

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

January 24, 2011

Members present: Seyed Allameh, Margaret Anderson, Michael Baranowski, Scottie Barty, Diana Belland, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Carol Bredemeyer, Richard Fox, Chuck Hawkins, David Hogan, MaryCarol Hopkins, Yi Hu, Ken Katkin, Marc Leone, Alar Lipping, Caroline Macke, Diane Gronefeld (for Lisa MacQueen), Phil McCartney, Kim McErlane, Ausbra McFarland, Jacqueline McNally, Joe Mester, John Metz, Phil Moberg, Louise Niemer, Sara Runge, Toru Sakaguchi, Patty Schumacher, Steve Weiss, Jeffrey Williams

Members absent: Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Heather Bullen, Kim Clayton-Code, Paul Cooper, Ken Engebretson, Rich Gilson, Tamara O'Callaghan, Nancy Hancock, Ban Mittal, Teri Murphy, K.C. Russell

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Greg Hatchett, Zebulun Davenport, Miriam Kannan, Mary Lepper, Pat Moynahan, Grace Hiles

The meeting was opened by Faculty Senate President Alar Lipping at 3:00 pm. The first ten minutes of the meeting were spent electing officers for the 2011/12 year. Results are given in the report below. The minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting were approved with a correction.

Faculty Senate 2011/12 officer election report (Greg Hatchett): An election was held and the following officers were approved for the 2011/12 academic year:

- *President:* Alar Lipping
- *Vice-President:* Carol Bredemeyer
- *Parliamentarian:* Steve Weiss
- *Secretary:* Perry Bratcher
- *Benefits Committee Chair:* Scott Nutter
- *Budget Committee Chair:* No nominations received – will continue to seek a candidate
- *Professional Concerns Committee Chair:* Jeffrey Williams
- *University Curriculum Committee Chair:* Richard Fox

Guest Reports:

- **University President** (Jim Votruba):
 - Thanks were expressed to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for their input at meetings with the President and Provost.
 - Focus will be placed on investments into programs this spring
 - President/Provost meetings with faculty in the various colleges are commencing. Attendance is encouraged. These are open meetings with the primary focus on budgeting issues.
 - WNKU expansion will increase coverage from 1 million to about 3.3 million people. This expansion, through the acquisition of 2 radio stations, will make WNKU self-supporting in about 3 years, freeing up about \$300,000/year that can be reallocated.
 - No talks about additional state cuts are coming out of Frankfort.

- Work will be taking place regarding NKU's plan for meeting the CPE strategic agenda – particularly in the area of graduation rate. Discussion ensued regarding the CPE requirements.
- The Huron Consulting Group will finish its work regarding the review of university operations by March 4.
- Spring enrollment is up 2% from last year, with fall applications currently up 12% from last year.
- **Provost (Gail Wells):**
 - The SACS report has been received. The only issue is with the number of terminal degrees in nursing, which is being addressed.
 - The Dean of the College of Business and Dean of Informatics Searches are currently progressing well.
- **Faculty Regent (Chuck Hawkins):**
 - The Board of Regents met the first week of classes and approved sabbatical requests, discussed other personnel items and approved the purchase of the radio stations mentioned above.
- **Diversity Taskforce Committee (Zebulun Davenport and Miriam Kannan):**
 - This committee was established in order to create a diversity plan for NKU as required by the CPE (Council of Post-Secondary Education). The committee and sub-committees consist of membership from faculty, staff, administrators and students. Blas Puente-Baldoceda is the Faculty Senate representative. The primary focus will be placed on African-American and Latino issues. There are four subcommittees (Student Body, Student Success, Workforce Diversity, and Campus Climate) which will make recommendations to the Steering Committee. A report is expected on June 1.

Committee Reports:

- **Budget Committee:** Annual faculty survey results are being tabulated.
- **University Curriculum Committee: (Richard Fox):**
 - Vote on a new degree program will be coming to the February meeting. This will be a new graduate program in Instructional Leadership (P-12 Principle) offered by the Dept of Counseling, Social Work and Leadership out of CoE&HS. The link for the proposal is [http://access.nku.edu/ucc/Forms/View/details.aspx?q=FPP&c=Instructional%20Leadership%20\(P-12%20Principal\)&y=2011](http://access.nku.edu/ucc/Forms/View/details.aspx?q=FPP&c=Instructional%20Leadership%20(P-12%20Principal)&y=2011)
 - The General Education Director search is progressing with candidate interviews winding down. Recordings of the candidate's presentations will be available. Feedback from faculty is sought by the end of the first week of February.
- **Teaching Effectiveness and Enhancement Committee (Ken Rhee):**
 - Faculty development workshops are being held throughout the spring semester

- Currently making revisions to the online course evaluation forms. Missing “comments” sections will be added. The enhancement regarding student holds to access grades will be implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher, Secretary