

Faculty Senate Minutes for February 8, 2006

Members Present: Ken Elder, Diane Dixon, Brett Elliott, Chris Moretti, Buddy Pierce, Dan Benco, Paula Allen, Brandon Burnette, Wayne Jones, Dan Althoff, Margaret Avard, Jane Elder, William Fridley, Stan Alluisi, Wayne Dixon, Andy Tiger, Vicki Hudson, Charles Matthews, Michael Miles, Saudra DiPento, David Christy

Members Absent: James Britton, Lucretia Scoufos, Gerrie Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Chair Ken Elder.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dan Benco made a motion to accept the minutes and Wayne Jones seconded the motion. The minutes for December 14, 2005 were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Did not meet.

Budget: Bill Fridley reported that the committee did not meet. Ken reported that the Budget survey will go out in a few weeks and asked if there are any other surveys that needed to be added with it. Wayne Dixon asked what happened to the evaluations of deans and vice presidents.

Committee on Committees: Diane Dixon reported that the website is starting to get done finally. Ken reported that Richard Ayers wanted Faculty Senate to make an appointment of a faculty member to the Alumni Board. Richard suggested Tim Smith. Wayne Dixon made a motion to appoint Tim Smith to the Alumni Board and Vicki Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Policies: Chris Moretti reported that he asked to meet with Jesse Snowden regarding the approval process for criteria for promotion and tenure. He has not heard back yet. There was an email about changes to Policies and Procedures Manual. Those on the 80 and 90 year plan for retirement can apply 128 sick days to a year of service. Ken talked about an Administrative Council meeting he was in. A dean at the meeting commented that we have raised the bar for promotion and tenure and it couldn't have happened ten years ago. Ken responded that if you want to raise the bar you need to get a carrot. Nobody at the meeting responded to that. Wayne Dixon reported that the dean rejected his departmental recommendations for promotion and tenure. The dean wanted higher criteria and suggested 2 publications. Wayne reported of a study that compared schools and their criteria for promotion and tenure. For psychology departments at comprehensive universities the national mean is one publication. The dean wants above the national average but we are paid lower than junior colleges. Margaret Avard indicated that for promotion and tenure the faculty committee vote is being ignored. There is a case this year that the administration is going against the faculty committee's recommendation again. Bill Fridley said that his department submitted criteria for promotion and tenure to the dean and it was accepted.

University Affairs: Michael Miles reported that the committee did not meet. The Facilities

Goal team, that was going to deal with the parking issue, has not met. In regards to the Academic Dishonesty Policy that was the other charge of the committee, Michael wanted some clarification of where the committee was supposed to go with that. Stan Alluisi clarified that the idea was to have it organized for those who cheat like a “registered sex offender” model.

Planning: Dan Althoff reported that the committee has not met since November but has been working to get the Faculty Award nominations on-line. He handed out a Faculty Senate Awards Policy that made eligibility requirements. It was not clear before whether adjuncts and those who were not full time faculty qualified for awards and that has led to some problems. Diane Dixon moved to approve the Faculty Senate Awards Policy and Wayne Jones seconded. Margaret Avard suggested that for H it should be changed to MAY instead of MUST provide a statement. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Margaret Avard asked if ORPRC could post who was awarded. Diane Dixon said that she has put who received awards in the minutes, but it was not done before.

David Christy asked about the parking survey. Michael Miles said the Goals Team will make a survey that involves all parties – faculty, staff, and students. Dan Benco asked what the parking money is going pay for. He said that Ross Walkup needs to know how much money he is looking for and then figure out how to get it.

A faculty member asked Ken about what happens if you ask for a notetaker in class and nobody volunteers. Some people said that they fill out the form and say no volunteers and others said that they volunteer students to do it. Maybe student support should provide the notetaker.

Ken indicated that enrollment is down 2% and it has been said that it will cost the university \$250,000. He did not see how that added up.

Ken indicated that Oklahoma has had a record year economically. Are we still going to get just a 3% raise? It was not sure where the OHLAP money was going to come from.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Diane Dixon, Faculty Senate Recorder