A special meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:36 p.m. on April 16, 2009 in the Morris University Center Mississippi/Illinois Rooms by Duff Wrobbel, President.


Absent: Agustin, Alexander, Carstens-Wickham, Comrie, Dixon, Hinz, Kaburakis, Kelly, Latorre, Love, McCommas, Milsk-Fowler, Navin, Sol, Yancey, T. Yu

Excused: Gillespie, Thornton, J. Zhou

The business at hand was the Teacher Scholar Philosophy. Background was provided on the TS Philosophy and on options that have been offered over the past nine months by the Faculty Senate was reviewed. 6 response options were brought forward for consideration

A motion was made by McCracken and second by Adam Weyhaupt to add Option 7: Will not endorse. The motion carried.

Adam Weyhaupt moved that the faculty senate put forth a ballot to the faculty senators requiring that they rank the following options in order to preference:

Option 1: The faculty senate shall take no action on the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy.

Option 2: The faculty senate accepts and endorses the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy as proposed

Option 3: The faculty Senate accepts and endorses the amended version of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy contained in Appendix A with the deletion of: nor should university resources be allocated to individuals to enact these recommendations with the only goal being compliance with this document.

Option 4: The faculty senate will forward to the provost the one page description of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy in appendix B.

Option 5: The faculty senate will forward to the provost the one paragraph description of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy in Appendix C.

Option 6: The faculty senate will forward to the provost the one page description of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy in Appendix B but prepend the preamble contained in Appendix A with the deletion of: nor should university resources be allocated to individuals to enact these recommendations with the only goal being compliance with this document.

Option 7: Will not endorse the TS Philosophy as it presently reads from the Provost Office.
Each senator's first preference will receive 7 points; each senator's second preference will receive 6 points, and so on. A senator may rank option(s) as unacceptable by giving 0 points. A measure shall carry if it receives more points than any other option. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by considering which of the two options receives the most first place votes, then second place votes, and so on, until the tie is broken. If the tie cannot be broken in this manner, then all tied options shall be forwarded to the provost.

The motion was seconded by George Watson. One opposed but the motion carried.

Discussion

Wiediger asked if an option other than the original TS Philosophy was put forward, would the original be replaced by the one that the Senate voted in?
A: Duff: the result would have to be accepted by the Provost as a replacement for the TS Philosophy. He also noted that even under circumstances, the Teacher Scholar Philosophy Report from the Task Force would still exist as a document and would be available as a resource - perhaps a model for use by individual departments.

The preamble was clarified to make it consistent with the SIUE Mission by inserting “and complementary excellent graduate and professional programs” after as its first priority.

Ballots, amended to reflect the changes made by the addition of a seventh option, were completed, collected, and the results entered into a spreadsheet by 2 senators. Results were as follows: Option 6 had the most points: 186 points, option 4 had 164 points and option 3 had 104 points.

The Faculty Senate accepted Option 6 as the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy: The faculty senate will forward to the Provost the one page description of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy in Appendix B but prepend the preamble contained in Appendix A with the deletion of: nor should university resources be allocated to individuals to enact these recommendations with the only goal being compliance with this document.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.

Approved as written May 7, 2009

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