

## **Faculty Senate Minutes September 3, 2009**

### **Call to Order:**

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

Senators Absent: John Hennen, Beverly Klecker, Stephen Lange, Nathan Nabb

Visitors: President Wayne D. Andrews, Elsie Prichard, Joel Pace, Charles Patrick, Andrew Arnold, SGA

Minutes: Senator Stanley moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 as submitted. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Senator Craig asked that "departmental" be changed to "college" under Senate Actions on the minutes of August 20, 2009. Senator Stanley moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009 as revised and the minutes of August 27, 2009 as submitted. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

### **Reports:**

Elsie Prichard, Dean of Library Services, explained to the members how the budget for the Library is allocated between departments.

Dr. Andrews welcomed the members back for the fall semester and thanked them for their service to the University and the Faculty Senate.

Chair Berglee asked Dr. Andrews to provide his philosophy on shared governance and how the QEP will be determined.

Dr. Andrews stated that he is a strong believer in shared governance. The administration and the faculty must work together to govern better to address the challenges facing higher education. Four major issues before higher education are access, affordability, accountability and transparency. Reorganization of the University provides an opportunity to evaluate the processes, organization and work of the Senate. The President will work with the Senate to address important issues facing the University.

Regarding the determination of the QEP, the faculty and staff can submit white papers through the Senate for distribution and discussion with all faculty. These will be submitted to the SACS Steering Committee who will make the final decision.

### **Regents Report:**

- Regent Morrison, along with others from the University, will attend the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship on September 11, 2009.
- The Senate Executive Council must decide who will represent the University at the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) meeting which will also be held at this conference.

### **Provosts Report:**

- Provost's blog is now available.
- The Provost agreed with reviewing the format in which reports are given to the Senate.
- Simplify processes for faculty
- Teaching and scholarship are most important
- SACS will implement things that will benefit faculty in long run
- Discussed Pac27 review process for new faculty

**Senate Actions:**

**Executive Council:**

- The Executive Council determined that the Professional Policies Committee will evaluate issues that surface with the FEP's and communicate that to Academic Affairs.
- The Executive Council moved to allow the chair to appoint a five member ad hoc committee to begin to review the Senate Constitution. After discussion, Senator Rogers called the question. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 6:00 pm