

Faculty Senate Minutes  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 2007  
4:00 PM  
Room: ELC 401

Present: Christine Frezza, Bart Reynolds, Denise Woodbury, Virginia Stitt, Andrew Marvnick, Paul Roche', John Howell (proxy for Pat Keehley), Mark Miller, Kay Anderson, Dennis Vredenburg, Kevin Stein, Robert Eves (proxy for Fred Lohrengel, Paul Larson, Mark Colberg, Tim Lewis, Kathy Croxall, Dave Tufte, Julie Simon

Minutes: Motion made to accept minutes from October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made, moved and seconded, voting in the affirmative.

**1. Presidents Report: President Frezza expressed appreciation to the faculty senate for all they do and continue to do for the university.**

- Discussed the flexibility need in Minors and reported this has gone to the deans council with Policies 6.45 and 6.51.
- Course Fees: Discussed and need to be in course syllabi and how they are to be used. David Rees stated funds could be accumulated if a plan is in place.
- SUU headed to Broadway. Musical "Lend me a Tenor." Will perform in 2009 on the famed Broadway stage.

**2. Policy 6.2 #5 Potential to Evaluate Deans**

Evaluation of Deans: Faculty may be involved in evaluating department chairs and deans. This is not a policy as Provost evaluates the Deans and departments chairs. Discussion included the desire of some faculty senate member to evaluate the Dean's.

**3. Decentralize Provost Funding to Colleges**

Discussion included making conference funds more assessable to faculty members and putting the money where it can have the greatest good and is needed the most. Others thought it should go to those most deserving. Other offered the idea that the current system is working well as it is not constructed.

Frustration came from not understanding the role of the evaluators of the grants and how the approval process actually works. It was suggested each department be properly represented on the selection committee and this committee be on a rotation basis. These were some confusion as to the length of tenure on this committee and how appointments were made.

Christine will follow-up on the issue. Motion was made by Robert Eves and seconded by Denise Woodbury to have Christine follow up before our next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **4. Committee Members Needed:**

Areas of current openings and need: Scholarship Committee, Course Fee Committee, Distinguished Lecture Committee. Discussion insured on getting volunteers to serve on these committees to fill the vacancy's.

#### **5. Scholarship for Last Year: *Phil and Mark***

It was reported the senate did not award a student scholarship last year for unknown reasons. Christine expressed a desire to make sure one was awarded this year (2008). Fund available for this scholarship stand at approximately \$ 2,248. Phil Roche will spearhead the efforts.

#### **6. Student Evaluation “Task Force”**

Julie Simon reported the committee has net but not ready to make a recommendation. The real concerns focus on Leave, Rank, and Tenure as they relate to the evaluation process. The committee wants consistency across the board. It was hoped that a draft would be ready by March, if possible.

#### **7. Refreshment Costs and Student Food Pantry:**

It was reported the average cost to have refreshments at faculty senate meeting is about \$ 70.00 a month. Most faculty senate members didn't feel the cost justified the convenience. It was pointed out the university policy required using catering services for the senate meetings (groups of 10 or more). Robert stated the funds could be only used for this purpose so either “use them, or lose them.” It was suggest coffee be served, vote was taken for coffee to be served, this passed in the affirmative. It was also recommended nutritious snacks be offered along with cookies and pop.

#### **8. Other Business**

Christine has been selected to serve on the Provost search committee. This position opened officially November 3, 2007. Senate was encouraged to search out good candidates and encourage them to apply for the position.

Next Meeting: January 31 at 4:00 pm ELC 400

Motion Made to Adjourn. Voting was in the affirmative.