

Faculty Senate
2 February 2006
Meeting Minutes – Approved 2 March 2006

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Tunney, President, in the Hickory/Hackberry Room at 2:30 p.m.

Present: AbuSharbain, C. Pryor (for Afolayan), Anop, Arras, Baier, Blankson, Breck, Bueno, Carr, Leander (for Chen), Cooper, Covington, DeWeese, Dixon, Duvernell, Edmonds, Ehlmann, Fields, Giacobbe, Hanson, Harrison, Holt, Keene, Ketchum, LaFond, Latorre, Lindell, Liu, Love, McPherson, Murphy, Musa, Oberweis, Pannirselvam, Kerber (for Paris), Powell, Puchner, Boyd (for Regulus), Rowland, Shaw, Tunney, Valk, Voss, Brunkow (for Wanda), White, Whitson, Wrobbel, Wu, Zhou

Not Present: Falconer, Hinz (for Ruckh), Mangum, Mason, Pendergast

I. Announcements

- A. Dean Neely has announced a memorial service for Annette Baich on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 2:00pm in the Religious Center.
- B. The Chancellor's Reception for the Faculty Senate is today.
- C. The following Forms 90A have been approved by the Curriculum Council and the General Education Committee:
 - POLS 344** Urban Politics
 - POLS 352** Politics of Development
 - POLS 354** Women and Cross-National Politics
 - POLS 371** International Political Economy
 - POLS 441** Women and Politics in America
 - POLS 497** Environmental Law
 - ENSC 220L** Principles of Environmental Sciences Laboratory
 - IS 345 Quilts and Cultural Heritage**-IS requirement and Intergroup Relations
 - IS 401 Business and Society**-IS requirement and International Issues/International Culture

II. Consideration of December 1, 2005 meeting minutes

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

III. Consideration of Action Items

WC# 5-05/06 Approval of revisions to Welfare Council Operating Papers

Moved by Ralph Giacobbe, and seconded to accept the revisions. **Motion carried.**

WC# 2-05/06 Approval of revisions to OMBUDS Operating Papers

Moved by Larry LaFond, and seconded to accept the revisions. **Motion carried.**

WC# 3-05/06 Approval of revisions to Teaching Excellence Awards Committee Operating Papers

Moved by Ralph Giacobbe, and seconded to accept the revisions. **Motion carried.**

WC# 4-05/06 Motion concerning Emeritus/Retired Faculty

Moved by Trish Oberweis, and seconded to accept the motion to create a task force to examine benefits, obligations, and expectations related to emeritus/retired faculty. **Motion carried.**

IV. Reports from Standing Committees

UPBC – Pug Edmonds reported:

- A. IBHE recommended a 1% increase for personal services to be met by 1% from internal reallocation. The Governor's recommendation will be released in the next couple of weeks.

UPBC, con't

- B. Due to 2006 being an election year, the current status of the capital budget is unclear.
- C. School of Pharmacy funding - Neither the \$2 million to be financed by IBHE, nor the one-time appropriation of \$895,000 has been released. Due to the uncertainty of the funding as of right now, UPBC will prepare for contingencies.

IBHE – Julian Bueno reported:

- A. A handout summarizing the last two meetings of the FAC/IBHE was provided.
- B. The FAC is in agreement with the IBHE's recommendations to the Governor that states community colleges should not be given the authority to award baccalaureate degrees, as well as the IBHE's budget recommendations for FY 2007.

Technology Advisory Committee – Bill White submitted the following report:

- A. The implementation of the BANNER system has been postponed until Spring 2007.
- B. Barbara O'Malley, the Executive Director of University Marketing and Communications has been named the primary contact person for concerns about the updated SIUE web site.
- C. The Council is in the process of drafting policies to satisfy state requirements regarding technology audits that shall ensure that appropriate software procurement and deployment practices are followed on campus.

V. Reports from Council Chairs

Curriculum Council – Kay Covington reported:

- A. The Council should be receiving program reviews from the following departments: Sociology, Political Science, Accounting, Business Economics & Finance, and CAS Economics.
- B. Some of the New Freshman Seminars have been approved for half of the entering freshman class in Fall 2006. NFS courses for Fall 2007 are currently being reviewed, and all entering freshmen will be required to complete one of these seminars.
- C. The Director for Undergraduate Assessment and Program Review position has been posted, and applications are being accepted. The deadline for application is March 1, 2006. The Search Advisory Committee, which probably will be comprised of 3 CC members and 2 other university members, will submit their recommendation to the Provost Office.
- D. The CC is currently reviewing the Student Code of Conduct relating to plagiarism.

Graduate Council – Bill Whitson submitted the report and highlighted the following issues:

- A. Dr. Christa Johnson is the new Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, and she will be the contact person for procedural questions concerning internal and external grants and research activities.
- B. Last spring, the GC passed a motion to recognize faculty through the Distinguished Research Professor Awards. Dean Hansen announced that a faculty panel to select recipients of this award is being formed. The recipients will be announced March 3, 2006.

Faculty Development Council – Marjorie Baier reported:

- A. Handouts detailing the following information were provided:
 - a. Excellence in Undergraduate Education (EUE) Report from the Coordinator
 - b. Excellence in Learning and Teaching Initiative (ELTI) Report from the Director
 - c. Faculty Technology Center (FTC) Report

FDC/FRR, con't

- d. Continuing work of the FDC/FRR: revisions to the Service Learning Award will be presented at the March Faculty Senate meeting; planning for the 2006 Fall Faculty Symposium; FDC operating papers; a mechanism for recognition of university service.
- B. Faculty Conversation funds total \$128.

Rules & Procedures Council – Eric Voss reported:

- A. On January 19, the Council met to discuss the policies regarding Dean Selection, Evaluation, and Retention. The Chancellor is ultimately responsible for hiring and retention of faculty and administrators; therefore, individual faculty and staff members on a search/selection committee are not legally protected if an administrator who was relieved of his/her position chose to take legal action against the decision. Eric led a discussion with the senators on the role of the dean evaluation committee: whether it is an advisory role or a decision-making role. Current procedures and a memo from Paige Reed, Associate General Counsel were provided for background information.
- B. The Council will send written notices to the schools' Deans to provide the names of nominees for new senators and Graduate Council members.
- C. The election for Faculty Senate President-elect will be held at the end of March. Nominations were requested from the floor.
- D. The evaluation of the Chancellor will be held on BlackBoard during the first three weeks of March.

Welfare Council – Laurie Puchner reported:

- A. The Council continues to work on the following issues:
 - a. Revisions to the Grievance Policy
 - b. Resolution on Salary Increases
 - c. Statement on Increased Enrollment
 - d. Family leave issues
 - e. Salary equity studies
 - f. Student Evaluations of Teaching
 - g. Rewarding excellence in service
- B. The OMBUDS evaluations will be done this year.

VI. New Business

- A. Mike Shaw and Rebecca Lindell presented a proposal for online faculty conversations to be held on BlackBoard.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Other Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Krista Barrett,
Secretary for President Kathleen Tunney