

## **Faculty Senate Minutes for December 14, 2005**

**Members Present:** Ken Elder, Diane Dixon, Brett Elliott, Chris Moretti, Buddy Pierce, James Britton, Dan Benco, Paula Allen, Brandon Burnette, Wayne Jones, Lucretia Scoufos, Dan Althoff, Margaret Avard, Jane Elder, William Fridley

**Members Absent:** Stan Alluisi, Wayne Dixon, Andy Tiger, Gerrie Johnson, Vicki Hudson, Charles Matthews, Michael Miles, Saudra DiPento, David Christy

**Nonmember present:** Susan Dodson, Theresa Hrcir

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chair Ken Elder.

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

Wayne Jones made a motion to accept the minutes with some minor corrections and Dan Benco seconded the motion. The corrected minutes for November 9, 2005 were approved unanimously.

Ken introduced Susan Dodson who wanted to address the Senate. Susan is on the Strategic Goals Team on Planning for Facilities. She wanted the Senate to look over a survey that will go the students regarding the facilities. The Senate made some suggestions to clarify some of the questions on the survey and to add some questions. She said to email her if the Senate had any other suggestions.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee:** Did not meet.

**Committee on Committees:** Diane Dixon reported the committee had nominated Jennifer Hicks for a replacement for Mike Desiderio on Human Subjects Research Review Committee (Mike is no longer at the university). Margaret Avard made a motion to accept the nomination and Dan Benco seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Planning:** Dan Althoff reported that the committee met November 30 and worked on a timeline for the Faculty Awards.

**Personnel Policies:** Did not meet. Chris Moretti reported he will talk to Jesse Snowden regarding the approval process for criteria for promotion and tenure. It seems as if Faculty Senate is being left out. The Faculty Senate was supposed to see the criteria first and endorse it before V.P. Snowden but it seems to be going the other way.

**University Affairs:** Michael Miles was not at the meeting but it was reported that the committee had met November 17 and Ross Walkup showed the committee the results of the Parking Survey. It was suggested that the Facilities Goal Committee should handle the parking issue. James Britton and Michael Miles are on that committee. The University Affairs committee will meet later about academic dishonesty.

**Budget:** Did not meet.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Dan Benco handed out a report from the School of Business regarding discrepancies about committee memberships. Ken explained that reducing Business members on committees was at the request of Faculty Senate Business members. Theresa Hrcir explained that now with post-tenure review the members of the School of Business need more service. The Committee on Committees will meet about this next semester.

Ken said there will be no Faculty Senate meeting in January.

Bill Fridley pointed out that it was inconvenient to have the deadline for schedules so early. The deadline was early because of printing. It was questioned whether we need a hard copy or should it all be digital. The issue will be brought to University Affairs.

Ken said that he was a member of the Mascot Task Force and he wanted the opinion of Faculty Senate regarding the mascot. He wanted to know what the Senate thought of using "savage" as an adjective or should we get totally away from the word. The consensus is to get away from "savage" totally.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Diane Dixon, Faculty Senate Recorder