Faculty Senate Minutes June 21, 2007

Call to Order:

Call to order: 4:10 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC.

Senators Absent: Ann Andaloro, Ned Breschel, Roland Buck, Glen Colburn, Pamela Colyer, Marcia Cooper, Lynda Donathan, Cary Feria, Teame Ghirmay, Diana Haleman, Michael Harford, Jason Holcomb, Julia Ann Hypes, Wayne Isham, Hilary Iwu, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Karen Lafferty, Barbara Lyons, Layne Neeper, Granuaile O'Flannagan, Greg Penner, David Peyton, Christopher Schroeder, Paul Taylor, Michelle Walters, Brenda Wilburn, Greg Wing

Chair Lindell thanked the members for their attendance at the meeting.

Senate Actions:

The Task Force on Student Success provided a proposal to Dr. Andrews. Dr. Andrews provided the proposal to the Cabinet and ask that the Faculty Senate review the recommendations prior to action being taken. Chair Lindell provided all Senate members with a copy of the proposal. The only item addressed at this meeting was number 3, which asked the question: Would a fall break at or near midterm help students cope with the stress and anxiety that often manifest in poor academic performance and/or negative personal choices at the end of the fall semester? The task force's answer to this question was yes for various reasons stated in the proposal. After discussion by the members, Regent Irons moved that the Faculty Senate agree with the Task Force on Student Success recommendation that a two day fall break would have a positive impact on students. Senator Jerde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Wymer moved that a recommendation be forwarded to the administration that a two day fall break would be valuable for faculty and staff also, and that the two days correspond with the student break. Senator Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The members recommended that Staff Congress be informed of the motion in order to address the issue of a fall break.

Senator Irons suggested the Senate review how the Constitution defines the determination of quorum for summer meetings. Senator Jerde suggested the Senate review how the Constitution governs items that are normally reported out of committee, possibly indicating that a quorum of that committee must be present to report an item out of committee.

Reports:

Regent's Report:

• The Board of Regents met on Friday, June 15, 2007.

• The Board moved to develop performance and incentive criteria to be used to determine the President's compensation.

Adjournment: 4:35 pm.