

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 14, 2009
SU-213

Attendance: Ken Chinn, Wayne Jones, Gleny Beach, Diane Dixon, Judy Williams, Rachel Tudor, Virginia Parrish, Kay Daigle, John Van Bebber, Christopher Moretti, Muhammad Betz, Bruce Johnson, Blythe Duell, Jane Elder, Karl Frinkle, William Fridley, John Topuz, Michael Kallam, Mike Morris, David Romer

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Approval of the Minutes:** Move to approve Wayne Jones, 2nd David Romer, with change of “charge” under vision bullet to the word “change”; minutes with rewording approved unanimously

Committees asked to meet: first person on the top of the committee member list asked to call the first meeting at which to elect a chair.

III. Report from Executive Committee

- A. Kay Daigle to complete remaining 2 year term for Rozanna May since she was 2nd in the original selection process

B. Sub-committee assignments and charges

1. **Committee on Committees**

- (1) Consider clarification of Graduate Faculty Membership 3.5.2.2: change 8 to 6 members; line 4 change “faculty” to “graduate faculty”
- (2) Consider ways to improve selection process for membership on University Committees
- (3) Carryover issues

2. **Personnel Policies**

- (1) Modification of Absence Request Form: eliminate Dean’s signature for Personal Day; consider changing Department Chair’s instruction from “(check one)” to “(check one if for University/Professional business)”
- (2) Seek clarification of Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures
- (3) Consider adequacy of University support for professional development, including professional travel
- (4) Carryover issues
- (5) adjunct voice on Faculty Senate

3. **Budget Committee**

- (1) Carryover issues

4. **University Affairs**

- (1) Investigate parking issues: change of “handicapped” to “special permit” parking in the oval: the doors of driver’s sides cannot open into traffic and Dean Mauer issued special permits to some individuals with specific problems.
Michael Kallam explained that the resolution was in process: the problem is being addressed by the ADA Compliance Committee under VP Sharon Robinson
- (2) Carryover issues

5. **Planning**

- (1) Consider a University-wide Faculty Senate award for lifetime scholarly contributions while at Southeastern
- (2) Carryover issues

C. **Forum on Shared Governance**

Dr. Minks wants to talk to Ken after fall break about how to best address issues under shared governance and asked advice concerning how to do this.

- (1) Change dynamics. Faculty discussed a more forceful and direct approach around a table rather than President and Administrative VPs at front addressing faculty. Also,

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we should state issue topics rather than use a question format and expect to be taken seriously

- (2) Ask to meet with only the President for discussion
- (3) Prioritize talking points

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Jane Elder asked what can be done to lessen the trend for continual and growing assessment: Charge was given to the University Affairs Committee
- II. Question was raised concerning events lectureships with required attendance and even dismissal of planned class activities especially when topic is not related to course. It was decided to see how the next lectureship event was handled.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Muhammad Betz, 2nd Jane Elder. Meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Meet at 3:00 2nd Wednesday of every month

Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Gleny Beach, Faculty Senate Recorder