

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

December 16, 2011

Members present: Jim Allen, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Michael Baranowski, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Gary Clayton, Richard Fox, Diane Gronefeld, Patrick Hare, Chuck Hawkins, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Kajsa Larson (for Irene Encarnacion), Alar Lipping, Phil McCZartney, Ausbra McFarland, Tara McLendon (for Caroline Macke), Joe Mester, Teri J. Murphy, Louise Niemer, Patty Schumacher, Jim Thomas, Judy Voelker, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Seyed Allameh, Tobias Brauer, Kim Clayton-Code, Rich Gilson, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Kim McErlane, Jacqueline McNally, John Metz, Ljubomir Nacev, Scott Nutter, Sara Runge, Ron Shaw

Guests: Jim Votruba, Greg Hatchett, Mary Lepper, Erik Pederson, Dustin Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3 pm. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of long-time faculty member Dr. Frank Stallings. The minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Jim Votruba):
 - Dr. Frank Stallings will leave a long-lasting legacy at NKU for his dedicated service to the university and his department. He was one of the founding members of the university.
 - The CPE (Council of Post-Secondary Education) has submitted a budget for state funding approval (although there is no guarantee that this budget will pass). It includes a 10% operating budget increase and capital expenditures of \$3 billion over a six year period. Included as a top priority for capital expenditures is the construction of a health professions building coupled with renovations to Founders Hall.
 - Commencement is Dec. 17 – undergraduates in the morning and graduate students in the afternoon.
 - It was emphasized that more tenure-track faculty are needed to meet CPE goals and that this should be an emphasis in discussions at the state level.
- **Faculty Regent** (Chuck Hawkins):
 - Next Board of Regents meeting set for Jan. 11. Board has spent a lot of time over the past several months with Division I status discussion.
- **Faculty Senate Elections** (Greg Hatchett):
 - Elections have concluded with only the following vacancies remaining unfilled: 1) two at-large Senators from the College of Business and two seats for the Financial Exigency Committee.
 - Faculty Senate 2012/2013 officer elections will be held prior to the 1/23/12 Faculty Senate meeting. Nominations should be submitted by 1/9/12. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Benefits Committee:**
 - Provost letters have been distributed regarding reappointment, promotion and tenure decisions.
- **Budget Committee:**
 - Working on the final version of the faculty budget priority survey.
 - The Provost is looking for input regarding the expenditures of one-time monies from various areas. Deadline is the end of January.
- **Professional Concerns Committee** (Jeffrey Williams):
 - Still working around the legal issues surrounding the mid-term grade issue.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee:**
 - Online evaluation return rate is in the low 80%.
 - Spring workshops are being offered.
- **University Curriculum Committee** (Richard Fox):
 - The proposed Gen Ed course MUS 291W was passed with the required 2/3 majority vote.
 - No new programs were proposed for the fall semester.
 - Working on compliance issues regarding meeting the new CPE guidelines for 2013 implementation.

Officer Reports:

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
 - University President search process is proceeding. The consultant is receiving applications and contacting prospects. The plan is to narrow the field to 20-25 candidates by Feb. 29.
 - It was requested that there not be any administrative members, or Board of Regents members at the open faculty meetings with presidential candidates. Alar will check on the legality of this request in regards to the open meetings law.

Other:

- It was emphasized that necessary university operations should not suffer due to the move to Division I status (e.g. leaks in buildings such as Fine Arts).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary