

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 12, 2024

MEMBERS - Alphabetically

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Brian Cottle

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Shirley Dawson

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Jason Francis

Deana Froerer-excused

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Eric Gibbons

Youn Soo Goldstein

James Hedges- Beth Rhoades

Sarah Herrmann

Wendy Holliday

Ravi Krovi

Leah LaGrone

Andrea Lalumia

Alexander Lancaster

Cully Long

Cass Morgan

Brad Mortensen

Casey Neville

Marjukka Ollilainen

Christine O'Neil

Jessica Oyler-absent

Brad Peterson

Annyssa Reyes (student)-Toni Nakai

Julie Rich-Brent Horn

Elizabeth Sandquist

Yas Simonian

Emily Sorensen (student)

Brandon Stevenson

Janicke Stramer-Smith

Norm Tarbox-absent

Deborah Uman

Kurt Ward

Jordan West-Travis Price

Mary Beth Willard

Stephen Wolochowicz-María del Mar

González-González

Administrative Associate: Belinda

McElheny

Parliamentarian: Gary Johnson

Guests: Carrie Jeffrey, Cora Neal,

Stephanie Hollist, Cori Horne, Lulu

Faumui-Latu-Peters, Brandon Flores, Jesus

Garcia, Dylan Zwick, Miranda Kispert,



Lindquist Hall 101, 3 pm Thursday Dec. 12, 2024

Terms highlighted in green have been edited since published

Roll call

Approval of Nov 14, 2024 meeting minutes

Informational items:

1. Administrative Update –Stephanie Hollist

Shared the link to the town hall that happened yesterday. Wanted to share the good things that are happening on campus. Spoke about the student presentation to the Board of Trustees on ornithology. Spoke about students sharing how higher education changed her life and shared the survey information about how students are doing ok. So kudos to the faculty

2. SAC agenda items - Marc Gangwer

None

3. <u>Student Success Areas</u>- Joel Berrien Jr., Lulu Faumui-Latu-Peters, Brandon Flores, and Jesus Garcia

The Student Success Center provides comprehensive support services to help students achieve academic, personal, and professional excellence. The center is divided into two teams: student engagement and navigation. The student engagement team focuses on cultural programming, academic workshops, and scholarship programs, while the navigation team provides holistic advising and support for students throughout their college journey. The center also employs student success advocates who assist with front-facing services and outreach. Financial support and resources are available to address barriers students may face.

- The center aims to foster student engagement, provide individualized coaching, and help students achieve academic and personal excellence.
- It is divided into a student engagement team and a navigation team. The engagement team
 focuses on programming and events, while the navigation team provides holistic academic
 advising.
- They offer cultural programming, academic workshops, scholarships, and social activities for students.
- The navigation team helps students overcome barriers and connects them to campus resources. Also conducting outreach to at-risk students.
- Student workers called "student success advocates" staff the front desk and help with events and social media.
- The center provides study space, free printing, and other amenities for students.



- They are working to address financial barriers for students through scholarships, emergency funds, and connecting students to resources.
- The team emphasizes they are doing much more than just changing their name, and are open to giving presentations to spread awareness of their expanded services.

There is an event scheduled for spring called the spring back bash, it is a follow up to the event from the fall.

The center is currently working with the outreach team to determine why students are leaving. The main reason seems to be financial reasons. working to get more funding set up for the students. There is an application for emergency funds for someone who may need help. Shared contact information.

Action Items:

4. Curriculum -Carrie Jeffrey (see bottom of page)

Curriculog Agenda EC Dec. 12, 2024 or the UCC agenda/minutes

45 proposals coming forward for a vote.

We have nine course deletions, eight new courses, nine course changes, three new programs, and 15 program changes.

AVET What is the prefix in the new R401? It is all under the prefix AVET The updated R401 has been attached.

Questions on Neuroscience: why is it different from other neuroscience programs in Utah? Response from the originator is that it was done intentionally because it is housed in social science. Math courses was done to meet the minimum requirements and the program did work with chemistry on the courses needed for the degree and also received a letter of support from them. I applied for another line from USHE but it was declined. Will apply for the funding again in January and if the program is approved today it will be held at the provost's office. The proposal will not move forward until funding is provided.

Economics and Legal Studies BS, when looking at the economic studies grad map lists law and society as CJ and there are three departments in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences who teach that same class and the college considers it interchangeable. Would this be something that the degree would allow.

Motion to approve with the exception of Economics and Legal Studies (BS): Brian Cottle

Second: Shirley Dawson Outcome: Unanimous



5. Faculty Fairness and Success (FFS) suggested bylaw change vote- Jason Francis

Motion to vote on the bylaw change: Casey Neville

Second: Emily Sorensen

Outcome: Passed

6. GEAIC General Education institutional areas vote- Cora Neal

The Faculty Fairness and Success Committee shared a letter in support of the 30 general education credits, with inclusion of an institutional area. The data shared in the letter was pulled from the university dashboards.

Adjunct senator stated that this change will affect adjunct faculty and wondered how it will be addressed. There was no information shared.

Shared the presentation on where they are. If the vote goes for 30 it will move forward in the spring semester. The institutional area will align with the GELOs and will be available in all colleges. If it passes the committee will need to move fast because the commissioner said that it needs to move soon. There would be a quick turn around. If we go that route we could have courses with two gen ed designations. Would need to figure out how to apply the gen ed credit in dual designation.

Clarified that the body will be voting on the yes or no and not the institutional area.

Ravi shared that they completed a financial analysis last spring of what would happen if the change was made. Its cost savings was based on the adjuncts teaching (47) If this gets approved it will be funded. SUU went to 27 yesterday and Utah State is still debating UVU is at 30, everyone else is still debating.

Multiple reasons to consider this change, asked if there is any sense on how many jobs could be saved. Ravi responded did not want to speculate and wouldn't say how it would affect the institution; it is hard to estimate right now.

If the faculty Senate votes for 30 credit hours. And then The IA is not what they thought it would be; they have the option to back out. Yes they do.

Has any enrollment forecasting on enrollment numbers for the 27 or 30 difference. Right now we have the most gen ed and we are doing better. The U also have graduation requirements where Weber State does not.

Motion that the body move to discussion of 30 credits: Brent Horn

Second: Mary Beth Willard

Discussion if the 30 credit does not pass then 27 will move forward.



Student senator shared that 70% of students wanted 27 and to be able to choose the last class. Discussion on the parameters of her survey. The overall view is that students would prefer 27 credits in general education over the proposed 30 credits.

The wording was: Starting in summer 2025 gen ed will be reduced to 27-30 and what option would you like.

GEAIC has a student representative and GEAIC has also tried to attend student senate but that has not happened yet because of miscommunication.

Spoke to Major course comment from Ravi. He stated that he did not want general education courses to become a part of a major if they were not previously.

The library's only class is going away with this and information literacy will be taught differently. The institutional area that could introduce some of that information could help students to prepare. The library would be open to collaborate in development of an institutional area. Shared the support of the library.

Eric shared that he believed that the students would like to see it move to 27. The students that he has spoken with feel like it is another hoop to go through before they can get into the workforce.

Isabel wanted to clarify it is not just one course it is the move from 37 to 27 not just one class.

The institutional area will help benefit first gen students, supports all students and develops belonging, it can help with enrollment if it is marketed correctly, and it aligns with the EHSI.

Call the question: Casey Neville Second: Mary Beth Willard

Outcome: 29 yes

Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes: Sarah Herrmann

Second: Emily Sorensen

Outcome: passes

Tellers, Dylan Zwick and Carrie Jeffrey worked with Belinda McElheny (secretary) to count the vote.

Outcome: 15 for 27 against. Motion does not pass

Informational:

7. Campus communication is looking for feedback on how information is disseminated on campus.

Curriculum:

Proposal Form Originator

EAST



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CM - 3510 - Energy Management in Bldg. M&E Systems CM - 3540 - Facilities Management Administration CM - 3540 - Facilities Management Administration CM - 3630 - Environmental Issues in FM CM - 3660 - Energy Management CM - 3680 - Facility Management Administration and Operations CM - 4210 - Facility Planning and Layout CM - 4270 - Computer Aided FM CM - 4310 - Long-term Planning in Facility Management CM - 4650 - FM Senior Project Construction Management (AAS)	Course Deletion Program Changes	Matthew Meyer
Automotive and Vehicle Engineering Technology (BS)	zNew Program	Scott Holland
ME - 3060 - Control Systems	Course Revision	Tariq Arif
College of Social & Behavioral Science CJ - 3620 - Essential Skills for Criminal Justice Professionals Juvenile Justice Certificate of Proficiency Victim Advocacy Certificate of Proficiency	New course Program Changes Program Changes	Molly Sween
NEUR - 2010 - Science and Professionalism of Neuroscience NEUR - 2955 - Neuroscience Lab NEUR - 4910 - Senior Thesis Proposal NEUR - 4911 - Senior Thesis Defense NEUR - 2950 - Introduction to Neuroscience Neuroscience Major	New course New course New course New course Course Revision New Program	a O'Hare
Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions HIM - 2430 - HIM Pathophysiology & Pharmacology HIM - 2410 - ICD-10-PCS Coding HIM - 2863 - Professional Practice Experience in Coding Health Information Management (BS) Health Information Technology (AAS) Healthcare Coding & Classification Certificate of Proficiency	New course Heather Merkley Course Revision Course Revision Program Changes Program Changes Program Changes	
Jerry and Vickie Moyes College of Education EDUC - 3020 - Practicum in Special Education	New course Melina	ı Alexander

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EDUC - 3565 - Special Education ELA Methods for students on IEPs Course Revision EDUC - 3575 - Special Education Math Methods for students on IEPs Course Revision

EDUC - 4515 - Special Education Law and Transition Course Revision EDUC - 4680A - Special Education Student Teaching Course Revision EDUC - 4840A - Student Teaching in Elementary Education Course Revision Bachelors of Science in Elementary and Special Education New Program

Business and Economics (AS) **Program Changes** Nicole Ames Economics (BS) **Program Changes**

Economics and Legal Studies (BS) Program Changes Nicole Ames

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Pull from approvals per question was asked and was not available to answer

Economics, Business (BS)
International Business Economics (BS)
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Accounting (BS) Program Changes James Turner Finance (BS) Program Changes

Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities

English (BA) Program Changes Becky Gesteland ENGL - 4950 - ENGL 4950: Senior Seminar New course Rebekah Cumpsty

As May arise:

Motion to adjourn: Emily Sorensen

Second: Casey Neville Outcome: Unanimous

Adjourned at 5:17 pm