

## **Faculty Senate Minutes for November 9, 2005**

**Members Present:** Ken Elder, Diane Dixon, Brett Elliott, Stan Alluisi, Chris Moretti, Buddy Pierce, Wayne Dixon, James Britton, Andy Tiger, Dan Benco, Gerrie Johnson,, Paula Allen, Vicki Hudson, Charles Matthews, Brandon Burnette, Michael Miles, Wayne Jones, Sandra DiPento

**Members Absent:** Lucretia Scoufos, David Christy, Margaret Avard, Dan Althoff, James Britton, Jane Elder, William Fridley,

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 by Chair Ken Elder.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Gerrie Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes with some minor corrections and Wayne Jones seconded the motion. The corrected minutes for October 12, 2005 were approved unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** The committee met with President Johnson and the VP's regarding the Forum on Shared Government. The issue about distance learning was added.

Ken and the President of the Student Senate met with President Johnson last Friday regarding concerns related to distance learning. Ken said the Student Senate President will serve on the Distance Learning Council.

**Committee on Committees:** Diane Dixon presented a report. Wayne Jones moved to accept the changes to the function and membership statement of the Distance Learning Council and Andy Tiger seconded. It was approved unanimously. Wayne Jones moved to accept the changes to the function and membership statement of the General Education Council and Dan Benco. There were some motions to fix some grammatical errors. Wayne and Dan changed their motions to include the changes. It was approved unanimously. Brett Elliott made a motion to accept the nominations of Jane Licata and Dan Benco for committee membership and Buddy Pierce seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a question regarding why a survey was not given out last spring for committee preferences. Last year there were only 2 committees that had openings so an email was just sent out. A survey for committee preferences will be sent out in the spring.

**Planning:** Andy Tiger reported that the committee met and Dan Althoff was selected as chair.

**Personnel Policies:** Chris Moretti reported that the committee met and he was selected as chair. Chris will meet with VP Snowden and ask about the approval process for criteria for promotion and tenure. There was an uncertainty as to whether it gets approved by Snowden before Faculty Senate or the other way around.

**Budget:** Gerrie Johnson reported that the committee met and she was selected as chair. The committee met and discussed charges including the annual budget survey. Ken suggested that

the Faculty Senate send out one survey included in the Budget survey instead of several scattered through the year. He thought that would help the response rates.

**University Affairs:** Michael Miles reported the committee met and selected him as chair. The committee will meet with VP Walkup next Friday about parking. There was some discussion as to whether the Senate should continue the pursue the parking issue. It was decided that this still a issue that needs attention.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Chip Weiner asked Ken to hand out the Academic Plan to the Senate. It was thought that it looked more like a report about online courses and IETV rather than an Academic Plan. The math is also wrong in the report. Ken will write a letter to Chip regarding this concern.

Ken handed out results of the Faculty Survey from Oklahoma Universities that was done.

There was some discussion about the Forum on Shared Governance. The general consensus was that the faculty was left with a bad feeling. It seemed as if the issues were ignored. The administration didn't answer questions and the concerns were not addressed.

Vicki Hudson brought up a point regarding the new catalog - page 44. It says that if a student leaves the university for two consecutive semesters then the student has to go by the new catalog program. Previously the student could go by the catalog in which he/she started the program. Vicki asked how it got changed. Nobody else was aware of this. She said that she will ask how it got changed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Diane Dixon, Faculty Senate Recorder