

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 27, 2005, 3:00 p.m.**  
**ELC 405**

I. Call to order by President David Rees

In attendance: David Rees (President), Luciane Berg (President-elect), Seth Armstrong (Treasurer), Helen Boswell (Secretary), Doug Molash (Parliamentarian), Kathy Black, Arlene Braithwaite, Shawn Christiansen (also proxy for Artis Grady), Kim Craft, Richard Eissinger, Robert Eves (also proxy for Ty Redd), John Eye, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Rick Lambson, Kenny Laundra, Elise Leahy, Britton Mace, Carol Ann Modesitt, Paul Ocampo, Art Porter, Bob Robertson, Kevin Robinson (also proxy for Judy Higbee), Jessica Tvordi.

Visitors: students Eliza Pedersen, Jessica Irwin, Carson Bagley, and Gage Hansen

II. Review and approval of minutes from December 9.

Items regarding grievance committee and internship that were discussed have been added.

Motion (Doug Molash) to approve and seconded (Art Porter).

Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President (David Rees)

Board of Trustees has been forwarded the following documents for approval: Academic Standards, Graduation Requirements, IRB, Academic Scheduling, and Faculty Evaluation, Promotion and Tenure documents.

B. Parliamentarian

Faculty Review Board: Senators approve addition of at-large member. Votes tallied:

- Committee will consist of: Idir Azouz, Greg Powell, Verlinda Angell, John Ault, Arlene Braithwaite, Ty Redd, and Suzanne Julian (at-large). Luciane Berg will contact individuals to determine whether they would be willing to serve.
- Chair to be selected from tenured faculty by Faculty Senate to serve for 3 years.
- Nomination of Luciane Berg for chair (Elise Leahy) and seconded (Kirk Fitzpatrick). Nomination accepted.
- Motion (Kevin Robinson) and second (Kenny Laundra) that nominations cease. Vote unanimous that Luciane be chair of review board.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Satisfaction Survey: should be received by faculty either today or tomorrow.

B. Internship Policy:

Motion (Robert Eves) to accept policy and seconded (Doug Molash).

Career Services are aware they would be responsible for orientation workshops.

**Amendments** (Kenny Laundra) **to accept policy with below changes** and seconded (Doug Molash).

III. B.2 – clarify that 60 work hours entails 45 contact hours plus additional hours.

IV. A. 3 – rephrase to state that a willing instructor is assigned/found by the chair.

IV. A. 6. – make reference to current policy that allows for student to have more than one semester to complete the course under extraordinary circumstances.

**Amendments passed unanimously.**

**Motion to accept policy passed unanimously.**

### C. Constitution

- a. Comments (Kenny Laundra): Committee crafted Constitution with AAUP language in regards to shared governance; they feel this is particularly important. Mike Carter did not approve of this language and made subsequent modifications. Committee wishes to negotiate with Mike Carter to include such AAUP language that is also present in other documents at SUU and at other institutions.
- b. Discussion:
  - the document must abide by state law
  - seems to be a difference in interpretation between different attorneys; current interpretation is being used for concern of protection of the current and future president of SUU
  - there is a need to discuss these concerns specifically with Mike Carter
  - language that is endorsed by AAUP should be acceptable on this campus
- c. Motion (Robert Eves) that Kenny and committee visit with Mike Carter discuss concerns and the issue of acceptability of AAUP language incorporated by the constitution committee.  
Motion died due to lack of second.
- d. Motion (Doug Molash) to accept preamble as written by Constitution committee with the AAUP language.  
Motion died due to lack of second.
- e. **Motion** (Robert Eves) **to table Constitution** and seconded (Luciane Berg).  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

### D. Response to Student Grievances

- a. Comments:
  - Response to students needs to be positive and supportive.
- b. **Motion** (Kenny Laundra) **to pass his version of a letter as a response** and seconded (Carol Ann Modesitt).  
Followed by discussion: may be better to strike specific statements referring to sources of funding and keep letter to items that we support

**Amendment** (Helen Boswell) **to accept Laundra letter but in third paragraph, to strike last three lines and end paragraph with, "...we support additional financial accommodations for these services."** Seconded (Arlene Braithwaite)

**Amendment passed with 19 in favor and 4 abstentions.**

Further comments: concerns over the source of the grievances; suggestion that we include statements saying that we have always supported their concerns and academic freedom; concern over actual need for some of these items; report that President Bennion agrees with the need for a women's center.

**Amendment (Arlene Braithwaite) to include language that we are reaffirming our commitment to these issues, and that we continue our support.**

Seconded (Seth Armstrong).

**Amendment passed unanimously.**

**Amendment (Luciane Berg) to remove reference to student participation in hiring and/or firing of faculty in the fourth paragraph.**

**Amendment accepted (Kenny Laundra).**

**Amendment (Robert Eves) to state that we support student participation “on matters that affect them directly” (remove the word “curricular”) and to strike the end of that sentence (specific references to “matters”).**

**Amendment accepted (Kenny Laundra).**

Amendment (Art Porter) to include statement that they will have participation “on matters that affect them directly, including the use of student fees”

Amendment died due to lack of second.

Call to question (Luciane Berg)

**Motion passed with 21 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.**

Kenny Laundra to send copies with changes to David Rees and Luciane Berg.

E. Motion to move to Executive Session (Bob Eves) and seconded (Seth Armstrong).

F. Motion to adjourn (Doug Molash) and seconded (Luciane Berg).