

formed, in the first year faculty were given the choice of applying for promotion through either their previous college or new college.

- J. It was asked why college reps to subcommittees are elected by the Faculty Senate. It is simply more expedient. When the present committee structure was designed back in the 1980's, seats on all subcommittees were reserved for senators to be elected by the senate. However, it became hard to get people to serve on the senate when they knew that serving as a senator would also commit them to several other standing committees. The system then evolved to allow for the election by the senate of non-senators in order to fill vacancies.

VIII. Old Business

- A. 2009-2010 Academic Calendar - Revised – Faculty Senate couldn't vote on the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar because there wasn't a quorum.
- B. Taskforce on Curriculum and Program Framework – Gene Ruenger said that Graduate Studies Committee is interested, but wanted more information about the duties of the committee.
- C. PPC Recommendation on Department Definitions of Research – Faculty Senate couldn't vote on the Recommendation on Department Definitions of Research because there wasn't a quorum.
- D. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Proposed Salary Guidelines for 2008-2009– There is one change. The POSITION FLOOR ADJUSTMENTS will be 110% instead of 118%, due to the cost.
- B. Report on January 16, 2008 Chairs/Program Directors Meeting –Most of the concerns discussed at the meeting were about resources. There will be follow-up sessions on March 6 and April 18. Hopefully, this will assist in building relationships across campus.
- C. Faculty Evaluation of Deans – Chair Kapus explained that the Deans are evaluated by all faculty and academic staff every other year. It was discussed if Dean Murphy should be the only Dean to be evaluated. Chair Kapus will make the decision if all the current Deans will be evaluated or not.
- D. Governance Survey Report – Chair Kapus will be discussing the results at Faculty Senate to see if governance is working well or if there are problems. It was suggested that a focused session may be beneficial to discuss the areas of concern.
- E. Graduate Students and Laptop Lease Program– Chair Kapus gave a charge to the Graduate Education Committee to look at the Laptop Lease Program for graduate students. Instructors that teach classes with both graduate/undergraduate students have found it difficult and inconvenient when graduate students do not have a laptop. The Provost made a recommendation to promote the laptop lease program and discussed the Graduate Student Computer Access handout. It would be too costly for graduate students to lease laptops. It was noted that most graduate students already have their own laptop, so this may not be a huge issue. Any recommendations or changes are welcomed. Along the same lines, large computer labs aren't necessary any more, only a few select labs. Students need to be more aware of computer software/hardware that is necessary for their classes in advance (as part of registration). It may be possible to have few laptops purchased or recycled for small groups or a department.
- F. Other – Chair Kapus will be inviting Dan Riordan to lead a discussion on retention and recruitment. The main reasons students are not retained are: their program is not available, the proximity to home, personal reasons. Approximately, 10% is due to academic reasons. When students leave, additional students need to be attracted here. Implications are expensive recruiting. The NSCE data should also be considered. The Chancellor stated that the higher the ACT score, the higher the retention rate. Online classes need to be factored in. There should be a survey on D2L. Doug Wahl would be the contact.

X. Adjournment – 3:31 p.m.

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