

FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
December 10, 2009
University Center UC215

PRESENT: John Topuz, Karl Frinkle, Chris Moretti, Rachel Tudor, Virginia Parris, Blythe Duell, William Fridley, Muhammad Betz, Mike Morris, Wayne Jones, Michael Kallam, Susan Webb, George Jacox, John Van Bebber, Wayne Jones, Gleny Beach, Ken Chinn, Bruce Johnson, Judy Williams, Diane Dixon

- I. Call to order 3:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of November 11, 2009 Minutes; motion to approve William Fridley, 2nd George Jacox; minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Committees
 1. Still need a student to represent Arts & Sciences on the General Education Council
 2. Ken still getting comments concerning allowing exemptions for temporary faculty on Graduate Council: i.e. professionals (Business) to serve on Graduate Council. Ken suggested an ex officio status.
Motion not to change current policy: George Jacox, 2nd John Topuz; motion passed unanimously
 - B. Personnel Policies: William Fridley
 1. Faculty Absence Notification Form presented: Ken Chinn discussed problem with no signature for department Chair
 - a. Motion to approve the Faculty Absence Notification Form: Muhammad Betz, 2nd Mike Morris 15 voted to approve; 1 abstention
 - b. Form to be submitted and dispensed to department Chairs
 2. Tenure and Promotion letter proposal
 - a. Proposed letter distributed
 - b. Motion to send to President, Academic Vice Presidents, and three Academic Deans from Faculty Senate as a whole by William Fridley, 2nd Diane Dixon: all in favor except 1 abstention
 3. Adjunct Representation on Faculty Senate
 - a. Suggest two actions: (1) survey Chairs of academic departments asking for list, contact information and (2) survey faculty and adjunct instructors, asking for input and suggestions on how adjunct working conditions might be improved. Ken said he would get information from the chairs if the committee would send a copy of exact survey items.
 - C. Budget: Muhammad Betz—committee has not met but will be meeting shortly
 - D. University Affairs: Karl Frinkle—met with VP Walkup to talk about maintenance

1. Maintenance last year had \$160,000 budget; the budget for following years is set in early spring. First concerns:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Stop ongoing damage
 - c. Accreditation
 2. Recommendation: create a new standing committee on Sustainability to involve Faculty Senate: committee will draft a function/membership statement for next meeting
 3. Administrative Council discussed greening of SE campus—many interested
- E. Planning: Susan Webb
1. Cody Wood has website ready to post on Jan. 13
 2. Announcement to faculty; Dean Phelps will notify students; flyers in buildings
 3. Life-time Award: Ken talked to President and he thought we could get \$1000 for an award this year
- F. Other old business: Ken sent a copy of the letter concerning Faculty involvement with selecting our university president to the Board of Regents and to other Faculty Senate Presidents.

IV. Online Learning: Dr. Linda Kallam

A. Online/Blended Course approval Form & Process presented: Discussion with senators concerning who approves, appeal process, what are requirements of Higher Learning Commission; Dr. L. Kallam responded that there is a 2-tiered process already passed in IAC—Dept. Chairs will evaluate in addition to Dr. Linda Kallam—decision to teach/not teach left to Depts. Chairs;

Motion to approve, Diane Dixon, 2nd Wayne Jones; vote 9 in favor, 5 opposed, 4 abstentions; motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Proposal from Student Government concerning honor graduation designation system. Southeastern uses percentage of graduating class rather than GPA ;

Comments:

- Geoge Jacox: aviation students usually have an I until they finish flight time and it is problematic in being designated honor grad.—GPA would fix this
- Diane Dixon: Is last semester in the figuring
- Bruce Johnson: Would this increase or decrease honor graduates?
- Muhammad Betz: suggested that this be sent to the University Affairs Committee to examine, look at issues and make a recommendation

- II. Motion to Adjourn: Karl Frinkle, 2nd Virginia Parrish; motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gleny Beach, Recorder