

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 27th 2008

ELC 404

Attendance: Denise Woodbury, Kay Anderson, Kathy Croxall, Deb Hill, Fred Lohrengel (proxy for Mark Colberg) Andrew Marvick, Mark Miller, Matt Nickerson, Bart Reynolds, Julie Simon, Virginia Stitt, JohnTaylor, Dezhi Wu, John Howell, Tim, Lewis, Dennis Vredenberg, Paul Larson (proxy Robert Eves), Phil Roche, Sean Miles

Welcome: President Christine Frezza

Motion to accept minutes: Motion made by John Howell ad seconded by Paul Larsen

1. Elections:

In the election process some problem were encountered concerned the issue of tenure and when a president-elect can officially run for office. The nomination process is currently being conducted electronically but not the participation hope for in terms of numbers of candidates being nominated.

2. Scholarship:

Phil Roche took some time to explain the progress on the scholarship offered by the senate and updated the senate on what was currently taking place in this regard. This discussion of including graduate students in the pool of those being considered was discussed. Discussion around tuition waivers for graduate students continued and it was brought up that each graduate program has something in place for graduate level scholarship, but dissemination of the awards differs from college to college.

2. Student Evaluations:

A report on the work done this year on student evaluations was made and a discussion insured. The main concern was with the validity of this instrument currently being used by the university. The student response rate to this instrument was discussed and ways to get students to participate was explored. Faculty senate expressed concern that a significant number of students participating was ones who had not applied themselves in class and this skews the results, this was troubling to some a Leave, Rank and Tenure is based in part on these evaluations. Concern with the validity of the instrument and the need for revisions was the center of the discussion.

4. Policy 6.51 Graduate Studies

Robert Eves

Robert lead a discussion on the changes to policy 6.51 “Graduate Studies.” The changes were to the wording of the policy but did not change the intent of the policy. Robert was thanked for his work on this policy and a motion to accept the changes was made and seconded. The voting was unanimous

Other: Several discussion insured but no motions were made or recommendation considered.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, voting was unanimous

Next Meeting April 24th 4:00p m