FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 20, 2012

Members present: Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Shauna Reilly (for Michael Baranowski), Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Tom Cate, Kim Clayton-Code, Irene Encarnacion, Richard fox, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Diane Gronefeld, Chuck Hawkins, David Hogan, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Alar Lipping, Tara Mc Lendon (for Caroline Macke), Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Joe Mester, John Metz, Teri J. Murphy, Ljubomir Nacev, Patty Schumacher, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams, Xiaoni Zhang

Members absent: Tobias Brauer, Rich Gilson, Patrick Hare, Louise Niemer, Sara Runge, Ron Shaw, Judy Voelker

Guests: Grace Hiles, Erik Pederson, Mary Lepper, Connie Kiskaden

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Alar Lipping at 3 pm. The minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were approved.

Guest Reports:

- Faculty Regent (Chuck Hawkins):
  - The next board of Regents meeting is March 14. The Board has been busy with the Presidential Search process and also organization of events surrounding Dr. Votruba’s retirement.

Committee Reports:

- Professional Concerns (Jeffrey Williams):
  - Motion: The current midterm grade reporting system for freshmen shall be expanded to include the option for faculty to report the grades for all undergraduates above the freshman level. This motion was approved by the Senate. A motion to make the action mandatory rather than optional failed. It was emphasized that the Provost/IT should assure that this process is as seamless as possible. Erik Pederson (Student Government Association Executive VP) expressed appreciation for faculty work on the issue.

- University Curriculum Committee (Richard Fox):
The Committee will be exploring whether NKU should retain the “Area of Concentration” as a graduation requirement because of the new CPE definition of “Area”.

- **Budget** (Ljubomir Nacev):
  - The 2012 Faculty Priorities Survey results can be found at [http://facultysenate.nku.edu/docs/2012_Faculty_Priorities_Survey_Report.pdf](http://facultysenate.nku.edu/docs/2012_Faculty_Priorities_Survey_Report.pdf).
  - An attempt will be made to administer the survey in the fall semester (rather than the spring) in order to make the results available earlier for planning purposes.

- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee** (Ken Rhee):
  - January workshops were successful. More coming in March.
  - Working on the revision of course evaluation questions.
  - Optional questions are now available for addition to online course evaluations.

**Officer Reports:**

- **Senate President** (Alar Lipping):
  - The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet with President Votruba on Feb. 27 to discuss budget issues.
  - Administrator evaluations are being held through the end of February.
  - The Faculty Regent election is forthcoming. This is for a three year term.
  - The NKU Presidential Search Committee should have candidates ready for campus visits by the end of March. Meetings to narrow the field will be taking place over the next few weeks.
  - An ad hoc subcommittee (chaired by Jan Hillard) is being formed (Graduate Curriculum Exploratory Committee) to investigate the need to separate out the graduate curriculum process from Graduate Council in order to make this process more effective. There will be representation from each college, the University Curriculum Committee, and a representative from Faculty Senate. Anyone interested in serving should contact Ken Rhee.

- **Vice President** (Carol Bredemeyer):
  - Today’s airing of the KET program “Kentucky Tonight” will feature former Governor Paul Patton (President, University of Pikeville), Morehead President Wayne Andrews, and other state representatives to discuss the proposal to make the University of Pikeville a state supported regional university.

- **Parliamentarian** (Steve Weiss):
  - Reminders were given to committees for the need to follow *Robert’s Rules of Order*. In particular:
    - A quorum is necessary to have a meeting.
- No proxy voting allowed (unless explicitly allowed in a Committee’s bylaws)
- No straw poll voting allowed
- Voting should be done with vocal Aye/Nay (no counting of votes) unless a clear decision cannot be determined, in which case a vote count can be requested.
  - Steve offered (with the blessing of those present) to spearhead ideas for the faculty to honor President Votruba on his retirement.

**Other:** It was suggested that the Interim General Education Committee be added to the monthly agenda for Faculty Senate meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher  
Secretary