

Faculty Senate Minutes
(as modified during the October 24, 2011 meeting)
April; 14, 2011
3:30 p.m.
GC 5116

In attendance:

Voting and Speaking Non-Voting Members: Robert Kiel, Marshall Wright, George Gillen, Tim Norton, Mary Lou Miller, Linda Dunham, Gary Pranger, Patti Techanchuk, Sally Shelton, Dana Higeons, Cheryl Bocanegra, Audrey Thompson, Gweth Holzmann, Carol Blan, William Collier, Rachel Budavich, Agena Farmer, Chris Martin, Lenore Mullican, Sophie Liu, LeighAnne Locke, Robert Mansfield, Dan Thimell, Wendy Shirk, Linda Gray, Steve Greene, Kim Boyd, Dominic Halsmer, Cheryl Iverson, Debbie Sowell, Cal Easterling, Ken Weed.

1. Marshall Wright call the meeting to order and Bob Mansfield opened with prayer.
2. A request was made to allow time for advocating of the Tenured Faculty's Dean's Proposal. This, by vote of the Senate, was denied.
3. The top 5 election results for the Vice President of the Senate were: Bill Collier, Agena Farmer, George Gillen, Sam Thorpe, and Marshall Wright. The winner from the runoff between the candidates will be determined by the candidate with the highest votes. Both Bill Collier and Marshall Wright recused themselves from the runoff. They were replaced with Richard Berumen and by both Gweth Holzmann and Chris Martin, who had tied for the next position.
4. Trustees Meeting: The President and Vice President of the Faculty Senate attended the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Sowell and Marshal had discussed the need for greater connection between the Board and the Faculty. One suggestion is that the Faculty President address the Board for about five minutes informing them of Faculty perspectives. Dr. Sowell will be checking on this. All Senate proposals forwarded to the Board of Trustees passed.
5. A discussion was had regarding the change in class times in the fall. Dr. Sowell pointed out that this was not the responsibility of the Faculty and that this change, approved by the Chairs, Deans, and the Office of the President, had been approved during the time of our governance restructuring. Dr. Gillen pointed out that the class times, prior to the change, were designed primarily for the students in that it allowed for greater work flexibility and for the athletes to meet their core requirements. Dr.

Sowell was apologetic that the faculty was not aware of the change prior to implementation and would welcome faculty input after the fall implementation.

6. The following were the votes casted for the two Deans' Proposals:

Tenured Proposal

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| Item#1 | Yes: 9 | No: 14 | Abstained: 4 | Failed |
| Item #2 | Yes: 7 | No 17 | Abstained: 3 | Failed |
| Item #3 | Yes: 6 | No: 19 | Abstained: 2 | Failed |
| Item #4 | Yes: 5 | No: 21 | Abstained: 1 | Failed |
| Item #5 | Yes: 7 | No: 15 | Abstained: 5 | Failed |
| Item #6 | Yes: 7 | No: 17 | Abstained: 3 | Failed |
| Item #7 | Yes: 6 | No: 16 | Abstained: 5 | Failed |
| Item #8 | Yes: 6 | No: 16 | Abstained: 5 | Failed |

Agenda's Proposal

Yes: 20 No: 6 Abstained: 1 Passed

7. The following is the result of the vote on the proposal to change the waiting period for voting on Senate proposals from two months to one.

Yes: 26 No: 1 Abstained: 0 Passed

8. The gavel was passed from Dr. Marshall Wright to the 2011-2012 Senate President elect Dr. Timothy D. Norton.
9. The Senate Faculty Awards Committee needs two new members due to the retirement of Dr. Rob Skinner and the resignation of Dr. Mary Alice Trent. Those interested in the positions should contact Evie Lindberg, the Chair of the committee.
10. Evaluation of the SOS: Needs to assist administration in evaluating faculty, number of students who complete the SOS, need for students to comment on the professors walk with the Lord, need to revisit the motive for students to complete the SOS, Dr. Greene commented on the 20% response rate and indicated that we should look for response lines and not single data points.