

Faculty Senate Minutes for March 14, 2007

Members Present: Ken Elder, Dan Benco, Ed Hobbs, Jane Elder, Andrew Tiger, Patrick Reardon, Wayne Dixon, Dave Barnes, Michael Kallam, Lucretia Scoufos, Matt Nonnenmann, Margaret Avard, Wayne Jones, Charles Matthews, Chris Moretti, Brett Elliott, Bruce Johnson, Paula Allen, Jennifer Hicks

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 and Dan Benco seconded the motion. The minutes for February 14, 2007 were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Ken Elder reported that the executive committee did not meet. He requested a year-end report from each committee together with recommended charges for next year and any issues that the committee thinks would be appropriate for the Faculty Forum on Shared Governance (in case that tradition is continued).

Committee on Committees: Did not meet but Ken pointed out the need to replace two members of the Honors Committee. He nominated Wayne Dixon and Jennifer Hicks. Wayne Jones made a motion that we approve these two nominations, Dan Benco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning: Did not meet but there was a need to break one tie in the Faculty Senate Award for Teaching in the School of Business. A vote was taken and the secret ballots were given to Ken. Results will be announced at the same time as the other Faculty Senate Awards.

There was also a discussion about the rule that says Faculty Senate Award winners must have teaching as at least 50% of their load. Dan Benco made a motion that the rule apply to all 3 Faculty Senate Award categories – Teaching, Service and Scholarship. Brett Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There was also a discussion of the nomination letters being cut off on the webpage. It was determined that the problem was with Microsoft and that every attempt would be made to have them be right in following years.

Budget Committee: Did not meet but Ken reported that the Budget Survey had been distributed to the faculty. He said several of the new questions on the survey were recommended by VP Walkup. The results should be available at the next Senate meeting and would also be shared with the Administration.

University Affairs: Did not meet.

Personnel Policies: Did not meet.

Old Business: None

New Business: There was a discussion about student credit hours and how it is determined what department gets the credit for them. The chairs in attendance were in general agreement that it is being done appropriately but that it should continue to be watched.

It was also brought up that there is no mechanism in place for determining who gets credit for a team-taught course.

There was a brief discussion about inappropriate Mailbox Broadcasts and Voicemails. Mostly they are inappropriate because they are going to the masses when they really should only be going to a select few.

Finally, recent radio/TV commercials and billboards advertising Southeastern as being "easy" were discussed. It was decided that this is not the image that we would like to see presented.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Brett Elliott