

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Mike Galloy
VICE CHAIR: Steve Schlough

SECRETARY: David Johnson
PAST CHAIR: Tom Allen (excused)

PRESENT: D. Albrecht, S. Cole, A. Hoel, L. Koepke, M. Ondrus, K. Parejko, A. Ramage, G. Ruenger, D. Tyson, K. Zimmerman

EXCUSED: B. Murphy

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, D. Moen, C. Smith

I. Call to Order – 2:30 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

III. Minutes of January 25, 2005 (Attachment 1) – Chair Galloy said that there was one typographical correction in the Chancellor’s Report: the Governor’s Budget Address would be held on February 8 (not February 7). Tyson suggested to replace the word, “hear,” in Item H. under Committee Reports with the word, “begin.”

Motion: Ramage/Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2005 as corrected.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor’s Report – Chancellor Sorensen distributed the “2004-2005 University Special Projects Fund Allocations” report to the group and stated that the campus had \$1.7 million to spend on special requested projects. He explained that he met with Sedlak, Moen, Furst-Bowe, and Brown to review campus proposals and criteria in order to determine what projects should be funded. The Chancellor noted that over \$5 million in project requests were received. Of these, fifteen major requests were approved that include updating equipment, classrooms, and laboratories around the campus, as well as supporting university priorities such as e-Scholar classroom updates, Nanotechnology, and basic infrastructure upgrades. He noted that every division on campus received some of the funding. The Chancellor announced that Governor Doyle’s Budget Address should include many topics, including possible student tuition increases, maintaining a retention fund for faculty that could be used for counteroffers, Alzheimer’s research in Madison, financial aid increases for the student body, and new faculty positions. Chancellor Sorensen said that if the State needed to make 200 FTE cuts in administration, it could mean a loss of 11-12 positions for Stout. The Governor’s Address could also discuss possible ways to save money, including enterprise savings, centralized purchasing statewide, and possible outsourcing for parking, food service, and power plant services. All were on the table right now. The Chancellor also noted that the UW would need to absorb the utility costs. Salary issues would be discussed in another address in April or May. Some campuses were freezing their existing positions and absorbing vacancies to cut back positions.

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

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services’ Report – Vice Chancellor Moen reported that everyone’s time was being spent in developing a budget process for the campus, but we won’t hear the actual budget cut amounts until three or four weeks from now. Moen asked the group to place two items on the next Faculty Senate Agenda. The first was an update for campus “Capital Projects” and the second was a “General Education Senior Level Assessment Report.” It was agreed to place these two items on the March 1 Agenda.

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 need not attend Senate meetings unless there are specific agenda items from their committee on the agenda. Reports 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) – Albrecht reported that EAC was forming a subcommittee to examine the Attendance Policy for new on-line courses. She noted that freshmen tend to perform better academically when they attend classes. She said that another subcommittee would be formed to examine Academic Standards. Albrecht explained that Joan Thomas pointed out that students could be dismissed on cumulative GPA and she asked EAC to study this. Smith asked Albrecht if EAC would be following up on the NSSE data. Albrecht said she would check with her committee and report back.
- C. Elections (Steve Schlough) – Schlough reported that ballots were sent out to all faculty to vote for their Faculty Senate representatives and would be counted February 16. There was no one running for the Secretary position, but one would be appointed after the ballots were counted. A call for nominations for Faculty Senate standing committees and university committees will be sent to all faculty soon.
- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) - no report.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) – Ruenger stated that GREC met last week, reviewed a couple of classes, and approved them on February 7. Overall, he reported that the committee was making progress.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko reported that GEC would meet on February 11.
- G. Personnel Policies (Anne Ramage) – Ramage reported that PPC was working on revisions to the Sabbatical Application Form and noted that Nancy Schofield would be reporting on the changes of research for scholarly activities soon.
- H. Planning & Review (Dick Tyson) - Tyson reported that PRC recently had a hearing for two programs and would hear two more on February 18. The committee will then send their recommendations to the colleges. Tyson said that he would ultimately bring the items to the Executive Committee after they're returned to the committee.
 - 1. Planning & Review Committee 2003-2004 Annual Report to the Faculty Senate (Attachment 2) – Tyson explained that the Annual Report was a summary of the degree programs PRC reviewed for the prior year and showed major strengths and concerns of each. He noted that the handout was on line under the Planning and Review Committee on the Faculty Senate's web page.
- I. Other

VIII. Old Business

- A. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Consultant Report for Social and Behavioral Sciences Component of General Education (Dick Tyson; Attachment 3) – Tyson explained that the purpose of the review was to assess the quality of this component of general education at Stout. He said that the committee believes that the array of courses satisfies the general education component at this time. This item will be placed on the March 1, 2005 Faculty Senate Agenda.
- B. Admission Requirements (Donna Albrecht; Attachment 4) – Albrecht explained the proposed additions in the document to the group. She noted that there was a second section that addressed Applied Math and Computer Science that was added. Koepke questioned the sentence that referred to student applications received prior to September 1 would be returned to the student and asked Albrecht why the campus would want to return these applications unless the students were not qualified. Albrecht replied that she would get an answer for her. Smith asked Albrecht what the impact would be if the new policy was used on the freshmen class. Albrecht said that Joan Thomas would attend the next Faculty Senate Meeting and answer these types of questions. Smith said that having more data on the ACT scores would help, too. Much discussion ensued. Schlough asked if

EAC studied students that graduated in top 50% of their class, but have low ACT scores. Albrecht replied that she would share these questions with Joan Thomas, so she could help answer them. She then asked the group if they wanted to bring the item to the Faculty Senate. More discussion ensued, and the group agreed that EAC should revise the document again before bringing it to the full Senate.

C. Other

X. Adjournment – 3:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Johnson**

**Recorded and prepared by,
Joy Evenson**