Faculty Senate Minutes for September 13, 2006

Members Present: Ken Elder, Dan Benco, Charles Matthews, Matt Nonnenmann, Brett Elliott, Jennifer Hicks, Michael Kallam, Patrick Reardon, Ed Hobbs, Andy Tiger, Lucretia Scoufos, Wayne Jones, John Hendricks, Margaret Avard, Bruce Johnson, William Fridley, Chris Moretti, Dennis Miles

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by Chair Ken Elder.

The senators all introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Wayne Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Dan Benco seconded the motion. The minutes for May 10, 2006 were approved unanimously.

Executive Committee:

Ken gave a summary of the Executive Committee's summer activities. He announced that the Forum on Shared Governance would be held on October 10 at 3:00pm (probably in the Magnolia Room) and encouraged all senators to attend. He passed out the finalized shared governance issues and these were discussed at length. He also passed out a subcommittee preference survey to be filled out by each senator. He said the Executive Committee would meet soon and would honor the senator's preferences where possible.

Election of Officers:

Treasurer: Lucretia Scoufos nominated Dan Benco and Charles Matthews seconded. There were no other nominations and Dan Benco was elected Treasurer by acclimation.

Archivist: Brett Elliott nominated Diane Dixon and Wayne Jones seconded. There were no other nominations and Diane Dixon was elected Archivist by acclimation.

Recorder: Margaret Avard nominated John Hendricks and Wayne Jones seconded. There were no other nominations and John Hendricks was elected Recorder by acclimation.

Parliamentarian: Wayne Jones nominated Lucretia Scoufos and Charles Matthews seconded. There were no other nominations and Lucretia Scoufos was elected Parliamentarian by acclimation.

Old Business:

The new sick leave policy was discussed.

New Business:

The issue of Librarians serving on more committees was raised. It was requested that Dennis Miles find out more about which committees the librarians thought would be appropriate for them to serve on and bring that information together with the rationale to the next Senate meeting.

The issue of faculty teaching overload courses (at times up to 18 hours) for adjunct pay or thereabouts was raised. The problems that this might present with NCATE were discussed. There was discussion about whether the faculty were in general agreement that this was a problem. It was decided that this issue could be brought up at the Forum on Shared Governance or that it might be added as a question on this year's Faculty Survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Recorded by Brett Elliott