

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

April 19, 2010

**Members present:** Seyed Allameh, Michael Baranowski, Scottie Barty, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Heather Bullen, Steve Crites, Ken Engebretson, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Nancy Hancock, Barbara Klaw, Alar Lipping, Lisa MacQueen, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Carl Miller, Phil Moberg, Scott Nutter, Cathy Pence, K.C. Russell, Toru Sakaguchi, Ron Shaw, Karen Tapp, Jim Thomas, Jeff Ward, Steve Weiss, Vance Wolverton  
MaryCarol Hopkins

**Members absent:** Kevin Besnoy, Richard Boyce, Paul Cooper, Patty Connelly, Adele Dean, Rich Gilson, Kristi Haik, Marc Leone, Aron Levin, Phil McCartney, John Metz, Ban Mittal

**Guests:** Gail Wells, Chuck Hawkins, Karen Mutsch, Marilyn Schleyer, Teri Murphy, Emily Sumner, Jeff Waple

The minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting were approved.

### Guest Reports:

- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins): Board of Regents meeting is May 5. Voting on faculty appointments and the prior service recommendations passed at the March 22, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting.
- **Human Resources** (Emily Sumner): Recent legislative reforms will result in several changes in the human resources area. Some of the impacts are still being reviewed. Changes are in the areas of:
  - Raising the dependant age to 26
  - Reporting of health coverage on W2 forms beginning in 2011
  - Flexible spending account changes
  - Health Savings account changes
- **Provost** (Gail Wells): The Celebration of Student Research & Creativity was successful. “Destination Northern” event for scholarship students visiting campus was well received. Spring convocation will take place on Wednesday, April 21. The state did not approve a new budget – impact of this situation, in addition to uncertainty of the tuition rate, makes budgeting difficult.

### Committee Reports:

- **Professional Concerns** (Scottie Barty): Two items presented for approval:
  - Disciplinary Procedures Code (Jeff Waple). The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities is being revised by the Dean of Students office. This document has been reviewed by various campus units, including the Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee (PCC) and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Of particular concern to faculty is the Honor Code which has been revised to become an “academic process” for problem resolution, removing the President from the process. A hearing panel consisting of faculty/students will be chosen by the Dean to hear problems brought forward. The Dean of Students Office will provide guidance in the process. The Senate passed revisions made by the PCC which included: shortening of time frames throughout the document and a revision of the Student Evaluations of Courses section and other minor wording variations. Discussion of the document ensued. Procedures for appeals

regarding developmental courses were discussed in detail. The document was amended in several sections of the “Academic Departmental Procedure” section to account for programs that do not have a Chair or Dean.

- Pilot Experiment for summer online classes. The Teaching Evaluation and Effectiveness Committee (TEEC) presented a recommendation to conduct a pilot experiment for summer online classes. This would be on a voluntary basis. This document consisted of two major sections: 1) Explanation of the method, and 2) Evaluation questions. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to split these two sections for separate votes. The motion was made and approved to adopt section 1 (Explanation of the method). The following revision was made and approved for section 2 (Evaluation Questions): “The TEEC Committee has permission to revise questions based on faculty feedback until implementation with the understanding that an e-mail with the final questions will be sent to all instructors/professors teaching online courses in the summer to determine participation.”
- **Curriculum Committee** (Ron Shaw): The following items were discussed:
  - Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program (Karen Mutsch/Marilyn Schleyer): An overview of the program was presented and questions were addressed. The program was approved.
  - Assessment plan for Foundation of Knowledge: The earlier version presented at the January Faculty Senate meeting was revised. Major changes include the reporting rotation and details for the sampling method. The plan was approved.
- **Benefits Committee** (K.C. Russell): Six applications have been received for the Faculty Senate Scholarship and are currently being reviewed. Recipients will be recognized at the May 7 luncheon.
- **Budget Committee** (Ken Engebretson): Committee meeting later this month.

**New Business:** Centralized scheduling of classes is being implemented with new software.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher  
Secretary