

Eastern Oregon University – Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2010 3:00 p.m., Hoke 301

Presenter and/or Time	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action and Outcome
President DeAnna Timmermann, 3:00 pm	Call to Order and Welcome		
	In Attendance	DeAnna Timmermann, Kathleen Dahl, Jeff Johnson, Allen Evans, Richard Croft, Karyn Gomez, Jessica Plattner, Darren Dutto, Sharon Porter, Rosemary Powers, M. Ruth Davenport, Kerri Wenger, Frederick Pratter, Kim Sorensen, Jeff Vermeer, Ted Atkinson, Jodi Varon, Beth Upshaw, David Drexer, Chip Ettinger, Heather Stanhope, Carolyn Bloyed, selection of students.	
D. Timmermann	Minutes Approval	Approval of minutes for April 6, 2010.	Minutes approved.
Bob Davies	President's Update	<p>1) Exit interview with accreditation team for focused interim report extremely positive—we “hit a homerun” on almost everything. They were so impressed, they plan to implement some things on their own campuses. Said our “attitude has done a 180” since last time. Couple of technicalities—still need a fireproof safe.</p> <p>2) Coordinating council process (for governance) will be formalized. On May 7, will have “assembly-like meeting” in Huber. Opportunity to share info, etc.</p> <p>3) It is a national trend to have college presidents have greater oversight of athletic programs, which create important exposure of university to public. Will now report to President, not just Student Affairs.</p> <p>4) Introduced new Provost, Steve Adkison, who is visiting campus. He said a few words, looking forward to getting to work on campus, etc. Stayed for about an hour to listen in.</p>	
D. Timmermann, Darren Dutto	Action Items	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional revision re: financial aid committee duties. Changes APPROVED unanimously. Will be sent to campus for electronic vote. • Diversity (difference, power, and discrimination) requirement: <p>J. Johnson: discussion at University Council—concern about timing—we’d be instituting a university requirement in the fall, but probably no courses in place</p>	Constitutional changes APPROVED unanimously.

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		<p>until December. Should move forward, but should also have curriculum in place.</p> <p>Dutto for EPCC: will soon finalize criteria for courses, will get info to faculty. Who would actually be affected by short timeline? Probably just students who transfer in as seniors.</p> <p>Discussion about timeline, beginning requirement for fall 2010. Various ideas suggested—phasing in students, waiting a year, etc. C. Bloyed (registrar): phasing in would be a nightmare.</p> <p>Dutto: transfer students could petition for acceptance of a previous course to count toward requirement.</p> <p>Liz Burton: concerns about getting info to advisors and faculty, etc.</p> <p>DPD requirement APPROVED unanimously.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <p>1) EPCC (see agenda):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS 304—previously tabled, untabled with 2 abstentions. Syllabus provided. Course APPROVED w/ 1 opposed, 7 abstentions. • Environmental Studies—existing Liberal Studies template, revised to be more comprehensive. <p>Concerns expressed: one course offered through AREC will no longer be taught (person leaving), need to double check on courses; soils course may not be appropriate for social science concentration of ENVdegree.</p> <p>Proposal process “too laissez faire,” not consistent with scrutiny accorded other proposals. Several people disagree with this.</p> <p>Proposal should be tabled until B. Grigsby, others, can answer questions. R. Powers: we need to first year course in program for fall learning community. Motion to table DEFEATED by 8-8 vote.</p>	<p>DPD requirement APPROVED unanimously.</p> <p>MS 304—APPROVED w/ 1 opposed, 7 abstentions.</p>

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		<p>Motion to pass program w/ stipulations to look into the AREC and soils courses. Discussion of whether or not description of/rationale for program “promises more professionally than it delivers” in terms of future employment, etc. J. Johnson: we’re being harder on this program than others—it’s only a liberal studies program and we don’t pick others apart like this.</p> <p>ENV program APPROVED, 11 to 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Education major—to be tied to multidisciplinary studies major, currently a minor. <p>Discussion of general history of ED degrees at EOU.</p> <p>Degree APPROVED unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESOL—new certificate. <p>Discussion: what does EOU already have in this area? Value/uses of ESOL certificate—huge need, will enhance future employment in multilingual settings.</p> <p>Certificate APPROVED, w/ 1 abstention.</p>	<p>ENV studies program APPROVED, 11 to 5.</p> <p>Elementary education major APPROVED unanimously.</p> <p>ESOL Certificate APPROVED, w/ 1 abstention.</p>
D. Timmermann, et al	Information Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Bush will represent A&L while Leandro Espinosa on sabbatical. 	
	Discussion Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAG funding. R. Powers: appropriate to have two separate funds, as previously suggested? People like having full funding of research, but we also need to support pedagogy and other professional development. <p>Discussion: funding is more heavily tilted toward research when our jobs are more oriented toward teaching.</p> <p>Some like keeping emphasis on scholarship/research. Need further discussion at EOU generally on the place of research versus teaching, etc.</p> <p>C. Ettinger: seems unfair to take money from RAG to fund additional projects.</p>	

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		Concerns about “watering down what we do.” Discussion to be continued.	
	5 Minute Access	None.	
	Next Meeting	Next Meeting is May 4, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Hoke 301.	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dahl