

## Faculty Senate Minutes

February 28, 2011

11:00 a.m.

GC 5112

In attendance:

Voting and Speaking Non-Voting Members: Judith Mayton, Robert Kiel, George Gillen, Tim Norton, Richard Berumen, Gary Pranger, Patti Techanchuk, Dana Higeons, Vicki Walker, Cheryl Bocanegra, Vicki Walker, Audrey Thompson, Gweth Holzmman, Carol Blan, William Collier, Rachel Budavich, Avena Farmer, Chris Martin, William Epperson, Sophie Liu, LeighAnne Locke, Bob Mansfield, Steve Green, Kim Boyd, Dominic Halsmer, Cheryl Iverson, Cal Easterling, Terry Unruh, Debbie Sowell, Linda Gray, Ken Weed.

1. Dr. Tim Norton, Vice President, presided and Dr. George Gillen opened in prayer.
2. The Colleges were reminded that they need to elect their 2011-12 Senators for 1- or 2-year terms so that the Senate can vote for the Vice President. They should send the names of their Senators to Dr. Wright for the official record.
3. The Senate voted on the Modern Language Proposal, "Reduce the hours of Elementary 101 and 102 from 5 credit hours to 4 credit hours for French, Hebrew, Spanish, and German." The vote was: Yes-23, No-1, Abstain-1. The proposal passed. It will now be forwarded to the full faculty for a vote.
4. The Full Faculty Vote on the HPE Proposal was: Yes: 85 to No: 11 (89% to 11%).
5. The Senators should have received the Senate's Deans Task Force Proposal via email. Marshall will be sending out the Tenure Faculty's Proposal. These will be voted upon in the April meeting.
6. Dr. Bob Mansfield presented the following Bylaws Proposal:

Motion submitted from the Senate Task Force (Drs. Halsmer, Mansfield; advisor, Dr. Wright) to amend the ORU Faculty Senate Bylaws:

We move that Article 7, Section 5 of the University Faculty Senate Bylaws be amended to read "one month" instead of "two months. This change means that every formal proposal brought to the Faculty Senate must be considered for a minimum of one month (instead of two months) prior to voting.

We move that the following statement be added to Article 7, Section 4: In the case of an electronic vote of the Senate, the participation of a simple majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum, and these members shall be considered “present” for meeting purposes. The purpose of this addition is to clarify the meaning of the presence of a simple majority of voting members constituting a majority when an electronic vote is taken.

In addition, we move that the following policy statement be included in the minutes of the Senate: Discussion of proposals shall be allowed in the Senate meeting on the date on which the vote is scheduled. Should the discussion be prolonged, the Senate may move to vote electronically, and said vote shall be completed within seven (7) days.

7. Dr. Fagin updated the Senate regarding the University Seal Task Force. The Task Force represented all constituents of the University. They held several meetings and report that there will be no change in the seal. In this process, the Task Force gathered useful information on the appropriate use of the seal. That information will be written up and posted on the Faculty/Staff Resource website for reference to ensure that the seal is used appropriately.

8. Dr. Gillen presented the following Proposal for changing the date of Homecoming:

It is therefore recommended to the Alumni Director, Alumni Board, and Administration to research the possibility of changing the date of Homecoming to November rather than having the date in the month of February.

Dr. Agena Farmer seconded the motion. Dr. Epperson proposed a friendly amendment to change the wording to, “It is therefore recommended to the Administration to change the date of Homecoming to November rather than having the date in the month of February.” The friendly amendment was accepted and the proposal passed. Dr. Gillen will rephrase the proposal and forward it to Dr. Wright.

9. Spring Senate Meetings: March 21 in GC 5116 at 3:30 p.m.; April 18 in GC 5116 at 3:30 p.m. All Faculty Meeting-March 28 at 11:00 a.m. April 18<sup>th</sup> in GC 5116 at 3:30 p.m.

10. Agenda items number 6 and 10 were not ready to be presented to the Senate at this time. With no other business to present, the meeting was adjourned.