

**MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**CHAIR:** Mike Galloy  
**VICE CHAIR:** Steve Schlough

**SECRETARY:** David Johnson  
**PAST CHAIR:** Tom Allen

**PRESENT:** D. Albrecht, S. Cole, A. Hoel, L. Koepke, M. Ondrus, S. Orme, K. Parejko, A. Ramage, D. Tyson

**EXCUSED:** B. Murphy, G. Ruenger, S. Schlough

**I. Call to Order - 2:34 p.m.**

**II. Announcements and Information**

- A.** Results of All University Promotion Committee Election (Attachment 1) - Chair Galloy explained that the "Other" category needed to be examined and charged PPC with the task. He noted that there weren't enough people left in the group of "Other" to do the work anymore. Allen explained that approximately fifteen years ago, two groups were combined (School of Education and Others) and suggested that we could combine the "School of Human Development and Others" as an alternative. Ramage suggested removing the sentence about appeals from the attachment as it no longer was pertinent. The Executive Committee agreed that this should be done.
- B.** Definition of Marriage Amendment (Steve Schlough) – Chair Galloy explained that there was a movement from the faculty reps and UW-System to make a statement against the traditional definition of Marriage Amendment; wherein marriage is only recognized between one man and one woman. There were many colleagues, he said, that believed it was contradictory to other populations and asked the Senators what they wanted to do. Chancellor Sorensen explained that this began with a student affairs' group that wanted to recognize diversity and that it was causing a huge distraction from the budget right now. Much discussion ensued regarding diversity in the 2008 Initiative. Orme suggested that the subject shouldn't be an issue for the state—it should be a religious one instead. Johnson cautioned that supporting a resolution against traditional marriage would be "opening a can of worms" because there would be as many or more people who would be opposed to such a resolution from the UW-Stout Senate. He further stressed that if the Senate chose the wrong wording, they could lose a lot of support. Cole interjected that it was all tied to the upcoming political races and offered that the Senate should wait to discuss it further until after the elections were held in November. Parejko said that he wasn't sure if the governance bodies were the appropriate place to do this; other groups perhaps could do it better. Allen stated that it would be helpful having several statements to examine. Chair Galloy asked that Senators forward their colleagues Schlough's e-mail for discussion and input.

**III. Minutes of September 14, 2004 (Attachment 2)**

**Motion:** Orme/Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2004.

**Correction**– Ramage said that the sentence on Page 3, D. should be changed to read: "...PPC recommended changing the number of years for retention of data related to periodic review for tenure, from five to seven years, so that all information including progress for tenure, would be available in helping address any problems."

**Vote:** Passed unanimously as corrected.

**IV. Chancellor's Report** – Chancellor Sorensen explained that there were recent problems with the computer technology on campus, but it was fixed after several new servers were installed to handle the increased demands. He said that each Monday morning from 9:00-9:45 a.m., he will meet with Joe Brown, Diane Moen, and Provost Sedlak to prevent any future meltdowns. A task force

(headed by Dean Bob Meyer) has also been formed to examine the impact of a full laptop campus next year. Sorensen explained that the deans have asked for more technicians to help with technological problems the campus has been having. Chancellor Sorensen explained that there was a misunderstanding on campus on how students would be enrolled. He noted that Stout's enrollment fell short during the last two years and that cost the campus approximately two to three million dollars. He decided, after much discussion, to not recruit students only by major, but by their career choices. Caps would be disregarded on the programs; all students could be admitted. The Chancellor has charged the deans and Provost to create a model that could be examined, which would include a concerted effort to shift campus resources. Freshmen could still declare a major if they wanted to, but it wouldn't be a requirement. The campus was trying to do a better job with more career choices for the students and this would be a practical way to try to stabilize the campus' enrollment for the future. The Chancellor explained that as the cost-of-living continues to increase. Students coming from families that earn less than \$50,000 per year simply cannot afford college; more scholarships need to be available. Galloy suggested that the Chancellor include input from the program directors of the areas that would have a significant impact concerning the enrollment dilemma. Provost Sedlak explained that it would not be problematic to remove the cap from enrollment; however, the biggest challenge was getting enough students enrolled to turn this trend around. The LAB audit showed that Stout had 25% of administrators on staff; a hearing will be held on October 6, and the Governor would make the final decision, he concluded.

Chair Galloy announced that the Faculty Senate would have its Priority Session on October 19, 2004.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – was combined with the Chancellor's report.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – 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 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) - no report.

C. Elections (Steve Schlough)

D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – Galloy explained that Murphy volunteered to be the Interim Chair until elections were held.

E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger)

F. General Education (Ken Parejko)

G. Personnel Policies (Anne Ramage) - Ramage reported that PPC met on September 27.

Bruce Maylath came and offered to help redesign the promotion application based upon the number of problems that have occurred during the past couple of years. She said that the committee was very interested in this and would further communicate with Maylath about it.

H. Planning & Review (Dick Tyson) – Tyson said that there were four items under New Business that he'd like to move forward.

I. Other

VIII. Old Business

A. Replacing Rita Christoffersen – University Marshal Election (Steve Schlough) – Chair Galloy explained that Schlough was in the process of gathering names so an election could be held.

B. Periodic Review Handbook Changes, pages 108-114 (Tabled from September 21; Anne Ramage)- Galloy explained that this item was tabled during the September 21 Faculty Senate Meeting for two weeks in order to give Senators time to obtain feedback from their colleagues before voting. Discussion ensued regarding how periodic review was integral to tenure review and whether the document should remain tabled. Allen distributed a memo he wrote to the Faculty Senate concerning "Progress-Toward-Tenure Policy and

Procedures” and asked the group if it could go to the Faculty Senate for endorsement. Allen added that PPC should be charged to investigate policies and procedures that might improve Progress-Toward-Tenure feedback systems. It was agreed that Allen could distribute his memo at the October 5, 2004 Faculty Senate Meeting.

C. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Task Force Formation—Chair Galloy discussed forming three Task Forces: An Electronic Media Task Force, a Technical College Initiatives Task Force, and a Program Alignment Task Force. – Electronic Media Task Force (Steve Schlough & Mike Galloy) - Chair Galloy explained that this task force was one of three being formed that would help create a digital environment for the Senate. He noted that Steve Schlough agreed to chair the group. Discussion centered on how the Senate could use its website more effectively to perhaps eliminate some of its meetings. The Executive Committee agreed that this task force would be formed in order to help enhance the Senate’s capabilities in using electronic communication. Chair Galloy said that he would contact people who had electronic knowledge and capabilities and who would be willing to serve.
- B. Task Force – Tech College Initiatives (Mike Galloy & Steve Schlough) – Galloy explained that there was much information being received concerning the technical colleges initiatives and asked the group how the Senate could get involved proactively by using the COBE Report, Focus 2010 and White Paper. He explained that he would like to form a task force that included college reps who understood the technical college, structure and mission, and their programs, as well as having a few technical college transfer students serve, that could put ideas together on the subject and bring them to the Faculty Senate. He said that he was willing to serve as chair. Provost Sedlak noted that he would be drafting an e-mail response to the COBE committee concerning Stout’s involvement in each of five areas and said that he would be willing to serve on the task force, if needed.
- C. B.S. in Technology Education (Dick Tyson; Attachment 3) – Tyson explained that PRC recommended to continue the program. Koepke asked Tyson if the date should be changed on the first page from 1977 or 1997. It was agreed that it should be 1997 and for the item to be placed on the Agenda for the October 5 Faculty Senate Meeting.
- D. M.S. Industrial/Technology Education (Dick Tyson; Attachment 4) - It was agreed that this item would be placed on the October 5 Agenda.
- E. B.S. in Apparel Design and Development (Dick Tyson, Attachment 5) – It was agreed that this item would be placed on the October 5 Agenda.
- F. B.S. in Engineering Technology (Dick Tyson; Attachment 6) – The group also agreed to place this item on the October 5 Agenda.
- G. Other – Chair Galloy distributed a Program Alignment handout and explained that he had been asked to chair this new task force. Its charge was to develop a FOCUS 2010 program alignment proposal by June, 2005. Galloy further explained that this Task Force would be proactively involved in collecting data and developing various academic program alignment models. He said that he was willing to serve as chair, with Provost Sedlak serving as teach Sponsor. Chair Galloy also said that he would contact people with facilitation expertise who were willing to serve.

Chair Galloy asked faculty to contact him if they would like to serve on any of the task forces. The Executive Committee gave its consensus for Galloy to form the new groups.

X. Adjournment - 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Johnson, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,  
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