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Faculty Senate Meeting

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

Dr. Cheryl Adkins	Dr. Bill Harbour	Dr. Melanie Marks
Dr. Mc Amoss	Dr. Deneese Jones	Dr. Wayne McWee
Dr. Sarah Bingham	Dr. Stephen Keith	Ms. Sharon Menegoni
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Ed Kinman	Dr. Tim Pierson
Mr. Matt Bogar	Ms. Virginia Kinman	Dr. Keith Rider
Mr. Martin Brief	Dr. Chrys Kosarchyn	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Bill Burger	Dr. Robert Lynch	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Dennis Malfatti	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. James Cross	Dr. Ruth Meese	Dr. Linda Wright
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Don Merkle	

Members not attending were Dr. Sue McCullough, Dr. Jeffery Peden, and Ms. Kathy Worster. Also attending were Mr. Wendell Barbour, Ms. Sara Bonovitch, Ms. Melinda Fowlkes, Mr. Micah McCreary, and Mr. Kyle Pretsch.

The minutes of the Senate meeting of April 27, 2006 (attached to the agenda), were approved as distributed.

Dr. Hall moved the approval of the Committee assignments for the 2006-2007 academic year. The motion was seconded and it carried. Dr. Harbour asked that the minutes show that the Senate has had no report from the Parking Committee. Dr. Brock-Servais will ask the committee to make periodic reports of its activities to the Senate. She announced that Ms. Skylar Foster is leading the transition to Portal and would like a faculty representative from each college on an advisory committee. Senators are to suggest names to Dr. Brock-Servais. There was a request to have the Committee for a Sustainable Environment and the University Committee on Minority Faculty Recruitment listed with the other committees. Dr. May will gather the information and add it to the list.

Dr. Brock-Servais asked Dr. McWee to comment on the Textbook Selection Policy distributed to Senators last week. The policy is mandated by the Legislature. Dr. McWee called particular attention to several sections:

II.b.ii. on bundled packages, intended to cut student costs if the complete bundle is not to be used for the class.

II.b.iii on price awareness. The intent is that after a faculty member has selected a text and notified the bookstore, the bookstore will tell the faculty member what the price for the student will be. The faculty member must acknowledge that s/he knows the price.

II.b.1 on adoption with sufficient lead time. In addition to the stated reason, Dr. McWee said that with adequate notice we can publish ISBN numbers on line and students can order books elsewhere so they can get a better price.

He pointed out II.a.1 (i) which says that sample instructional materials provided to instructors are not to be sold.

Finally, he stressed the importance of notifying the bookstore if no text is to be used so that names of those professors not using a text are omitted from the list of people who have not yet ordered books.

Dr. Brock-Servais called on Mr. Matt Bogar, the student representative to the Senate, who described the new system of advisory boards to the college deans and to Dr. McWee (his handout is attached). He introduced Mr. Kyle Pretsch of the Honor Board who invited faculty to participate in the events of Honor and Integrity Week, particularly the talk by Gary Pavela on September 25 at 7:00 in Dorrill Dining Hall.

Dr. Wright, who as a member of the Executive Committee had been at the meeting of the Board of Visitors when the Senate Bylaws were debated, announced that the Bylaws had been approved with two exceptions, both of which she thought could be reworded in a way acceptable to the faculty and the Board. She will take to information to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Dr. Tracy moved adjournment; the motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Susan May