

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 2009.03.11

W. Jones calls the meeting to order at 2:01.

The minutes from last meeting were not available; therefore there was no vote to approve minutes.

Executive Committee did not meet since the last Faculty Senate meeting.

### Committee on Committees – Diane Dixon

Change is proposed for Graduate Council: Propose that only graduate faculty (minus the two graduate students) be allowed to serve on the graduate council.

M. Betz stated that a member of the graduate council was not a member of the graduate faculty, yet was assessing credentials of other graduate faculty.

J. A. Hendricks made a motion to approve the changes, M. Betz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

W. Jones makes a note that K. Elder will be chairing the next meeting.

W. Fridley inquires into the procedure for changing the Policies and Procedures manual. When changes are requested, what happens from there? Suggestions from the November meeting have still not made their way into the manual. It was voiced that there is no reason for the lag time on updates. Furthermore, a log of changes should be kept in the manual itself. W. Jones and C. Moretti will meet with L. Minks to discuss this.

### Planning Committee –

There is a tie for the nomination for teaching in the School of Education. Faculty Senate members were given ballots to choose between the two faculty members, ballot was taken and then tallied by W. Jones.

It was also brought to the attention of the Senate that nominations were sometime made incorrectly. Many teaching nominations were filed under the scholarship nomination instead. It was suggested that in future years, a description of why a faculty member is nominated may help ensure that they are nominated in the correct category.

It was also brought to the attention of the Senate that there was a late nomination in one category. M. Morris made a motion to keep nominations closed. Unknown person seconded (Please determine who this was) and the vote was unanimous.

### Personnel Policies Committee – C. Moretti

Floor is open for discussion on the Faculty Absence Form. The Personnel Policies Committee made modifications to the form created by C. Moretti and sent back to the senate for approval. (At this point, K. Chinn brings up the 5 ½ day absence policy.)

Much discussion occurred and at some point, W. Fridley mad a motion to approve the form. The motion was seconded K. Frinkle.

D. Dixon makes a motion to remove the ‘Type of Absence’ portion of the form. Motion is seconded, both motions are approved, vote is unanimous.

K. Chinn makes a motion to have absences limited to 5 ½ days and sent the request to administration. D. Dixon seconds the motion. Vote is 2 opposed, the rest for. Vote is passed.

C. Moretti next brings the students absence policy to the attention of the Senate. A revised statement was handed to the Senate and discussion ensued. Discussion on the ‘war measures’ portion of the absence policy was suspended and C. Moretti made a motion to approve the changes suggested by the Personnel Policies Committee with the charge of looking into the ‘war measures’ portion of the policy. The motion was seconded by K. Frinkle and passed by a unanimous vote.

C. Moretti next gives a ‘heads-up’ on the fact that a committee has been formed to discuss post-tenure review.

### University Affairs – K. Frinkle

University Affairs did not meet. However plan to meet later in the week.

### Budget Committee – M. Betz

There was a faculty senate budget survey buried in the faculty senate survey.

Other items of interest:

- 1) The committee is currently working on unraveling the travel budget and how the money is allocated.
- 2) B. Johnson headed up (w/ K. Chinn) a study on what percent of the budget is allocated to teaching/professional salaries. According to the results of the study, the percentage allocated to teaching salaries has been on a steady decline over the last 12 years, while professional salaries percentage has been increasing. A question regarding the definition of teaching and professional salaries was brought up. W. Jones requests to shares the information with L. Minks, but more thorough study is desired by the Budget Committee first as M. Kallam inquires into the accuracy of the study.

The Faculty Senate next has a discussion of shared governance.

4:12PM K. Elder makes a motion to adjourn, motion is seconded by J.A. Hendricks.