

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 25, 2010

11:00 a.m.

GC 5112

In attendance:

Voting and Speaking Non-Voting Members: Judith Mayton, Robert Kiel, Marshal Wright, David Dyson, George Gillen, Tim Norton, Gary Pranger, Patti Techanchuk, Sally Shelton, Dana Higeons, Cheryl Bocanegra, Vicki Walker, Audrey Thompson, Paul King, Carol Blan, William Collier, Rachel Budavich, Agena Farmer, Chris Martin, Lenore Mullican, Sophie Liu, LeighAnne Locke, Bob Mansfield, James Norwood, Steve Green, Pat Otto, Hal Reed, Tom Mathew, Cal Easterling, Terry Unruh, Debbie Sowell, Linda Gray

1. Dr. Wright called the meeting to order and Carol Blan opened in prayer.
2. Dr. Wright Reviewed the HPE Variable Credit issue (see minutes 9/27/10). Concerns were Faculty Load, Academic Integrity, and academic work for students relative to the credit hours received. The proposal was reviewed by the General Education Curriculum Committee. The Gen. Ed. Curriculum Committee presented the following concerns: (a) The proposal lacks clarity, (b) The precedent of limiting Humanities hours, (c) Concern for the Whole Person approach to General Education, (c) That the current ORU Gen. Ed. hours in Humanities matches the CCCU hours, (d) Criteria or guidelines need to be established for this type of action, (e) A subcommittee to study this issue needs to be established. With these concerns in mind the Committee denied, by a unanimous vote, the proposal as presented.
3. The proposed bylaw revisions were discussed and representatives were encouraged to review them with their Colleges and Schools for the November Senate meeting vote. The revisions were:

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for the appointment of alternates for the deans when a dean is unable to attend the Senate. (Article IV, Section 3)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for the Clarification of Senate voting procedures on items that are considered “informal” or “procedural.” (Article V, Paragraph A; Article VI, Sections 4, 5, 6; Article VII, Sections 4, 5, 6)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for Graduate Department representation and voting processes. (Article IV, Section 6)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for representation by the Dean of Learning Resources. (Article IV, Section 1)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for representation by the Office of the Provost. (Article IV, Section 5)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for representation by the Coordinator of General Education. (Article IV, Section 5)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for participation by the Office of the University Technical Editor. (Article IV, Section 5)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for changing “Representatives” to “Senators.” (Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; Article VI, Section 1; Article VII, Section 6)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for changing “Faculty Vice President” and “Faculty President” to “Faculty Senate Vice President” and “Faculty Senate President.” (Article IV, Section 2, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, 5)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide for the inclusion of clarifying language for electing the Faculty Senate Vice President. (Article IV, Section 2)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide that all votes of the Senate require a quorum. (Article VII, Section 4)

The bylaws be revised as proposed to provide language clarifying who can bring a formal proposal before the Senate and that general education proposals must be submitted simultaneously to the General Education Curriculum Committee for evaluation and recommendation. (Article V, Paragraph A)

4. The Deans’ October 25, 2010, proposal to Dr. Rutland regarding their descriptions for the office of the Dean was reviewed. Discussion followed and Dr. Wright established a subcommittee to review the Deans’ Proposal and to either adopt or formulate a new proposal for the Senate to consider. The subcommittee consists of the following members: Agena Farmer-chair, Tom Mathew, Audrey Thompson, Judith Mayton, George Gillen, and Tim Norton.
5. Meeting adjourned.