

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
OAKWOOD ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Forrest Schultz
VICE CHAIR: Steve Schlough (Interim)

PAST CHAIR: Steve Schlough
SECRETARY: Anne Hoel

PRESENT: L. Bogner, S. Cole, K. Doll, B. Finder, B. Flom, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger, J. Watts

EXCUSED: D. Albrecht, K. Martinson, B. Murphy

GUEST: Provost Furst-Bowe

I. Call to Order – 2:35 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

A. Professorships (Attachment 1) - Chair Schultz announced that this item would be placed on the October 3 Senate Agenda to inform everyone that there are two Dahlgrens and one Maybelle Ranney Price Professorships available for 2007.

III. Minutes of September 12, 2006 (Attachment 2)

Motion: Parejko//Ruenger moved to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2006.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor's Report – no report.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Furst-Bowe announced that UW-Stout's Career Conference will be held next week.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services – Chair Schultz stated that Vice Chancellor Moen would not be attending Executive Committee Meetings, but would be bringing reports to the full Senate instead. This item will be a place holder on the Executive Committee Agenda to remind the group that her items would appear on the full Senate's agendas.

VII. Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout - Dan Riordan (Attachment 3)

VIII. Key Server Changes – Doug Wahl (Will have an Attachment for Oct. 3)

IX. Ethics Statement Recommendation – Russell Group Presentation (Attachment 4)

X. 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) – Cole reported that he was re-elected Chair and Doug Kennedy was elected Vice Chair.

B. Educational Activities (Donna Albrecht) – no report.

C. Elections (Steve Schlough) – Chair Schultz explained that no one had volunteered to run on the ballot for Vice Chair for 2006-07; however, Jerry Kapus volunteered to run on the ballot for 2007-08 after his sabbatical was finished. Cole said that he would like to see the Chair's term extended to more than one year. Discussion ensued regarding how valuable it was to serve on the Faculty Senate, especially when one applies for promotion, sabbatical, or professorships. However, some faculty think it's a waste of time to serve, especially

since some issues take a long time to resolve and that the Senate is more reactive than proactive. Ruenger said that there were many different committees at all levels (departmental, college/school, professional, and university), which allow people to obtain their service requirements. Chair Schultz said that some Senates in the state were structured differently than others and were more long-term. However, Stout's Faculty Senate was structured to have more turnover in membership. Cole suggested that the group reanalyze the entire structure of the Senate. Chair Schultz recommended that faculty should serve on at least three committees. Hoel suggested having a dialogue regarding distributing the workload. The group decided that "Governance Engagement" would be a topic on the October 3 Faculty Senate Agenda. Discussion further ensued regarding if the new Senators knew the duties of Chair and Vice Chair. Past Chair Schlough explained that it was preferred that a Senator (or past Senator) run for Vice Chair and duties primarily included serving as Election Committee Chair, running all elections, becoming Chair the second year, and Past Chair the third.

- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – no report.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) – Ruenger reported that the group met and he was re-elected as Chair.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – no report.
- G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) – no report.
- H. Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder reported that PRC will meet on October 13, distributed a report to the group, and asked that it be placed on the Faculty Senate Agenda. The Chancellor has requested not to appoint someone from his office to serve on PRC, but suggested to change the position to an At-Large faculty representative. Finder said that he would be meeting with SSA President, Jordan Chabalowski, later that day to ask for student representation on the committee. Discussion ensued regarding students serving on committees and not participating.
- I. Other

XI. Old Business -

- A. Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout (Dan Riordan; from September 19 Faculty Senate Meeting)
- B. Recommendations from Russell Team to Propose an Ethics Statement for UW-Stout (from September 19 Faculty Senate Meeting) – Parejko said that other corporations and universities use the term, "Code of Ethics," and suggested for Stout to change the wording to carry more weight.
- C. Other

XII. New Business

- A. UWS-7 (Forrest Schultz; Progress Update) – Chair Schultz explained that the Faculty Senate crafted a statement during the September 19 Faculty Senate Meeting that said that the Senators found a lot of value in the document, but struggled with the words, "charged with...." He reported that the Regents wouldn't have this topic on their agenda until October 6, so the Senate has more time to deal with it. Chair Schultz also reported that he would be going to Madison to attend the September 29 Faculty Representative's Meeting and will have the opportunity to see how other campuses are wording their statements. He will give his report during the Faculty Senate Meeting on October 3.
- B. Finance Committee (Forrest Schultz) – Chair Schultz explained that the Faculty Senate never heard from the Finance Committee last year. However there is value why it should exist, but the committee still hasn't defined a mission. He asked the group if the committee was needed. Ruenger said that members initially had enthusiasm, but the committee went into a deep "holding pattern." Perhaps there was more responsibility for the committee members than what they had time for. Members have expressed frustration with the chair's lack of calling meetings. Bogner asked what the charge was for the group. Ruenger explained that the charge was to provide and explore the financial aspects of the educational system at Stout and share the information with the Faculty Senate. For example, the financial side of the Polytechnic issue and the Summer School payment scheme were never explored; the Finance Committee could have reviewed the data for these. Cole recommended that Ruenger or Chair Schultz convene a meeting, so the group can get off the ground. Hoel agreed. Chair Schultz said that he could convene the group to meet. Schlough said that the Senate had a Finance Committee before and

nothing happened. Galloy met with them when he was Chair; Schlough also met with them when he was Chair—still nothing happened. The Faculty Senate did not give them anything specific to do. Schlough recommended that Schultz ask Bill Murphy to attend Faculty Senate Executive Meetings to discuss issues.

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- C. **Campus Priorities Discussion (Forrest Schultz) - Chair Schultz explained that Renee Howarton gave a Power Point demonstration during the September 19 Faculty Senate Meeting, and Chancellor Sorensen will give an opportunity for the campus to give him ideas for priorities on November 7. Schultz said that he would like to have this item on the Agenda to give Senators a chance to talk about the priorities beforehand to prepare for the November 7 meeting.**

Chair Schultz asked the group if the Faculty Senate Agenda should include the links to all reports as attachments instead. Senators need to get the information, but only links were currently being given by BPA. However, the packet will grow if the links are converted to attachments. Chair Schultz also asked if a projector should always be available at full Senate Meetings, so reports could be shared visually. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that links should be an item for the October 3 Faculty Senate Agenda. It was also agreed to have a projector and screen set up for each Senate Meeting, as they were effective communication tools. Past Chair Schlough reminded the Senators that they needed to read their packets before the meetings if they wanted to be proactive.

Discussion then took place regarding the amount of workload payments occurring and if there was a correlation of faculty being overworked. Schlough disagreed and stated that there were two distinct data sets, with the process being very complicated. Provost Furst-Bowe agreed and noted that the data included some WinTerM and other payments that should be sorted out. The group decided to reintroduce the Workload Report for the October 3 Agenda and agreed that it would be a good Finance Committee question as well.

- D. **Other**

XIII. Adjournment - 3:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary**

**Recorded and prepared by,
Joy Evenson**