

## **Faculty Senate Minutes September 1, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sharp called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC

Senators Absent: Vincent Cesaro, Scott Davison, Gary LaFleur, Rodney Stanley

Visitor: Provost Hughes, Charlie Patrick  
Sarah Morrison will be filling in for Senator Carlson for this semester.

Minutes: Senator Watkins moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011 as submitted. Senator Rathbun seconded the motion. Senator Rathbun moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2011 as submitted. Senator Probst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

Academic Issues: No Report

Evaluation: Looking into evaluation of faculty

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: PACs; Faculty 180; Benefits; Dual Enrollment

Governance: Recommendations for Standing Committee members; Revision to Gen Ed Council description

Senate Committee on Issues: Working on proposal for faculty ombudsperson; Looking at external forces acting on the University

### **Reports:**

Chair's Report: Met with the President and Provost regarding the major Senate issues for the year; discussed the evaluation of faculty (IDEA form); Senator McMichael will serve on the Computer Competency Administration Workgroup (CCAW) and provide reports to the Senate body; Senator Hypes will serve on the Scheduling Committee and provide reports to the Senate body; Chair Sharp will serve on a committee to address problems with advising; Chair Sharp provided the Senators with information from the Center for Leadership and Professional Development (CLPD); Emma Perkins, Director CLPD established Professional Learning Communities, which several Senators are serving on

Provost's Report: The format for the Provost's report will be slightly different this year. The first meeting of each month will be a formal report and the second meeting of the month will be a question and answer session. The time for the Q&A will be determined by the Senate chair. Questions sent to Chair Sharp prior to the second meeting will be forwarded to the Provost in order to provide more complete information. The Provost discussed the following topics:

- IDEA Survey Memo sent to the chairs has been put on hold; IDEA form will only be used for tenure track faculty; Senate Evaluation Committee working on process
- Provided an enrollment update
- University received a major grant to provide statewide leadership for Senate Bill 1 initiatives; The CLPD has a very aggressive schedule of professional development opportunities for faculty and staff the year
- New programs in Traditional Music and Sport Management are to be approved at the CPE meeting in September
- Faculty will be receiving information on ADA legislation and resources available
- Renovations in Ginger Hall are complete except for security locks
- Donna Baker, Professional Development Committee Chair, is working with the Provost on guidelines for Sabbatical Leaves. New applications will not be accepted this year; previously selected proposals that have been put on hold will be reviewed based on the current budget
- APNA documents have been distributed to the Deans and Chairs; help sessions scheduled for next week
- The Provost gave an update on changes in Academic Affairs

Dr. Patrick reported to the Senate on Faculty 180 and WEAVE. The Progress Report from Center for Regional Engagement and the Annual Report of Research and Creative Productions by Faculty and Staff are created from information faculty submit to Faculty 180. Dr. Patrick asked the Senators to provide him with ideas for how best to facilitate training on Faculty 180.

**Regent's Report:** The Board of Regents met on August 25, 2011 for an introductory session and swearing in of the new Regents. BOR meetings are all public and faculty are welcome to attend. Board will meet on September 15<sup>th</sup>. President Andrews usually presents his goals for the year at this meeting.

**General Education Report:** The first Gen Ed Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be considering capstone and exchange courses.

**Computer Competency Administration Workgroup:** Senator McMichael presented a report from the Computer Competency Administration Workgroup. They met August 29<sup>th</sup> and are working on the administration and process for providing the Computer Competency test for students.

### **Senate Actions:**

**Academic Issues:** No Report

### **Governance:**

Senator Royar, Governance Chair, presented a recommendation that the First Year Seminar Coordinator be added as an ex-officio voting member of the General Education Council. Senators had several questions about the description of this position on the Council and its affect on the GE Council description. After discussion, Senator Chatham moved to postpone discussion of the recommendation until the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in order that Governance could provide more clarification on the role of the First Year Seminar Coordinator as it relates to the GE Council Committee Description. Senator Wymer made a friendly amendment to also clarify the voting number of faculty (representatives) from each department. Senator Chatham accepted the amendment. Senator Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Royar moved to approve the recommendation of the Governance Committee to appoint John Hennen to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and Eric Jerde as an at-large member of the Tenure Committee. Both terms are for 2011-2012. Recommendations passed.

The Governance Committee held an election for a member for the Scholarship Appeals and Advisory Committee from the College of Business and Public Affairs. Karen Pierce was elected to serve by secret ballot.

Governance is working on filling a position on the Faculty Promotion Committee.

### **Announcements:**

The next Senate meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. Tim Holbrook will take Senate pictures that day.

Adjournment: 5:35 p.m.