

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes October 24, 2012

BEH SCI—Judith Mayton

BUS—Marshal Wright (Grad.)

EDU—Tim Norton (Grad), Richard Berumen (UG)

HIS/HUM/GOV—Felipe Ornelas

HPE/REC—Nancy Mankin

LRC—Sally Shelton, Dana Higeons

MUS—Richard Sutliff

NUR—Audrey Thompson; Cheryl Swanson

DIST LRNG—Gweth Holzmann

THE—Robert Mansfield, Ed Decker (Grad)

BIO/CHEM—William Collier, Rachel Budavich

COM/ARTS/MEDIA—Agena Farmer, Chris Martin

ENG/MOD LANG—Lenore Mullican, William Epperson

ENGIN/COMP/PHYS/MAT—Teresa Williams, Daniel Ward

DEANS—Wendy Shirk, Steve Green, Patrick Otto, Cheryl Swanson, Dominic Halsmer, Tom Mathew, Cheryl Iverson, William Jernigan

VPAA—Debbie Sowell

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH—Cal Easterling

ATH—Terry Unruh

UNIV TECH EDITOR—Linda Gray; Ken Weed

COORD GEN ED—Mark Hall

SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS—Evan Culp, Patti Catts, Evie Lindberg, William Collier

1. Prayer: Dr. Sowell opened in Prayer
2. Corrections to April 22, 2011, Meeting Minutes: Minutes were amended as follows:
Deletion of the following sentences; *Dr. Gillen pointed out that the present class times were designed primarily for the students in that it allowed for greater work flexibility and for the athletes to meet their core requirements.* Replaced with the following sentence; *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.* It was moved, seconded, and passed.
3. Honorary Doctorate: Dr. Mathew and Dr. Mansfield discussed the process of review undertaken by the College of Theology and Ministry in terms of the proposed Honorary Doctorate of Divinity for Rita Bennett. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the

President of Faculty Senate notifies Dr. Fagin of the Senate's agreement with the recommendation.

4. Homecoming Recommendations: Discussion on this item was postponed.
5. University Planning Council: Dr. Norton shared how the five faculty members were selected to serve on the University Planning Council this past summer. The faculty members who served are Dr. Shirk, Dr. Wright, Dr. Sjoberg, Prof. Unruh and Dr. Norton. He also briefly shared the process that took place and the content of the discussions lead by Kennan Burch from Brand Catalyst Partners Inc.
6. Alumni Foundation Board: Dr. Norton shared that the President of the Faculty Senate serves on the Alumni Foundation Board each year. He announced that \$75,000.00 from the Alumni Board was allocated for the new Student Center.
7. Board of Trustees report:
 - A. The Trustees approved the Faculty Senate's Deans' proposal.
 - B. The Trustees approved the change in the waiting time required for consideration of proposals from 2 months to 1 month.
 - C. The Trustees approved the clarification on the Quorum for electronic votes to the simple majority of the total number of votes.

Note: Dr. Sowell pointed out that future proposals that go to the Board should be written in "Handbook" language before they are forwarded to the Trustees, so they can see how it impacts current policies and procedures in the Faculty and Administration Handbook.
8. Correction of By-Laws related to the Graduate Committee: The wording was amended from sub-committee to committee based on the premise that the Senate does not have the authority to create sub-committees.
9. Committee Reports:
 - A. University Research Committee: Dr. Catts submitted a recommendation for discussion on the establishment of a budget that would allow Research Grants to once again be offered to the faculty. Based on the discussion, she will reword the recommendation and resubmit it for further consideration.
 - B. University Faculty and Tenure Committee: Dr. Collier presented a new Tenure Application Procedure and Timeline.

C. Faculty Excellence Committee: Dr. Culp presented a proposal the following:

To discontinue the Teacher Excellence Program for promotion, effective February 1, 2012. The three individuals currently in the Teacher Excellence Program may continue to complete their work in order to be considered for promotion to the rank of assistant professor.

The motioned was approved by the Faculty Senate for submission to the full Faculty for their consideration. Dr. Epperson voiced that he wished the program would continue due to the benefit that it has been to his faculty.

D. Faculty Awards Committee: Prof. Lindberg shared the list of faculty members who received the Alumni Faculty Awards. The list of the recipients will be posted on the Faculty Senate Website.

10. "Last Lecture" for Retiring Faculty: The idea was presented and a positive response was received.
11. Faculty Lounge: Discussion on this item was postponed.
12. Student cards: Dr. Norton shared that he sent cards to the families of Carissa Horton and Dillon Coggeshall on behalf of the faculty.
13. Oracle: Dr. Norton shared that he was approached about the possibility of the Oracle staff writing an article about the Faculty Senate. It would require the staff attending a meeting. Discussion entailed concerns about the appropriateness of students hearing the views of members candidly expressed on sensitive issues. Possible solutions were discussed.
14. Next Meetings: Faculty Senate meets November 21st at 3:45 pm in GC 5112; All Faculty meets November 28th at 11 am in GC 4114.