14, 2023

MEMBERS - Alphabetically

Abdulmalek Al-Gahmi
Clinton Amos
Jennifer Anderson
Tariq Arif
Andrea Baltazar - Aaron Atkins
Kendal Beazer
Randy Boyle
Rebecca Brasso
Amy Buckway
Brandon Burnett
Justin Burr
Ryan Cain
Heather Chapman
Michele Culumber
Rebekah Cumpsty
Shirley Dawson
Andrea Easter-Pilcher
David Ferro
Mary Foss
Jason Francis
Deana Froerer _ Rachel Cox-Vineiz
Doris Geide-Stevenson
Eric Gibbons
Youn Soo Goldstein
Kristin Hadley- Den Hubler
James Hedges- absent
Sarah Herrmann
Bridget Hilbig
Wendy Holliday
Terri Hughes
Aubrey Jones
Ravi Krovi- absent
Leah LaGrone-Absent
Alexander Lancaster
Cully Long
Nathan McKnight- absent
Brad Mortensen
Esmaeil Mousavi (student)
John Mull
Casey Neville - Laurie Coburn
Marjukka Ollilainen
Christie O'Neil
Matt Paulson
Brad Peterson
Tressa Quayle
Carrie Quesnell
Julie Rich
Ryan Ridge
Yas Simonian - Ken Johnson
Isaac Staszkow (student)
Norm Tarbox - absent
Deborah Uman
Kurt Ward
Mary Beth Willard
Stacie Wing-Gaia
Stephen Wolochowicz
David Yoder - Christinia Moleni
Administrative Associate: Belinda McElheny
Parliamentarian: Gary Johnson
Guests: Eric Amsel, Brenda Kowalewski, Grace Zhang
Faculty Senate agenda  
Lindquist Hall 101, 3 pm  
Thursday September 14, 2023

*Items highlighted in green have been edited since published*

1. Roll call

Guests: Eric Amsel

2. Approval of April 13, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Shirley Dawson  
Second: Amy Buckway  
Outcome: Unanimous

Informational items:

3. Administrative Update – Brad Mortensen

Discussion on the blood drive and competition with other universities. Also discussed fall enrollments as well as rankings of Weber State University in different articles that were released recently. Asked faculty to share with students. The new board of higher education is in place and they decided that they will be more involved and know more about the universities. There is a new interim director while they complete a nationwide search. There was some discussion on a three year bachelor degree and on changes to general education coming down from the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). There has been an initial/proposed agreement about General education that could be reviewed in November or February. The implementation could take a year or two to be put in place.

4. SAC agenda items - Amanda Geilman

Nothing to share at this meeting.

5. Office of Graduate Studies will support graduate programs *(currently in the PPM 11-1 sec 4.0)* - Brenda Kowalewski

The Office of Graduate Studies has been in PPM and has been officially given a director. Mellisa Neville-Norton will be in the position and is tasked with getting the office set up and prepared to support and promote graduate programs. All of the programs will remain in the colleges they are currently in.
6. **ARCC report** - Grace Zhang

   Discussion on the end of year report for the 2022-2023 academic year. Was able to give 20 grants for the year. Most of the grants were awarded in the Spring.

7. **RSPG report** - Sarah Herrmann

   a. RSPG 23-24 *Due dates*

   Discussion on the amount of funding that was given during this last academic year. Also spoke about the fact that there have been more requests for funding and the cost of travel has increased.

**Action Items**-

9. **Senate Committee Changes** - Jason Francis

   Motion to approve committee changes: Tressa Quayle  
   Second: Clinton Amos  
   Outcome: Unanimous

10. **Senate Committee Charges** - Jason Francis

   Motion to approve: Amy Buckway  
   Second: Christie O'Neil  
   Outcome: Unanimous

As May arise

   Motion to Adjourn: Christie O'Neil  
   Second: Isaac Staszkow  
   Outcome: Unanimous

   Adjourned at 3:42