

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 23, 2009
4:00 pm in ELC room 405

Welcome and Conducting:

Almost Past President Woodbury and Incoming President Calvasina

Denise Woodbury, Gerry Calvasina, Bart Reynolds, David Reese, Mark Colberg, Virginia Stitt, Deb Hill, Tim Lewis, David Berri, Fred Govedich, Michael Harvey, Kay Andersen, John Howell, Bruce Howard, Mark Miller, Derek Hein, Michael Ostrowsky, Andreas Weingartner, Matt Nickerson, Lawrence Johnson, Alan Hamlin, Matt Schmitt.

1. Call to Order: Denise Woodbury Called meeting to order.
2. Approval of the Minutes: January and March minutes were approved.

Motion made by: Fred Govedich

Seconded By: Virginia Stitt

3. Installation of the New President and President Elect: Gavel was passed to the new Faculty Senate president Gerry Calvasina, President Elect Deb Hill was presented and welcomed. Framed pictures were presented to the outgoing executive committee, Denise Woodbury, Mark Colberg, Bart Reynolds and Virginia Stitt for their years of service.
4. Selection of New Officers:

Introduction of new senators from each of the colleges were made by outgoing senators of the individual colleges. Elections were held and the following individuals were nominated and voted upon, the follow individuals were elected for the 2009-10 school year:

President Elect: Deb Hill
Secretary: Andreas Weingartner
Parliamentarian: Michael Harvey
Treasurer: Robin Boneck

5. President's Report:

- New Provost Brad Cook will come aboard August 1st.
- Possible discontinuance of programs proposed by the Dean's Council. The rubric to be used was passed out and discussed. The first week in June decisions will be made on programs to be discontinued. Criteria of Quality, Productivity, and Cost effectiveness will be used to make these decisions.
- LRT was discussed and the need to streamline the process and keep everything to a small ring binder.

6. Policies 6.12 and 6.13:

Policy 6.13

Virginia Stitt led a discussion on policy 6.13 “Grading.” The new grade of NR for graduate students who have not completed their thesis was discussed. The “T” grade or temporary grade was discussed and the rationale of this grade being used, no decisions were made on this grade. A vote was taken so the policy could be passed along to the Dean’s. Motion made John Howell, seconded Fred Govedich. Voting was unanimous to make approve the changes recommended by the committee.

Policy 6.12 Financial Exigency

Deb Hill led a discussion on the proposed changes of the Financial Exigency policy. There were several changes to the existing policy, (please see attachment policy # 6.12). John Howell explained the rationale for the changes to certain aspects of the policy. The basis of the change was to clarify and outline the steps of faculty who could be considered to be released in a financial exigency situation. The exceptions of those who would not be laid off were clarified and the wording of the policy discussed. Tenured faculty headed the list of those who would not be laid off due to financial crisis. The policy now uses the words, “In-case of tie-breakers.” The major concerns with the senate was centered around the wording, several words were changed to reflect the policies meaning. The discussion led by several individuals went on to express concern with the growth of the university and carrying out the policy on a university level or whether it should be on a college level. The consensus was to leave the policy as it is with the faculty senate (Page 11 of policy 6.12). Voting on the proposed changes to policy 6.12 was voted on and approved by the senate. Retention of non-tenured faculty when tenured faculty are laid off policy was discussed, and it was decided to leave it as is. Voting was taken and all were in favor of the changes.

7. **Report on the Selection of Outstanding Scholars:** Gerry presented the research he did on the outstanding scholar award. A handout was passed out and the history of the award was outlined. Denise Woodbury discussed the selection of the award while she was the president and how it was handled. Each Dean was to nominate one individual from their college (4 Dean’s made nominations) information was then analyzed and Gerry Calvasina was the award winner for 2009.
8. **Financial Report:** \$478.00 in account (Use it or lose it account) 7,200.00 in scholarship account. Discussion was on how the 478.00 might be spent.
9. **Other Business:**
10. **Motion for Executive Session: Deb Hill**
11. **Motion to Adjourn: Deb Hill**

Next Meeting: August 27, 2009 @ 4:00 pm in ELC Room 405