

Faculty Senate Minutes for November 8, 2006

Members Present: Ken Elder, Diane Dixon, Patrick Reardon, David Barns, Wayne Dixon, Jennifer Hicks, Dennis Miles, Andrew Tiger, Lucretia Scoufos, Vicki Hudson, Bruce Johnson, Jane Elder, David Christy, Brett Elliott, Chris Moretti, Dan Benco, Paula Allen, Margaret Avard, Ed Hobbs, Charles Matthews, William Fridley

Members Absent: Wayne Jones, Matthew Nonnenman, John Allen Hendricks, Michael Kallam

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chair Ken Elder. VP Sharon Robinson explained that chamber hall was intended for all government bodies on campus as well as Student Senate. Faculty Senate was welcome to use the room for meetings.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dan Benco made a motion to accept the minutes with some minor corrections and Dennis Miles seconded the motion. The corrected minutes for October 11, 2006 were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Ken Elder reported that the committee did not meet. He reported on the Administrative Council meeting that he attended. The Board of Regents requested \$171 million in new money. Because of the e-mails that questioned the actions of Committee on Committees, Ken announced that he formed an ad hoc committee. He handed out the list of members and their charges. The committee is to examine the membership of Faculty Senate and University Committees and report back to the Faculty Senate.

Budget: Patrick Reardon reported that the committee met and he was elected chair. The committee formed groups to look at different charges.

Committee on Committees: Ken said that sometimes Committee on Committee has to make sudden appointment. For example Ken was contacted this summer and was told that they needed a committee member for Human Subjects Research Review Committee within a few days in order to get a grant. He had to make an appointment without the Faculty Senate's approval. There were several e-mails questioning whether Wayne Dixon should still be on Organized Research and Program Review Committee. Ken announced that Wayne Dixon resigned his appointment on ORPRC. Diane Dixon presented a report. Vicki Hudson moved to accept the recommendations and Brett Elliott seconded. The motion was approved 17 to 1.

Personnel Policies: William Fridley presented a report. The committee met and he was elected chair. The committee was going to look at the process to update the Policies and Procedure Manual. He asked how it has been done in the past. Previously the Faculty Senate President contacted Mindy House and she make the changes. There sometimes is some delay in the update. Ed Hobbs made a motion that a hard copy always be available. Margaret Avard recommended copies in the Deans' Office, Faculty Senate, Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Library. Vicki Hudson seconded the motion. William Fridley

suggested that we put together a package regarding how charges should be made. Vicki thought there should be separate votes. The motion for the hard copy passed unanimously. The committee will write up a proposal about the changes and present it to Faculty Senate later.

University Affairs: Andy Tiger reported that the committee met and he was elected chair. The committee discussed the charges.

Planning: Ed Hobbs reported that the committee met and he was elected chair. The committee looked at the Report of the Comprehensive Evaluation Visit from the Higher Learning Commission. The committee will meet with AVP Ann Haycock before the end of the semester about the Faculty Senate Award process so it will be ready for nominations in January.

Old Business:

Diane Dixon reported that the Faculty Senate laptop computer was stolen in the recent break-in at the Biological Sciences Building.

New Business:

Ken Elder said that there has been some suggestion that the Faculty Senate is not student orientated. He stated that the Faculty Senate deals with faculty issues.

David Christy asked if we are getting a stipend. The response was that they are supposed to be given in November.

There was some discussion about the elections. There are 24 democrats and 24 republicans and Jari Askins, as Lieutenant Governor, is the tie breaker.

Vicki Hudson announced that the Faculty Staff Banquet is April 17. She also announced that there will be a survey coming out about civic engagement. Civic engagement is one of our goals for the university. Vicki also announced that the Facilities Goal Team will be meeting and we should give any ideas regarding the parking issue to Vicki. The Facilities Goal Team will bring it back to Planning Resource Council. Andy Tiger asked what University Affairs is supposed to do regarding parking. The committee is supposed to monitor the progress of PRC on the parking issue.

There was a question whether the Faculty Senate will continue to use the Chamber Hall for its meetings. The Student Senate's room is right next to the Chamber Hall. VP Robinson said that students will not be in the office Wednesday 3-5.

Ken announced there will be a meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14.

Minutes taken by Diane Dixon