

Faculty Senate
1 December 2005
Meeting Minutes – Approved on 2 February 2006

The meeting was called to order by Susan Breck, President-elect, at 2:30 p.m. in the Hickory/Hackberry room.

Present: AbuSharbain, Afolayan, Anop, Arras, Blankson, Breck, Bueno, Chen, Collins (for J. Harrison), Covington, DeWeese, Dixon, Duvernell, Edmonds, Ehlmann, Falconer, Fonseca, Giacobbe, Hanson, Holt, Keene, LaFond, Larkin (for G. Fields), Latorre, Lindell, Liu, Mason, McPherson, Murphy, Musa, Pannirselvam, Paris, Pendergast, Powell, Puchner, Regulus, Rowland, Shaw, Valk, Voss, Wanda, White, Whitson, Yancey (for Ketchum), Zhou

Not Present: Baier, Cannon (for T. Oberweis), Carr, Cooper, Hinz (for Ruckh), Mangum, Poirier, Schrage (for M. Love), Tunney, Wrobbel, Wu

I. Announcements:

The following course and program changes have been approved by the Curriculum Council:

Form 91As

CC# 9-05/06 - B.S. in Accountancy; Business Administration; CMIS; Business Education; Finance

CC# 10-05/06 – Minor in Business Administration

CC# 11-05/06 – B.S. in Business Economics and Finance

CC# 12-05/06 – B.S. in Biology, Specialization in Medical Sciences

CC#13-05/06 – B.S./M.S. in Civil Engineering (3+2 Program)

CC#14-05/06 – B.A. with minor in Creative Writing

CC#15-05/06 – Minor in Speech Communication

Form 90A

PHYS 439 – Physics Projects for Educators

Form 90B

GBA 300 – Foundations of Business Knowledge - Dropped

II. Consideration of November 3, 2005 meeting minutes:

Moved by Bill Whitson and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. **Motion carried.**

III. Consideration of Action Items:

WC#1-05/06, 04-05 Annual Report of the Welfare Council

Moved by David DeWeese, and seconded to accept the report. **Motion carried.**

CC# 8-05/06, Course Repeat Policy

Moved by Michael Shaw a friendly amendment to eliminate 1a.

Moved by Bill Whitson to call the question for acceptance of the Course Repeat Policy as amended. A counted vote was taken: 27 ayes, 14 nays, 0 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

IV. Reports from Standing Committees:

A. UPBC – Pug Edmonds reported:

a. RAMP '08 continues

b. Pug presented a UPBC report to the Staff Senate today.

B. IBHE – Julian Bueno reported:

- a. A handout summarizing the November 18 FAC/IBHE meeting was provided:
 - i. Guest speaker, State Representative Larry McKeon(D)
 - ii. IBHE Staff announcements by Gary Alexander
 - iii. Report on the Illinois Education Summit
- b. One of the main items for discussion at the next FAC meeting will hopefully be the endorsement of a recommendation by the task force appointed by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to continue offering only two-year degrees versus four-year degrees at Illinois community colleges. IBHE will act on this recommendation at the February meeting.

C. Technology Advisory Committee – Bill White reported:

The committee will meet with the Provost on 13 December. The issues brought up at the November Faculty Senate meeting will be addressed at this meeting.

V. Reports from Council Chairs:

A. Curriculum Council – Kay Covington reported:

- a. The Course Repeat Policy was approved by the CC.
- b. The program review for Geography was approved by the CC. This month, program reviews will be conducted for Anthropology and Historical Studies (second review since April 2005).
- c. The Academic Advising Task Force will review policies regarding mandatory advising. Kay asked senators to speak to their constituents about this issue and e-mail feedback to Kay or Anne Powell.

B. Graduate Council – Bill Whitson reported:

- a. Revisions to the Retention Policy for Graduate Degree Programs were approved.
- b. Bill asked senators to speak to their Graduate Council representatives about any concerns regarding GC policies.
- c. The GC approved changes in the council operating papers adding a chair-elect position, and graduate faculty can vote through Blackboard.

C. Faculty Development Council – Gertrude Pannirselvam reported:

- a. Three candidates for the EUE Coordinator have been recommended to Provost Hahs, who will make the final decision on which candidate is selected for the position.
- b. Two applicants are being interviewed for ELTI Director.
- c. Four faculty conversations have been held, and approximately half of the money (~\$500) remains for future conversations.
- d. Initiatives discussed at the Fall Faculty Symposium will be acted upon in the spring.
- e. Revisions to the operating papers will be made due to the joining of FDC and FRR.

D. Rules & Procedures Council – Eric Voss reported:

- a. In speaking with Administration concerning dean evaluation policy, the Chancellor offered insight on the issue of legal implications within the policy language.
- b. The council has retrieved a collection of policies from peer institutions to aid in the ongoing review of the dean evaluation policy.

E. Welfare Council – Laurie Puchner reported:

- a. The WC continues its work with revisions to the grievance policy and four sets of operating papers, emeritus faculty benefits, the salary increase plan, and a statement on increased enrollment.

VI. New Business:

Welfare Council Chair

Moved by Kay Covington and seconded to approve Laurie Puchner as the Chair of the Welfare Council. **Motion carried.**

VII. Old Business:

Shared Governance Resolution

Susan Breck asked senators to poll their constituents and e-mail feedback to University Governance for further discussion and revision of the resolution at the February Faculty Senate meeting.

VIII. Other Business: none

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Krista Barrett,
Secretary for President Kathleen Tunney