

## **Faculty Senate Minutes October 1, 2009**

### **Call to Order:**

Call to order: 4:10 pm; 302 Breckinridge Hall

Senators Absent: Jason Applegate, Donna Baker, J. T. Blackledge, Stephanie Johnson, Lesia Lennex, Beverly McCormick, Rebecca Miculinich, Nathan Nabb, Rodney Stanley, Yuqiu You

Visitor: Charles Patrick

Minutes: Senator LaFleur moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2009 as submitted. Senator Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Senator Wright asked that the minutes of September 17, 2009 be revised to indicate that he was in attendance at that meeting. The amended minutes of September 17, 2009 were approved.

### **Committee Review:**

Academic Policies: Reviewing the academic calendar and contact hours; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on incomplete grades

Communications: Working on communication issues i.e., updates for Web page

Evaluation: No Report

Fiscal Affairs: No action items; received preliminary information regarding employee benefits

Governance: Will have slate of nominees for University Standing Committees; Senate Election for Planning Committee

Professional Policies: No report

### **Reports:**

Provost's Report:

- No recommendations have been made for a new type of form to replace the IDEA Form
- Charles Patrick talked to the members about new features of Faculty 180

Regents Report:

- Board of Regents met September 30, 2009 with Dr. John Moore who will be conducting the Presidential evaluation. "Signed" written comments are still being accepted. These comments may be in his report, but no names will be attached to any comments.
- Personnel actions taken based on reorganization
- Regent Morrison provided the members with a fall enrollment report

The members discussed whether or not there was precedent for the Senate discussing the Board of Regents membership.

General Education Report:

- Senator Katz provided a report from the Curriculum subcommittee
- Faculty Assessment Coordinator for General Education has not been determined at this time
- Web based form to complete for new Gen Ed courses
- Chair Berglee encouraged the members to submit nominations for the Faculty Assessment Coordinator

The members were provided with a response document of "stipulations" the Provost submitted to the President regarding Senate Motion 14.17 - General Education Curriculum and Courses Distribution Proposal. Chair Berglee explained that the Senate needed to vote on whether or not to approve Senate Motion 14.17 with the "stipulations."

Senator Hennen moved to delete the word "unique" from the first paragraph, last sentence of the Provost's stipulation document. Senator Ryan seconded the motion. After member discussion Senator LaFleur called the question. Motion passed.

Senator Katz moved to not approve the "stipulation" document. Senator Hennen seconded the motion. Senator Rogers moved to amend the motion in progress to forward the "stipulation" document to a committee (chair's choice) to evaluate the effect on the original document and report to the full Senate in two weeks. Senator Irons seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chair Berglee determined that the "stipulation" document should go to the Academic Policies Committee for review and recommendations be brought back to the full Senate in two weeks.

#### Chair's Report:

- Chair Berglee reminded the members to send comments to Dr. Moore regarding the President's evaluation if they so desire
- Chair Berglee is encouraged by the work of the committees

#### **Senate Actions:**

##### Governance:

Senator Klecker presented a slate of nominees to fill vacancies on University Standing committees for Faculty Senate approval. The members discussed the slate of nominees. Senator Hennen moved to divide the slate of committees. Senator Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Senator Craig moved to approve the nominations for the Employee Benefits, Undergraduate Curriculum and Research and Creative Productions committees. Senator LaFleur seconded the motion. Motion passed. Senator Craig moved to vote on the nomination for the Faculty Promotion Committee by secret ballot. Senator Wright seconded the motion. Senator LaFleur moved to table both motions and refer this nomination back to the Governance committee. Motion failed for lack of a second. A request for secret ballot does not require a vote. The members voted on the nomination for the Faculty Promotion Committee by secret ballot. The nomination did not pass. The vacancy on the Faculty Promotion Committee will go back to the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee held elections for the Faculty Senator Position on the Planning Committee from the College of Education and the College of Business and Public Affairs. Senator Klecker was elected to the Planning Committee from the College of Education and Senator Hypes was elected from the College of Business and Public Affairs.

##### Academic Policies:

The proposal concerning the Catalogue Description of Incomplete Grades was submitted for a second reading. Senator Irons moved to amend the second sentence of the catalogue description of incomplete grades to read "Work required to complete course requirements and change the incomplete must be submitted no later than one week before midterm of the following semester (summer school excluded) or an earlier date as specified by instructor." Senator Ryan seconded the motion. Senator LaFleur called the question.

Motion passed. The members voted on the second reading of the Catalogue Description of Incomplete Grades. It was passed.

The resolution concerning a Common Expiration Date for Incomplete Grades was submitted for a seconded reading. The chair called for a vote on the seconded reading of the following resolution: Therefore be it resolved that in order to accommodate the technical demands of the system and to comply with the policy of the university regulation, all faculty shall enter a common expire date of October 15 for spring and summer session classes and a common expire date of March 15 for fall session classes. The resolution passed.

Old Business:

Senator Ferguson presented a document to the members regarding the concern by the Department of Nursing for a clearly defined general education core for Associate degree programs. The Academic Policies Committee will review the issue of Associate degree programs.

**Announcements:**

Chair Berglee asked the members to submit ideas to him regarding Regional Engagement.

Adjournment: 6:00 pm