

ACADEMIC SENATE
December 4, 2017

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Academic Senate, held on December 4, 2017, was called to order at 3:02 pm by Senate President Margaret Clayton. The meeting was held in the Moot Courtroom of the College of Law.

Present:

Sarah Hinnners, Brenda Scheer, Robert Allen, Nitin Bakshi, Brian Cadman, Annie Fukushima, Alberta Comer, Darryl Butt, James Winkler, John Funk, Lauren Liang, Rajeev Balasubramonian, Chuck Dorval, Sudeep Kanungo, Hanseup Kim, Ken Monson, John Regehr, Frank Sachse, James Sutherland, Denny Berry, Laurel Caryn, Winston Kyan, Bo Foreman, Stacy Manwaring, Jim Martin, Susan Naidu, Nelson Roy, Alex Terrill, James Anderson, Katharine Coles, Gema Guevara, Anne Lair, Maureen Mathison, Randy Dryer, Tom Lund, Luke Leither, Brandon Patterson, Julie Barkmeier-Kraemer, Pinar Bayrak-Toydemir, Nadia Cobb, Julio Facelli, Per Gesteland, Antoinette Laskey, Kalani Raphael, Brad Rockwell, Amnon Schlegel, Debra Simmons, Jessica Wempen, Lauren Clark, Susanna Cohen, Sara Simonsen, Donald Blumenthal, Ann Engar, Sarah Bush, Tommaso de Fernex, Richard Ernst, Dmytro Pesin, Pearl Sandick, Jennifer Shumaker-Parry, Gunseli Berik, Sheila Crowell, Korkut Erturk, Kim Korinek, Sharon Mastracci, Duncan Metcalfe, Kathleen Nicoll, Zhou Yu, Jason Castillo, Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, Micah Smith, Chandler Dean, Melanie Barber, Valerie Guerrero, Chase Peterson, Emina Tatarevic, Jacob Lopez, Elizabeth Pohl, Carley Herrick, Trevor Annis, Nathan Ong, Ailien Luu, Michael Stapley, Summer Mikkelsen, Kaitlin McLean, Abigail Stover, India Kozlowski

Absent:

Shundana Yusaf, Elena Asparouhova, Shmuel Baruch, Jeff Nielsen, Todd Zenger, Olga Baker, Mark Durham, Leticia Alvarez, Michael Chikinda, Ning Lu, Melonie Murray, Eric Hinderaker, Sean Lawson, Lex Newman, Terry Kogan, Ken Johnson, Shaji Menon, Ravi Chandran, Andrea Bild, Yekaterina Epshteyn, Dragan Milicic, Adrienne Cachelin, Baodong Liu, Ananya Roy

Ex Officio:

Margaret Clayton, Xan Johnson, Robert Flores, Paul Mogren, Tom Richmond, Amy Wildermuth,

Excused with proxy: Diego Fernandez, Jon Seger

Excused:

Patricia Hanna, John Bramble, Mia Hashibe, Nicole Mihalopoulos, Thomas Winter, Linda Tyler, Joel Brownstein, David Goldenberg, Joanne Yaffe, Zach Berger

Others: Jim Pechmann, David Carrier, Emily Beard, Dean McGovern

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes dated November 6, 2017 were approved with a motion from Jim Anderson and a second from Amnon Schlegel.

Consent Calendar:

No items on the Consent Calendar

Executive Committee Report

Tom Richmond gave an update on the activities of the Executive Committee. He took a poll regarding whether members of the Senate regularly attend with an electronic device and would be willing to work with an electronic system for voting and attendance. Most people were in favor. He also noted that a scheduled presentation for today's meeting, on new test proctoring procedures, has been moved to the January Senate meeting due to illness. Everything else that the Executive Committee has discussed will be heard by the Senate at today's meeting.

Request for New Business

No new business

Report from Administration:

Associate Vice President for Faculty Amy Wildermuth gave an update on the activities of the U administration. She discussed the U's app for emergency management, called U Heads Up. It includes an emergency response guide and a "see something, say something" tool. She recommended everyone download the app, in light of recent events such as the campus shooting and first snowstorm of the year. She discussed building updates, including the new 992-bed residence hall for first-year students, which will include a large dining facility. It will hold three thematic residence halls, and also include academic space. There has been an increase in demand for students seeking housing on campus, and the Salt Lake rental market is currently difficult. Additionally, students who live on campus for one year are 12 percent more likely to graduate. Additionally, the Crocker Science Center is almost ready to open, and will serve faculty and students from all units in the College of Science, as well as from all over campus. The new rehabilitation hospital has recently broken ground. There will also be a new photovoltaic canopy over the Merrill Engineering parking lot, which will generate two-three megawatts of energy; it is scheduled to be constructed this summer. The U recently received a \$5 million grant for the Miller Diabetes Institute, which is focused on research, community outreach, and prevention regarding diabetes. Utah Women's Volleyball team advanced to the next round of the NCAA tournament. The U football team is playing West Virginia in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on December 26. There are five new presidential scholars, which is an award to recognize early- to mid-career faculty and support their scholarly endeavors; this year's scholars are Brian Coddington, Feifei Li, Karl Schwede, Shima Baughman, and Zach Imel. Faculty member Chris Hacon was recently awarded the 2018 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics, which is a \$3 million prize recognizing his work in algebraic geometry. Finally, administration wishes everyone health and happiness during the holiday season.

Report from ASUU

Chandler Dean gave an update on the recent activities of ASUU. Stressbuster Week, or Geek Week, is starting this week, and includes free food, puppies in the Marriott Library for stress relief, and other activities. Chandler also noted that the ASUU Senate recently passed a resolution regarding the proposed federal tax bills, which have the potential to affect all students on campus, including graduate students and students who take more than four years to graduate. The resolution includes a statement of opposition and will likely pass the ASUU Assembly tomorrow. It will then be sent to Utah's congressional delegation. Another resolution recommends a new student fee be created for mental health support, to bring more mental health assistance and counselors to campus. Zoe Kozlowski and Saeed Shihab, the two ASUU vice presidents, are happy to accept feedback on this issue. Finally, Chandler noted that ASUU is starting revisions on Redbook, the ASUU constitution.

Notice of Intent

No items of intent

Debate Calendar

Denise Dearing, Leslie Sieburth, and Mike Shapiro presented a proposal to change the name of the Department of Biology to the School of Biological Sciences. Biology is currently the largest department on main campus, with 48 tenure-line faculty, and has tremendous breadth of disciplinary areas. Becoming a school will recognize the breadth and size of the unit, and puts the unit on par with other Pac-12 institutions, where biology is often organized into a school. The new structure will also help the unit recruit faculty and postdocs; and will hopefully also facilitate the attraction of a donor to name the unit. *Motion was made by Jim Anderson to approve the proposal and forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Lauren Clark. Motion passed unanimously.*

Heather Melton presented a proposal for a new BA/BS in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Heather was hired by the U in part to run the Criminology certificate in the Department of Sociology. There has long been student demand for this BA/BS, and its absence has served as a deterrent for some students who have looked at attending the U but have ultimately enrolled elsewhere. Establishing a major will create a pathway for students at Salt Lake Community College who earn an associate's degree in this area and transfer to the U. This degree is also desired by local industry, so it will make students more marketable following graduation. Finally, the degree is interdisciplinary, which reflects the nature of the field. The degree will include courses from four colleges on campus. Katharine Coles asked a question about potential overlap with the Weber State University degree in Criminal Justice; Heather said that this degree is more broad, and thus fills a distinct need. *Motion was made by Jim Anderson to approve the proposal and forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Randy Dryer. Motion passed unanimously.*

Amie Klein, Elena Enioutina, and Edward Clark presented a proposal for a new PhD in Clinical Pharmacology. It is designed specifically for those interested in translational research and

clinical pharmacology. The program specializes primarily in clinical pharmacology in pediatric patients, and there are very few programs with this area of focus. It will be the only such PhD program in the Utah System of Higher Education. Its creation is in response to significant student demand in this area, as well as workforce shortages. The program will initially accept two students per year, and students will be in close contact with peers and faculty in the College of Pharmacy. They will also interact with clinical pharmacology postdoctoral fellows. The program requires 64 credit hours. *Motion was made by Julio Facelli to approve the proposal and forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Per Gesteland. Motion passed unanimously.*

Angela Smith and Kathryn Stockton presented a proposal to transfer responsibility over the Disability Studies curriculum from the College of Health to the School for Cultural and Social Transformation. This is a pivotal moment to establish Disability Studies as a permanent feature of an R1 institution; its existence is not assured if it does not find an institutional home. There is an undergraduate minor and a suspended graduate certificate that will be moved to the SCST. There is strong support in the divisions within the SCST, and the school is in the process of a faculty search for a scholar in this area. It has become quite central to the study of gender, ethnicity, and race, so it fits well within the work of the SCST. Senate members made several suggestions for partnerships, including with the Marriott Library, the College of Nursing, the College of Architecture + Planning, and the College of Law, which the presenters agreed to explore. *Motion was made by Katharine Coles to approve the proposal and forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Brenda Scheer. Motion passed unanimously.*

Steve Carson presented a proposal for a new minor in Professional Sales in the College of Business. The proposal is a result of requests from the professional community, and has the support of several corporate partners. Sales is not often taught on campus, but graduates from across campus often find themselves in positions that require sales knowledge. It is an important service that will be offered to the U community. There are 18 credit hours, including a core marketing course, personal selling course, and between two and four electives. The program hope to attract students from majors across campus. *Motion was made by Xan Johnson to approve the proposal and forward to the Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Sara Simonsen. Motion passed unanimously.*

Information and Recommendations Calendar

The following items were presented for the information and recommendations of the Academic Senate:

- Steve Carson presented a new emphasis in professional sales for the Marketing BA/BS. The new emphasis frees up two courses from the major that eliminates a marketing and a statistics course, to be replaced with two sales courses. This proposal was created due to industry demand.
- Sarah Projansky and Kevin Hanson presented a new emphasis in Media Arts Production for the Department of Film and Media Arts. The outside reviewers for the department's seven-year review suggested the creation of new emphases, in Film Production and Media Arts Production. The Film Production emphasis has already been established. A

Media Arts scholar was recently hired, and has created new curriculum in this area; a new Media Arts producer is in the process of being hired. The new emphasis also has significant student demand.

- Michael Free presented new emphases for Metallurgical Engineering. The new emphases are driven by student interest in specializing in various areas, and in reducing the number of core courses (currently 33 hours; the new emphases will reduce this number to 27 hours). Most emphases have three electives that students may select; this gives students greater flexibility in their schedules, and more choice to specialize in their area of interest. The areas of emphasis are biomedical devices and sensors, chemical processing, energy conversion and storage, mineral/particle processing, nuclear materials, and physical metallurgy.
- Scott Schaefer presented new emphases for the Qualitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations (QAMO) major. The major is designed to teach students how to utilize economics to analyze business decision-making. Existing emphases include Finance and Accounting; this proposal will add emphases in Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship. This will enable students to combine knowledge of economics with knowledge of specific aspects of business disciplines to seek careers and make a difference.
- Katie Ullman presented the Graduate Council report of a seven-year review of the Department of Biochemistry.
- Robin Burr presented an update on the new south campus housing project. Research shows that undergraduate students who live on campus in their first year perform better academically over time, and are retained and graduate at higher rates. There is also a shortage of housing on campus; the U has undertaken creative occupancy strategies to address demand, but has still turned students away who desire to live on campus. Additionally, the Salt Lake City rental market is very tight, and housing costs are very high. The U is also attracting more students from out-of-state and overseas, which contributes to increasing demand. The new project will have 992 beds, and a 650-seat dining space. The dining space will also serve two existing student housing facilities, the Lassonde Studios and the Marriott Honors Community. The new complex will be located near the Marriott Honors building and the Student Life Center, and will take over the old women's soccer field and part of the adjacent parking lot. The building design will consist of a central hub, where most entry and exit will occur, as well as three wings. Each residential wing will have a theme; there will be an Honors wing, a health and wellness wing, and a community engagement wing with ties to the Bennion Center. There will be a variety of room configurations available to residents. The U plans to ask the legislature for a bond to support the construction of this building, to be repaid with revenue from the housing fees. The complex is expected to open in fall 2020. Senate members offered numerous questions and comments about the planned new facility, and about on-campus student housing generally. Some common themes of the discussion were that the U is quickly changing from a predominantly commuter campus to a campus with a significant portion of undergraduate and graduate students residing in on-campus housing, and that students who reside on campus increasingly are relying strictly on

public transportation rather than owning personal vehicles which require on-campus parking spaces.

- The October President's Report was brought forward with no discussion.

New Business

No new business

Open Discussion

The following remarks were made during the Open Discussion portion of the meeting.

- Dean McGovern, Bennion Center- The Bennion Center is now accepting applications for the Public Service professorship, which is a prestigious award that comes with recognition at commencement, a \$7,500 award to implement a community engagement project, and a portrait on the fourth floor of the Union. Applications will be accepted through the end of January 2018. Additionally, the Distinguished Faculty Service Award application is also open through January 2018; it includes a \$1,000 award that is a donation to a community partner of the awardee's choice.
- Nadia Cobb, Medicine- Last month, Nadia raised a concern regarding security of buildings and safety of faculty/ staff/ student occupants of buildings in Research Park, where several buildings are not secure and have nearly 24/7 public access. She urges attention to these outlying buildings that are not secured. This concern was seconded by Julio Facelli. Amy Wildermuth requested that faculty send the names of the buildings of concern to her so that she may address the issue.
- Brandon Patterson, Libraries- The leadership of the University's Anti-Racism Task Force was recently announced, and Brandon wanted to know if there were ways that the Academic Senate could complement this work. He wants the Senate to not only condemn racism but promote diversity and inclusion. He suggested that the leaders of the task force be invited to speak at the Senate.
- Chuck Dorval, Engineering- Chuck brought up the new smoke-free policy and wants to ensure that there is a real discussion prior to the final implementation of the policy. He suggested that a mid-year report be brought before the Senate. President Mardie Clayton responded with the following information: a series of open faculty forums have been launched, and the first has been held. They have been announced in the @theU newsletter. A best practices recommendation for implementing a responsible and compassionate non-smoking environment will be presented to the Senate in March or April.
- Gunseli Berik, Social & Behavioral Science- Gunseli brought up a concern about idling cars on campus. As an example, Salt Lake City has a no-idle ordinance, and Gunseli is wondering whether at the University Commuter Services could issue warnings regarding idling, which is a health and environmental concern.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddy Oritt