

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 22, 2008

Members Present: Seyed Allameh, Iain Barksdale, Michael Baranowski, Scottie Barty, Kevin Bosnoy, Perry Bratcher, Heather Bullen, Tom Cate, Doris Coy, Patty Connelly, Steve Crites, Adele Dean, Chuck Frank, Emily Detmer-Geobel, David Hogan, MaryCarol Hopkins, Eric Jackson, Brant Karrick, Barbara Klaw, Aron Levin, Alar Lipping, Julie Mader-Meersman, Kristi Martines, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, John Metz, Carl Miller, Phil Moberg, Scott Nutter, KC Russell, Toru Sakaguchi, Ron Shaw, Karen Tapp, Jim Thomas, Jeff Ward, Steve Weiss

Members Absent: Ed Brewer, Rich Gilson, Nancy Hancock, Cathy Pence, Ban Mittal, Duke Thompson (class conflict)

Guests: Gail Wells, Mary Lepper, Kathy Bennett, Mary Huening, Jen Stansbury-Koenig, Curtis McCartney

The meeting was called to order by Senate President David Hogan at 3:05 PM. The minutes of the August 25, 2008 we approved with one change – add Alar Lipping as present at the meeting.

Guest Presentations:

- **General Education Review** (Kevin Corcoran, John Cullick): Kevin and John will be serving as co-chairs of the review committee. This group will be known as the General Education Committee and will be looking at the move from 128 to 120 credit house as well as broader issues. The goal is to have an implementation of changes by the fall of 2010. Parameters for the changes include emphasizing the student learning measures assessment, ongoing governance, internationalization, and community engagement. Two representatives are needed from Faculty Senate on the committee. Any issues regarding general education review should be forwarded to Kevin or John. The committee will be setting up 8-12 campus-wide “town hall” meetings as well as other means to gather faculty input. The goal is to have this input fully gathered by mid-November.
- **Provost report** (Gail Wells): The QEP focus on active learning will overlap well with the work being done the General Education Committee. The UCC will specifically be looking into the reduction of hours general education curriculum in its review and will be working with the General Education Committee so that there is a coordination of effort.
- **Online Course Evaluation** (Phil McCartney, Kathy Bennett): **The vote on the recommendation for implementation of online course evaluations originally scheduled for this meeting has been delayed in order to gather more input on the issue.** Discussion ensued regarding online course evaluations. A handout was distributed outlining common questions regarding the issue and a comparison between online and

paper evaluations. Senators should review this document with their departments for input. The Professional Concerns Committee will also be discussing this issue. During the 1st eight weeks of the fall semester, classes in the College of Informatics, the Learning Assistance Program, and online classes (Vicki Culbreth's area) will participate in online evaluations. These areas, along with any volunteers, will participate in the online evaluation process for the 2nd eight weeks and full semester. A call will go out regarding participation.

- **Faculty Regent report** (Steve Weiss): The College of Business is now known as the Haile/US Bank College of Business. During the year Steve will emphasize the need for tenure-track faculty.

Officer/Committee Reports:

- **President** (David Hogan): A faculty member is needed for the President's Advisory Committee on Efficiencies and Savings (PACES) Employee Incentive Plan Committee. Kristie Martines later volunteered. The Elections Committee also needs representatives from the following colleges: Business, Education, Nursing, Chase, and Learning Assistance Programs
- **Benefits** (KC Russell): No Report – Still awaiting information from the Office of Institutional Research regarding the number of tenure/tenure-track faculty (needed for formula calculation on the number of eligible sabbatical slots).
- **Budget** (Carl Miller): Working on the faculty priorities survey
- **Curriculum** (Ron Shaw) – No Report other than what was discussed as part of the General Education Review and the Provost's comments above
- **Professional Concerns** (Scottie Barty) – No report other than what was discussed as part of the online evaluation discussion

Other:

- **Part-time faculty evaluation:** It was mentioned that the Professional Concerns Committee should review the Part-time Faculty Handbook regarding evaluation of part-time faculty.
- **Bookstore concerns:** There was an overwhelming consensus regarding the need for the bookstore to better stock class texts. David Hogan will be looking into the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher, Secretary