

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 1, 2007
OAKWOOD ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Forrest Schultz
VICE CHAIR: Len Bogner

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel
PAST CHAIR: Steve Schlough

PRESENT: K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Finder, B. Flom, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger, J. Watts

EXCUSED: D. Albrecht, S. Cole, A. Hoel, K. Martinson, B. Murphy, S. Schlough

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen and Provost Furst-Bowe

I. Call to Order – 2:35 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

A. The Faculty Senate and Senate of Academic Staff are hosting a Senate Reception/Social beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, in Ballroom C to celebrate a successful year for governance on campus. Business Meetings for each Senate will follow at 3:15 p.m.

B. All Faculty and Academic Staff are invited to attend two Program Realignment Forums:

Monday, May 7, from 9:05-10:10 in Ballrooms B & C

Tuesday, May 8, from 10:10-11:15 a.m. in Ballrooms B & C

C. An Orientation Meeting has been scheduled for newly-elected Senators on Friday, May 11, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the White Pine Room. Current Senators are also invited to attend. Governance topics being reviewed include Chapter 36, Simplified Parliamentary Procedure, and the Open Meeting Law.

III. Minutes of April 17, 2007 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Parejko/Bogner moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2007.

Correction: Parejko revised the last sentence of VII. F. to read: “It is hoped to have a version for discussion before the fall semester.”

Vote: Passed unanimously as corrected.

IV. Chancellor’s Report – no items.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs’ Report – no report

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services – no report.

VII. Committee Reports

Committee chairs are requested to give oral reports to the Executive Committee and prepare brief written reports for Faculty Senate meetings. Committee chairs who are not Senators should attend Senate meetings, especially when there is an agenda item. Items should be submitted by e-mail to Joy by noon on Thursdays. All standing committee chairs are expected to attend the Executive Committee Meetings, since they are voting members of the group.

A. Curriculum & Instruction (Steve Cole) – no report.

B. Educational Activities (Donna Albrecht) – Flom explained that the committee found a typo that they just wanted cleared up to make the document consistent with the prior paragraph. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the May 8 Agenda for information only.

- C. Elections (Len Bogner) – Bogner reported that ballots would be counted as soon as possible.
- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – no report.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) – no report.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko noted that GEC will meet on May 11, 2007.
- G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) – Chair Schultz distributed a letter written by Karen Martinson, Chair of PPC, recommending that two Workload Definition statements be approved and added to the Faculty/Academic Staff/Limited Appointees Handbook. Discussion ensued regarding current workload dilemmas that faculty are going through and whether to remove the parentheses out of one sentence in the PPC letter. It was decided to leave everything as it is and place the item on the May 8 Faculty Senate Agenda.
- H. Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder reported that PRC met on April 27 and approved the M.S. in Mental Health Counseling, made a slight modification to the 2007-08 Review Schedule, modified one of the internal program director review questions, and made plans to review the preparatory meetings with the program directors for next year.
- I. Alignment Committee (Len Bogner) – Vice Chair Bogner noted that he met with Janice Coker on April 27. During the April 24 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Overarching Alignment Principles were amended, approved, and moved forward. Bogner said that he received communication from academic staff that they felt the same way, so the document was revised to include academic staff as well. However, after the Alignment Forums are held next week, it still might need more revising.
- J. University Priorities (Len Bogner) – Vice Chair Bogner explained that he will meet this week with Kitrina Carlson and Marcia Miller-Rodeberg to finalize the list of University Priorities, which will be presented to the Faculty Senate on May 8.
- K. Other

VIII. Old Business

- A. Workload Policy (Forrest Schultz) – was covered earlier in the meeting.
- B. Recommendations for Improvements in Leave Reporting (Forrest Schultz) – Chair Schultz noted that Senators were asked to take this back to their departments to obtain feedback. It was agreed that this item would be readdressed during the May 8 Faculty Senate Meeting.
- C. Adding, Dropping & Repeating Courses for Undergraduate Degrees Policy (Barb Flom; Attachment 2) – It was agreed to remove this item from the Business portion of the agenda and place it under Committee Reports for information instead.
- D. Mandatory Declaration of Major (Barb Flom; Attachment 3) -This item will be moved under Committee Reports on the agenda, as it's just for information.
- E. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Technology and Science Education (Brian Finder; Attachment 4) – It was agreed that this item would be placed on the May 8 Faculty Senate Agenda. Finder noted that the dates were only changed to reflect this year.
- B. Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Science Education (Brian Finder; Attachment 5) – This item will also be placed on the May 8 Agenda.
- C. M.S. in Vocational Rehabilitation (Brian Finder; Attachment 6) – The group agreed to place this program on the May 8 Agenda.
- D. Other – Chair Schultz distributed the Domestic Partner Benefits Resolution to Senators and said that it will be placed on the May 8 Agenda for action.

X. Adjournment – 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
Joy Evenson

