

Faculty Senate Minutes
August 27, 2009
4:00 pm in ELC 405

Attendance: Gerry Calvasina (President), David Berri, Robin Boneck (Treasurer), Emily Dean, Fred Govedich, Alan Hamlin, Michael Harvey (Parliamentarian), Deb Hill (President-elect), Bruce Howard, John Howell, Lawrence Johnson, Mark Miller (proxy for Kevin Stein), Michael Ostrowsky, Alan Pearson, Tony Pellegrini, Philip Roché, Julie Taylor, Andreas Weingartner (Secretary), Denise Woodberry (visiting).

1. Call to Order by President Calvasina
2. Review and approval of minutes from April meeting.
Discussion on what the formula is for determining the number of senators for each college.
Motion (Alan Hamlin) to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded (Fred Govedich).
Minutes approved.
3. President's Report
 - a. Deans met in executive session about possible program eliminations. No program was eliminated.
 - b. Discussion about creating a more centralized process for grants. There is a need for a policy to deal with grant overhead.
 - c. Dean's retreat: One issue discussed was student evaluations. Past efforts to change evaluations have not been successful. There may be a need for a new model. Mark Miller pointed out that HSS will try a new format in the spring semester parallel with the current version. Deb Hill stated that there should be less emphasis on student evaluations and more on peer evaluations; current data based on student evaluations is not reliable. Motion by Alan Hamlin: Ask a committee to put together a proposal regarding student evaluations. The motion was seconded by John Howell. Motion was approved unanimously. Volunteers for this committee from the senate are: Alan Hamlin (chair), Fred Govedich, Philip Roché.
 - d. Senate Scholarship Fund: Last scholarships were given away during spring 2008. No money was added to the fund for a while. Payroll deductions stopped in 2007. A letter needs to be sent to faculty asking for donations. Donations are now tax deductible.
 - e. First Trustee's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3.
4. Senate Budget
\$2,182 in expense account. Spent \$149 on food, and \$28 on award plaques.
5. Committee Assignments
Deb Hill stated that most committees are filled. Each committee should have a

representative from the faculty senate. Denise Woodberry volunteered for the finance committee. Dave Berri volunteered for the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer and Grace A. Tanner Committee.

6. Sexual Harassment Policy 5.27

Mike Carter researched what other institutions are doing. President Calvasina stated that the current policy is outdated and needs to be revised. The HR department will have to be involved. Mike Carter has a proposal for a new policy on sexual harassment. The academic affairs committee will consider this proposal.

7. Other Business

- a. Articulation Meetings: John Howell informed senators about the upcoming articulation meetings and the need for consistent course numbers throughout the state.
- b. Meeting with congressman Matheson is on Tuesday, September 1, 1:45 – 2:30.
- c. Provost Cook will be visiting with each department.

8. Motion for Executive Session

Motion (Mark Miller) for executive session and seconded (Deb Hill).

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion (John Howell) to adjourn.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2009 @ 4:00 pm in ELC Room 405