

Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, September 29, 2005, 4:00 p.m.
ELC 405

I. Call to order by Faculty Senate President Luciane Berg

In attendance: Luciane Berg (President), Kevin Robinson (President-elect), Seth Armstrong (Treasurer), Helen Boswell (Secretary; also proxy for Kirk Fitzpatrick), Doug Molash (Parliamentarian), Arlene Braithwaite, Mark Colberg (proxy for Fred Lorengel), Kim Craft, Robert Eves, Christine Frezza, Judy Higbee, Chin Hu, Paul Larson, Britton Mace, Blair McDonald, Carol Modesitt, Matt Nickerson, Art Porter, David Rees, Robert Robertson, Jeff Salehi, Julie Simon (also proxy for Jessica Tvordi) John Taylor, David Tufte. Visitor: Abe Harraf.

II. Welcome from Faculty Senate President (Luciane Berg)

A. **Senators must address individual charges on agendas before coming to meetings.**

B. **Committee assignments and charges:** all committees should report progress via e-mail to the rest of the senators on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Senators contact chairs with any feedback so that chairs can report to Executive Committee before the 3rd Thursday of each month for the agenda.

C. **Other item:** may be necessary to notarize one member of Faculty Senate for legal purposes (possibly Secretary or President-elect).

III. Committee Assignments

1. Faculty Review Board

Current chairperson: Robert Eves (1 term)

Motion (Robert Eves) **that the chair of committee work on committee membership and report membership at a later date.**

Seconded (Doug Molash) followed by no discussion.

Amendment (David Rees) **for all committee chairs to do this. Amendment accepted.**

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee (On-line Evaluation Committee)

Current chairperson: Judy Higbee

Chair of committee to report membership and new chairperson at a later date.

3. Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson open (2 year term)

Currently on committee: Art Porter, Deb Hill, Ty Redd, Scott Hanson

Nomination (and second) of chairperson: Art Porter (accepted)

Chairperson approved by vote: Art Porter

Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.

4. Faculty Recruitment and Retention Committee

Current chairperson: Britton Mace

Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.

5. Constitution and By-laws Revision Committee
Motion (Bob Eves) to strike the Constitution committee this year.
Seconded (Arlene Braithwaite) followed by discussion: much good was presented in the previously proposed Constitution but the new version as a whole did not pass.
Suggestion to propose changes and present them as amendments.
Motion defeated with 16 in opposition, 3 in favor, and 3 abstentions.
Nomination (and second) of chairperson: David Rees
Chairperson approved by vote: David Rees
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.
6. Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Committee
Nomination (and second) of chairperson: Jessica Tvordi
Chairperson approved by vote: Jessica Tvordi
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.
7. Distinguished Educator Award Committee
Nomination (and second) of chairperson: Arlene Braithwaite
Chairperson approved by vote: Arlene Braithwaite
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.
8. Outstanding Faculty Scholar/Faculty Achievement Committee
Nomination (and second) of chairperson: Helen Boswell
Chairperson approved by vote: Helen Boswell
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.
9. Student Scholarship Committee
Nomination (and second) of chairperson: Carol Modesitt
Chairperson approved by vote: Carol Modesitt
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.
10. Library Committee Representative
Jessica Tvordi and Christine Frezza are currently serving on this committee.
11. Staff Association Committee
Jeff Salehi volunteers to serve on the committee.
12. Insurance Committee
Nomination (and second) of member to serve on committee: Kevin Robinson
Committee member approved by vote: Kevin Robinson
13. University Parking Committee
Robert Eves is currently serving on this committee.
14. Convocation Committee
Motion (Matt Nickerson) to strike committee and seconded (David Rees).
Motion withdrawn.
Luciane Berg appointed Matt Nickerson as chair to this committee.
Chair of committee to report membership at a later date.

15. University Press Editorial Board

Christine Frezza is currently serving on this committee

16. Journal Steering Committee

Julie Simon is currently serving on this committee

IV. Website Changes (Committees)

1. Functional committees to be removed from the Faculty Senate Website because members are not appointed by Faculty Senate and do not necessarily include Faculty Senators:

- i. University Leave, Rank, and Tenure Committee
- ii. Post-tenure Review Committee
- iii. Faculty Development Grants Committee
- iv. Curriculum Committee

2. Committees to be struck because they are not necessary at this time:

- i. LRT Policy Rewrite Committee

Motion (Robert Eves) **to strike LRT Policy Rewrite Committee.**

Seconded (David Rees) followed by no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Final items and Charges

1. **Website:** we need someone to keep site updated (Seth Armstrong volunteered after meeting adjourned)

2. **Letter of introduction** will be written to welcome back faculty, inform them of meeting times, and senator and executive council membership

3. **Workplace environment survey:** please e-mail Luciane with comments for next month's agenda.

4. **Chairs of Faculty Senate Committees:** please send e-mail of committee membership to Helen Boswell as soon as you have this information.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Robert Eves) and seconded (Doug Molash).