



Faculty Council Committee Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2022

DEPARTMENT	REPRESENTATIVE	P	A	E
Arts & Sciences	Mike Leneagh, President	X		
	Jerry Lester	X		
Art Institute	Jerry Smith, Secretary	X		
Business	Sheila Wheeler		X	
Education	Aimee Schrader, Vice President	X		
Human Services	Dwayne Stenstrom, Sr. Sergeant-at-Arms	X		
Institute of Indigenous Learning	Richard Moves Camp		X	
Institute of Technology	Tashina LaVallie		X	
Library	Diana Dillon		X	
Nursing	Rhonda Jackman	X		
	NON-VOTING MEMBERS:			
VP of Academic Affairs	Cheryl Medearis	X		
Academic Affairs	Patti Farmer	X		
VP of Student Services				
Student Association	Keya Pipeboy		X	
Staff/Faculty Representative	Nick Emery		X	
Recruitment & Retention	Not Represented			
<i>President's Office</i>	Not Represented			
Ihanktonwan C.C.	Janell Garcia		X	
Ihanktonwan C.C.	Rebecca Kennedy-Sazue		X	

1) Agenda Item: Opening prayer

---President Mike Leneagh called the meeting to order and Dwayne Stenstrom opened the meeting with a prayer at 9:08 am per agenda item #1.

2) Agenda Item: Review of meeting minutes from last FC meeting

---Mike asked if all had the opportunity to review of the meeting minutes from last Faculty Council. FC committee voted approval as follows: 5/0/1 abstaining. Two meeting attendees were non-voting.

3) Agenda Item: Announcements and Information relevant to FC

---Ted Hamilton recommended updating the websites Governance Faculty Council page with a statement clarifying the time lapse between last meeting and this meeting, so SGU might maintain policy of transparency and disclosure for public record.

---Aimee requested that the website update include an explanation for the postponement of the November Faculty council meeting out of respect and courtesy to the Bordeaux Family, and the postponing of the Faculty Council meeting coinciding with SGU closing campus for wake and funeral attendance.

---Mike lead discussion about proceeding with pre-registration of students, asking if we were to continue to do so during the Christmas break so as to meet the 20% goal. Dwayne noted that Human Services was meeting next Monday Dec 19.

---Ted noted that technically faculty contracts stated the official Christmas break began Dec 23 to Jan 1; that faculty only had one week off, and that Admin hoped to have campus open on Monday. He did state that perhaps contracts should be reviewed prior to next year so as to provide a longer break.

---Ted concluded that at current it was the Department Chairs who determined when all required faculty work and faculty Fall Term duties were concluded, so as to when faculty "begin Christmas break".

---Mike asked the FC members if they had any ideas that he could present at the upcoming *SD EPSCoR* strategic planning meeting.

---Dewayne shared that a type of disaster preparedness program or promotion would be helpful. He gave an example of some tribal members not knowing where to get firewood before and during our recent bouts of extreme winter weather. Possible ideas included training students/community members how to cut firewood, manage timber/forests, and deliver firewood to elderly and the disabled.

---Ted spoke at length on past and future TCU grant meetings, and that TLE/REDCO could use a soils lab, so that students could learn to address reservation issues of long term soil management. He also spoke of creating programs to attract reservation students to come back and utilize their degrees earned outside the reservation. He concluded that the US Dept. of Education had officially approved use of Covid money for building construction that could be applied to a Soils Lab.

---Ted spoke of a \$6 million grant for Early Education and K-12 outreach, and need to enroll High School seniors in SGU, as 50% of the seniors were done with coursework by noon. He said that he had already reached out to the Superintendent and HS counselors who were in agreement that something should be done for students to best utilize their remaining school day.

---Jerry asked if SGU should send faculty to the high schools to teach special SGU college courses to students while at HS campus, or if SGU would bus students to our current classes?

---Ted clarified that the High Schools were wanting something, but suggested that SGU should initiate specific proposals, and that he was in meetings with Dan Seibel and Cheryl Medearis regarding a grant due Jan 27.

---Mike asked how the Faculty Council could be notified of these kinds of programs during the earlier planning stages as opposed to hearing about them after the fact. A university **culture of shared governance** should seek to include the faculty's input in proposed university academic programs.

---Ted said that Dan Seibel and Cheryl Medearis should be informing/updating the faculty council about such proposed academic programs.

---Aimee stated the need to extend k-12 Education Programs to have more culturally based math instruction.

4) Agenda: Ned Day sharing information from Faculty Council Policy committee

---Ned, as guest to FC, noted that three amendments voted and approved in prior FC meeting were not reflected in the current FC bylaws, and requested updates be made.

---Ted and Dwayne both discussed that items such as the by-laws were not readily found in the SGU website, and that the FC website tab should have links to all related items, required by rules of disclosure and transparency. He stated that the Drop-Down box should be expanded to include more of the items relevant to faculty such as Policies and By-Laws.

---Jerry asked if the FC Bylaws needed an amendment to reflect current FC president seeking a *Wolakota* format versus formal Motions, Seconding and Voting. Ned clarified that per item 11.B, that *Wolakota* ways take precedent over Robert's Rules of Order"

---Ned stated next Policy Committee meeting would take place on the 2nd Friday of January.

5) Agenda: Review and discussion of the results from Faculty Professional Development meeting Dec 12, brainstorming session: "What is the role and responsibility of SGU Faculty Council?"

---the agenda provided by Mike listed 23 bulleted items

---Jerry stated the bullet point "Represents Faculty Voice and Advocates for Faculty", and asked that a future FC meeting address disparity between departments full-time faculty loads, to take into consideration inequality of contact hours between lecture classes of three contact hours, versus lab courses with four contact hours and art studio with six; noting that five courses in art resulted in 30 contact hours per week, plus 15 office hours, plus committee meetings and other SGU meetings, resulting in a minimum of 45 hours on campus per week for full-time art faculty, approx. ten hours more than other faculty loads.

---Ted agreed that the issue should be addressed before the next fall school term.

---Jerry noted bullet point "Need Student Representative on the FC Committee, and asked if FC could make this a priority at the next meeting.

---Aimee noted that it was procedure for Student Council to send the President as the student representative, and that Student Council was electing new officers in the spring.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 by a vote of 5/0/1, with two visitors to FC non-voting.

Approved:

Michael Leneup

Chairperson

1/20/22

Date