

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 22, 2010

Members present: Seyed Allameh, Scottie Barty, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Steve Crites, Patty Connelly, Adele Dean, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Kristi Haik, Nancy Hancock, MaryCarol Hopkins, Barbara Klaw, Alar Lipping, Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, John Metz, Carl Miller, Phil Moberg, Cathy Pence, K.C.Russell, Toru Sakaguchi, Ron Shaw, Karen Tapp, Jim Thomas, Jeff Ward, Steve Weiss

Members absent: Michael Baranowski, Kevin Besnoy, Carol Bredemeyer, Heather Bullen, Paul Cooper, Ken Engebretson, Rich Gilson, Brant Karrick, Marc Leone, Aron Levin, Lisa MacQueen, Ban Mittal, Scott Nutter, Duke Thompson

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Grace Hiles, Mary Lepper, Debra Meyers, Sandi Gillilan, Linda Wermeling, Terry Pence, Teri Murphy, Joe Wind, Tom Barker

GUEST REPORTS:

- **University President** (Jim Votruba):
 - The state legislature is still meeting regarding funding concerns for the biennium (see report by Joe Wind below). We should know more clearly we stand regarding the budget by mid-March. NKU currently has less money available than in 2002, adjusting for inflation. Adjustments in priorities will take place with a review of internal funding. Discussion ensued regarding raises this past year.
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 - Work on the revision of the general education program is progressing. Courses have been submitted to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) for review. Degree audit has been completed. The Advising Center will be open March 15 for transitioning students. Scheduling will begin April 1. Assessment is in progress. Recommendations will progress to the UCC then to Senate. Rubrics have been developed and a timetable and sampling methods are in the works. In Sept. 2012 a report is due to SACS summarizing implementation of the program, access, and feedback to improve the program. Thanks were expressed to those who have been working so hard on implementation.
- **Legislative Update** (Joe Wind, VP Government and Community Relations):
 - A handout was distributed outlining “fast facts” for the Health Innovation Center (HIC) facility. This handout also contained information on Founders Hall challenges, university growth/space challenges, the Council on Postsecondary Education Capital Project Planning Priorities, Kentucky postsecondary education state appropriation per full-time student at the state universities, and legislator contact information.

- The governor's version of the budget included the HIC funding (\$92.5M), a 2% budget cut in the 2nd biennium, and \$4.3M to cover maintenance for new buildings. The current House version doesn't contain HIC or building maintenance funding, and carries a 2% budget cut for both years of the biennium.
- **General Education Update** (Debra Meyers, Faculty Liaison for General Education)
 - The Steering Committee has wide representation and various concerns are being addressed.
 - Degree audit has been completed.
 - A Transition Team has been formed for a March 1 implementation.
 - Workshops will be available the first week of March for faculty and staff.
 - An email address is being set up for questions.
 - The General Education website contains updated information.
 - A Communication plan is in place
 - Ongoing review of programs, artifacts and processes will continue.
 - GENAAT is reviewing the program in respect to the QEP, processes and also making policy suggestions.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - Please see the Faculty Senate website regarding current COSFL information
 - Links have been distributed for administrator evaluations – deadline March 1. Tom Barker (Information Technology) answered questions regarding confidentiality.
- **Curriculum Committee** (Ron Shaw):
 - Work is progressing on General Education course submissions
 - The Master of Social Work program was discussed for approval. After discussion, the program was approved without objection.
- **Budget Committee** (Carl Miller for Ken Engebretson):
 - The faculty priorities online survey has been completed with 428 responses, considerably more than when the off-line form was used. A summary will be posted to the Budget Committee website. Concerns about the process should be forwarded to Ken Engebretson

OLD BUSINESS: General discussion took place regarding the new general education program. Debra Meyers and Provost Wells were available to answer questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary

