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Faculty Senate Meeting

October 13, 2005
Library 147 A&B

Dr. Hall called the meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Ed Kinman	Dr. Carmen Phelps
Dr. Brian Bates	Ms. Virginia Kinman	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Chrystyna	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Kosarchyn	Dr. Gordon Ring
Dr. Craig Challender	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. David Coles	Dr. Melanie Marks	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Joe Garcia	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Pamela Tracy
Dr. Chris Jones	Ms. Sharon Menegoni	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Stephen Keith	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Ms. Sara Qualkinbush
	Dr. Jeffery Peden	

Unable to attend were Dr. Evelyn Hume, Dr. Deneese Jones, Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Wayne McWee, and Ms. Kathy Worster. Others present were Dr. Jená Burges, Mr. Rick Mazutto, and Dr. Tony Norman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Hall called on Ms. Menegoni who called attention to the information items on the EPC report (attached to the agenda). She then moved approval of a change to the *Faculty Policies and Procedures Manual*, pp. 14-15, # 6, to read as follows:

“6. Once a grade has been submitted to the registrar, it may be changed by the instructor only if an error in computation or recording is discovered, or to remove a grade of incomplete. Grades may be changed by designated individuals other than the instructor only in cases of successful grade appeal or medical withdrawal. Grade changes must be submitted in writing, signed, dated, and hand-delivered to the registration office by the instructor or a designated University official.”

The motion carried.

Dr. Hall announced that the Executive Committee was in the process of forming an ad hoc committee on the broadcast e-mail policy that would hear the voice of the faculty, consult with Dr. Moore, and recommend revisions to be brought to the Faculty Senate for approval. She also announced changes/additions to the committee assignments: Jeff Hoyt will replace Sandra Bollinger on the Committee on General Education; Heather Collier will join the University Lectures Committee as the student representative from CBE, and Matt Prickett will join the Library Advisory Committee as the student representative from CAS.

There was no new business but there was extensive discussion of various topics (see below), until Dr. Bjornsen moved adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Susan May

It may interest you to know the kinds of topics that came up for discussion.

The adequacy of the charge and role of the Senate and its committees—Dr. Hall explained that the Executive Committee had at its last meeting determined that ten years after their inception, the by-laws need to be reexamined.

The relationship between the Board of Visitors and the Senate officers who sit on Board Committees. The responsibilities of the faculty representatives should be clarified.

The place of e-mail in providing a sense of community for a faculty dispersed over campus. The function of “venting” in the process of developing solutions.

Ms. Qualkinbush, the student representative to the Senate, raised several concerns, the most provocative (in a good sense) of which is concern about the absence policy. That led to a discussion of the use and abuse of blackboard, the place and nature of on-line courses, on-line courses vs. blackboard, the difference between memorizing and being led into analysis, critical thinking, etc.