

**Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC)
Minutes for 2/15/2011**

Members present: Bev McCormick, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Julia Hypes, Michael Fultz

The meeting was held in the Senate Conference Room and called to order at 4:00 p.m.

EC Minutes of 2/1/2011: No changes - stand approved

Discussed at length how to get the computer competency testing started and who will take charge of it.

Discussed whether an instructor can serve on the faculty senate. Discussed how absences by senators are/should be handled. If a senator misses three meetings should their department be notified? Should we start sending letters to senators who miss 3 meetings? Kim Sharp said Mee-Ryoung Shon has requested to serve on the senate. The secretary will start an attendance tally for every senator on a yearly basis. Scott Davison will replace Pam Ryan on the senate.

Ideas and ways that the Senate can show appreciation to the general faculty. Ideas submitted: Faculty Club/University Club for meeting and/or eating - possibly in ADUC when the 2nd part of the renovation is started

Agenda items for February 17, 2011:

Minutes: Approval of minutes for Senate meeting January 20, 2010.

Chair's Report:

Will ask for a volunteer for a task force for the emergency notification system.

Committee Reports:

Governance: Will present a Special Rule to allow Senate secretary to change titles of positions in Standing Committee Descriptions; will present proposed revisions to the committee descriptions for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Committee – the revisions came from the committees themselves – Governance does not want graduate appeals taken out of the Graduate Committee description; changed the letter for Faculty Regent election – law now allows instructors to vote for Regent; will try to use electronic vote

Academic Issues: Scott Wymer notified Chair McCormick that the senate passed a version of his resolution regarding computer competency that had a word left out. AI will present the corrected resolution from Scott Wymer for vote at the senate meeting. AI will present a revision to General Education Curriculum and Course Distribution Proposal from April 2009 directing GEC to take control of computer competency.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: Discussed parts of the PACs at length; 3 PACs will be submitted for second reading and will be projected; Secretary will find PAC 11 and forward to the members; PACs will be voted on separately

Chair McCormick asked the secretary to add links to the Action page on the website for motions and resolutions.

Evaluation: Senator LaFleur absent. The following was left over/did not get to at last Senate meeting. Two motions for first reading regarding evaluation; will provide Senators with evaluation forms from Murray, SIR II and list for quality of teaching, for their review

Senate Committee on Issues: Becky Katz writing survey that evaluates faculty perceptions on morale (will not be reported at Senate) – Introduction to the survey is very important, assure faculty that the faculty developed not the administration – Need to have Senators encourage their constituents to complete and return the survey; Kim writing draft proposal for an ombudsman, would like to travel to UK and Ohio University to visit with their ombudsman to interview, get history of position at OU, etc.; should ombudsman be full professor, professor emeritus, retired full professor

Discussed the budget, secretary will provide copy of the budget information to chair EC; might give something small to the Senators; think about what money will be needed for the fall retreat

Discussed having a meeting with the President and Provost; need to have agenda/questions ready to present to the administration prior to the meeting; what outcome do we want out of the meeting?

Possible items: online learning platform; feeling not being listened to; what is my role as a faculty? what to do about perceived alienation on campus; what is our role as faculty senators; retention and recruitment

Chair will draft a proposal for meeting with President and Provost

Meeting Adjourned