FACULTY SENATE MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2008
APPROVED MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:37 p.m. on October 2, 2008 in the Bluff Hall Multifunction Room by Duff Wrobbel, President.

Absent: Bharati, Harward, Milsk-Fowler, Siganga, Solares, Yancey, W. Yu
Excused: McCommas, Dixon

Announcement: Duff announced Chancellor Vandegrift’s presence today to welcome the Faculty Senate for the Fall Semester.

Steve Huffstutler, ITS answered questions about Blackboard. Stephanie McAndrews made a motion for ITS to set up Blackboard course shells for the Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate Executive Committee and each Council and their members. The Faculty Senate shell will at least consist of all Faculty Senate members and perhaps a larger group that would be voted on at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Mary Sue Love seconded the motion. The faculty had a discussion about who would be included in the Faculty Senate Blackboard membership. The motion was approved.

Consideration of Minutes—September 4, 2008 - Corrections were made to the minutes. Allison Fahsl motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Action Items:
1. A motion was made by Peter Theodore to accept the Freshman Seminar Implementation Committee as brought forth by Kay Covington, Past President which includes the changes from the last FSEC meeting. The changes are: Cheryle Tucker-Loewe will represent both Bridge Implementation Committee and Academic Counseling, and then add Vicki Scott, a member from KOA and Assessment. It was seconded by Mike Shaw. The motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Laurie Puchner to approve the appointment by the Faculty Senate to the ICAC (Intercollegiate Athletic Committee) Juliet Kerico from Lovejoy Library. It was seconded by Lisa Welch. The motion was approved.
Reports from Standing Committees:

UPBC – John Navin reported that at the last meeting the Chancellor gave his recommendations on the end of year non-recurring expenditures used facilities disbursements that would be for repair of sidewalks and some work at the University Park. At next Friday’s meeting, tuition increase and RAMP planning will be the topics of discussion.

IBHE – FAC - Martha Latorre reported that at the first meeting IBHE announced that they would have open hearings about the public perception of higher education at various locations throughout the month of October. Information is on IBHE website. Martha asked for a volunteer to go in her place to the November 7 meeting as she will not be able to attend. If anyone is interested, please email Martha.

TAC (Technology Advisory Council) – no report

BIC (BRIDGE Implementation Committee) – Kay Covington reported that the committee met Tuesday and was brought up to speed about issues related to the Lincoln Program. More information is being gathered as to how and how much of the current General Education program fits into the new program.

Reports from Council Chairs:

Curriculum Council – Tom Foster had no report

Graduate Council – Stephanie McAndrews reported that the council met on September 12, and examined methods of instruction of research, program and assessment, program reviews, and how to formalize policies with professional schools. She announced the Graduate School Open House October 16. Graduate School enrollment is up. The Graduate School website has information about the Teacher Scholar Philosophy. She gave a report on grants. Stephanie announced the results of the elections for the research and development committee. Awards from proposals totaled $27,217,600 and 42% of faculty were presented grants.

Faculty Development Council – George Watson reported that the council is still talking about a spring symposium and its topic.

Rules and Procedures Council – Mary Sue Love gave a report that the committees are at work.

Welfare Council – Lisa Welch and Tianlong Yu – Lisa Welch reported that their committees are currently working on various items including the grievance policy committee operating papers.

Past President – Kay Covington - above

President Elect – Allison Fahsl – no report

New Business – none

Old Business – SIU Separation Task Force - Steve Kerber reported his results on fact finding and will have more information from Joel’s interviews with people who were involved in the development of SIU system.

Other Business – Duff reported that the Teacher Scholar Philosophy will be the topic for questions and answers at next month’s Faculty Senate meeting with Paul Ferguson as our guest.

CAS Dean Selection Committee update - Gary reported that they concluded the election

Listserv update- 7% have opted out of the Discuss Listserv.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Approved as corrected November 6, 2008

Vicki Kruse, University Governance