

FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
MAY 7, 2009 – 2:30 PM  
MUC MISSISSIPPI-ILLINOIS ROOMS  
APPROVED MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:37 p.m. on May 7, 2009 in the Morris University Center Mississippi-Illinois Rooms by Duff Wrobbel, President.

**Present:** Agustin, Bharati, Bolander, Breck, Chleboun, Comrie, Covington, Dixon, Fahsl, Foster, Fujinoki, Harward, Hinz, Kelly, Kerber, Latorre, McAndrews, McCracken, Navin, Nwacha, O'Brien, Pearson, Pietroburgo, Seltzer, Siganga, Smith, Sol, Staples, Thomeczek, Timpe, Welch, Weyhaupt, Wiediger, Willmott, Wrobbel, B. Zhou

**Excused:** Gillespie, Kaburakis, Love, Schmidt, Thornton, Schmitz

**Absent:** Alexander, Carstens-Wickham, Celik, Hale, Hershberger, McCommas, Milsk-Fowler, Schmitz, Solares, Yancey, W. Yu, J. Zhou

**Announcements:** Tom Foster, Curriculum Council Chair announced the approved courses and programs for April 2009.

**Consideration of Minutes:** The April 2 and April 16 minutes were approved as written.

**Action Items:**

Curriculum Council Chair Tom Foster brought forth for approval Zenia Agustin to serve as General Education Chair another year. Everyone was in agreement.

**CC#19-08/09** - Curriculum Council is proposing to replace the current policy 1C2 with the revised 1C2. There were questions concerning the use of the forms for dropping and adding when only changing the course numbers. There was a discussion about keeping these together during the process so that the changes happen simultaneously. The policy recommendation **passed**.

**CC#20-08/09** – Curriculum Council Chair Tom Foster proposed the additions of 1B2A and 1B2B to policy 1B2. The policy recommendations **passed**. It was decided that Curriculum Council would revisit this policy again in the Fall for language on modifying and eliminating a program.

Welfare Council Co-Chair Lisa Welch proposed two policy recommendations

**WC#1-08/09** - The Faculty Grievance Committee Operating Papers with suggested revisions from the Provost's Office. Lisa explained the revisions did not change the Faculty Senate's intent of the original policy. The policy recommendation **passed**.

**WC#14-07/08** – The Policy for Retired and Emeriti Faculty Members with suggested revisions from the Provost's Office. The policy recommendation **passed**.

### **Final review of the plagiarism policies;**

- Plagiarism 1I6 Student Academic Standards and Performance
- Student Academic Code 3C2 Students Rights
- Conduct and Faculty Plagiarism Policy

Lisa explained the changes by the Plagiarism Policy Committee and the bibliography. There was a discussion. It was clarified that the Faculty Senate was only asked at this point for a final review of the policies. Cory Willmott suggested for the definition to be shorter and to the point for the students. Steve Kerber suggested waiting until Fall and adopting in the Faculty Senate a way and time. A **motion** was made by Rakesh Bharati to recommend removal of the bibliography and selected resources from all the plagiarism policies. It was seconded by Jerry O'Brien. The motion **passed**.

It was voted **yes** to accept the addition of the paragraph in **1I6**.

It was voted **yes** to accept the addition of the paragraph in **3C2**.

There was further discussion about the new **Faculty Plagiarism Policy** (non-research activities).

It was decided to include three clarifications:

1. Clarify the language as much as possible given that there are gray areas in this type of thing.
2. Include as inclusive as possible a definition of what is non-research activity.
3. Open up to the decision making power to the person who thinks that there may be a case of plagiarism.

The **Faculty Plagiarism Policy** (including the above motion regarding the bibliography) was voted **yes** to accept with the inclusion of the three clarifications.

### **Reports from Standing Committees**

- A. **UPBC** - John Navin reported that CHAPA headed by Julie Petroburgo finished the reviews of Vice Chancellor Neher and Vice Chancellor Emmanuel. John thanked everyone for all their work in this project.
- B. **IBHE** Faculty Advisory Council – Martha Latorre reported that last month's meeting was with the board. Changes were discussed how the meeting would be run. Patrick Callan, President of the National Center for Public Policy & Higher Education talked about aligning state funding with goals of public agendas. Topics of discussion were resource allocation and funding, state college affordability problem and the idea of how to make higher education more cost effective. He said there are three reasons of optimism about the legislative report going into a new session; 1. There is a can-do attitude in the legislature. 2. Governor and the legislature seem to have more positive attitude toward higher education. 3. Several legislative initiatives are being pursued to operationalize the public agenda.
- C. **TAC** - Technology Advisory Council – Hiroshi Fujinki reported they would meet next week about budgeting issues with upgrades and decision making about equipment. The Council would take any recommendations for updates by email. Email any questions for their agenda and he would bring back to the next meeting.

## Reports from Council Chairs

- A. **Curriculum Council** – Tom Foster reported vacancies on committees
- B. **Graduate Council** – Stephanie McAndrews reported about SAGE money and two the reports; Annual Reports of the Programs Committee and the Educational and Research Policies Committee that will be posted on the Blackboard. Mike Shaw has agreed to Chair the Graduate Council next year.
- C. **Faculty Development Council** – Adam Weyhaupt reported for George Watson that the EUE has been ranked and forwarded to the Provost's Office. The Provost decided to fund the first \$125,000.00 now and will look at the budget later for the rest of the Council's recommendations. Next year Faculty Development funding will be topic for Fall.
- D. **Rules and Procedures Council** – Gerald O'Brien reported for Mary Sue Love. Documents of the Chancellor's, Provost's evaluations and year end reports are posted on Blackboard. Elections have been completed. Definition of faculty will be topic for Fall. Gerald O'Brien has agreed to Chair next year.
- E. **Welfare Council** – Lisa Welch reported that the Task Force for Family Friendly Policies submitted its final report and will be on Blackboard. Next year's topics; peer institutions' Family Friendly Policies, costs for Family Friendly Policies, Graduate School funds for co-authors, definition of family in the policies and Ombuds search next year. The year-end report will come out in the Fall. Edd Hershberger has agreed to be Welfare Council Chair.
- F. **Past President** – Kay Covington reported that BIC will possibly have a timeline for the September meeting.
- G. **President Elect** – Allison Fahsl reported on the progress of the New Freshman Seminar Committee.

## Old Business - Definition of faculty

Kay Covington made a motion to rescind the motion for the referendum of the Definition of faculty that Rules and Procedures Chair Mary Sue Love presented at the April 2 meeting. It was seconded by Marcus Agustin. The motion was approved and passed.

## New Business

### A. **Slate of Council Chairs:**

Faculty Development Council – Adam Weyhaupt  
Graduate Council – Mike Shaw  
Rules & Procedures – Gerald O'Brien  
Curriculum Council – Tom Foster  
Welfare Council – Edd Hershberger

Stephanie McAndrews made a motion to approve the slate of Council Chairs.

Kay Covington seconded. The motion was **approved**.

**Other Business:** Duff Wrobbel reported that the All Faculty Meeting was a success. More attended this year than last year. It was the first of a series.

Duff thanked everyone especially the committee chairs and all the senators who have concluded their term on the Senate.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

*The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on September 3, 2009 in the Morris University Center Mississippi/Illinois Room. The FSEC meeting on the schedule for May 14 is canceled.*

*Approved as amended on September 3, 2009 by the Faculty Senate  
Vicki Kruse/University Governance*