

**Faculty Senate  
Agenda  
Friday December 11, 2009  
3:00 pm in HP 2027**

Minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

Report from Dr. Nadine Coudret, Interim Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Report from Lesa Cagle, Faculty Senate Chair

**Old Business**

1. Vote on nominations for the Environmental Stewardship Committee
  - a. Peter Cashel-Cordo (COB), Stephen Zehr (Sociology), Wendy G. Turner-Frey (sociology), Zane Mitchell, Engineering
    - i. Faculty Senate faculty appointee – 2-yr. term: 09-10 through 11-12
    - ii. Faculty Senate faculty appointee –3-yr. term: 09-10 through 12-13
  - b. Faculty Senate student appointee – 2-yr. term: 09-10 through 11-12
    - i. Amy Brown (Sociology)
2. Proposed changes in the summer calendar for classes
3. Final report of the Counseling center Ad Hoc Committee
4. January 4, 2010 Faculty Meeting

**New Business**

1. Benefit suggestion sent by a faculty member

## **Faculty Senate Meeting December 11, 2009, unapproved minutes**

### **Meeting Began: 3:00p**

**Attendance:** Joy Peluchette, Adrian Gentle, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Mellisa Hall (Recording Secretary), Todd Schroer, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Sudesh Mujumdar, Brian Posler, Manfen Chen (alternate Robert Hooper)

### **Old Business:**

**Minutes 11/20/2009 – passed with one abstention**

### **Provost's Report:**

- New Provost Dr. Ronald Rochon will be making a few campus visits this next semester. His start date is July 1.
- Provost's Office asked the Parking and Transportation Planning Committee to reconvene. Faculty Senate suggested that it would be beneficial if the committee meeting was open for anyone to go and voice their ideas.
- Heidi Gregori-Gahan to develop guidelines for an international exchange program for faculty. Guidelines will be brought to senate when ready. Suggested committee J. Peluchette, P. Cashel-Cordo, Brandon Eggleston and Wendy Turner-Frey.
- Biochemistry BS and BA are on expedited agenda of the Commission of Higher Education.
- MA in communications sent to the Commission of Higher Education.
- BS in sport's management sent to the Commission of Higher Education.
- Criteria for USI honors guidelines to be set by ad hoc committee and then brought back to senate.
- Would like senate to discuss the idea of a fall break.
- January 6, USI will be hosting the department chairs and deans from VU in hopes of moving forward with the major articulate program agreement to see if the core classes can be better aligned.
- P. Cashel-Cordo has received a request from a faculty member about the evaluation of chairs and deans. Form is very old and varies by college, would be beneficial if this is a standardized process throughout the university.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Lesla Cagle:**

- Met with Barry Schonberger (Dean of Students) and Carmen Stoen about English as the official designated language of communication. Barry is in the process of searching other universities policies. Will have their recommendations by March. (C. Tew asked that the report come before the Faculty Senate before their deadline to publish in March.) L. Cagle will make this request of the committee Chair.
- Met with Donna Evinger and Nadine Coudret about charges be sent to the diversity committee. Diversity meetings are open and anyone is allowed to go.

- Ad hoc committee for review of senate positions will meet December 14.
- Graduate honors ad hoc committee will be meeting December 15.
- Met with Heidi Gregori-Gahan about international programs
- Request input from Senators for the budget presentation.
- Request Senators pay special attention to people and departments that act on Faculty Senate Recommendations.
- Next meeting January 15, 2010 at 3:00 pm.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
Benefit suggestion sent by a faculty member	Postponed until next meeting.	
<b>Old Business</b>		
Vote on nominations for the Environmental Stewardship Committee	<p>a. Stephen Zehr (Sociology), Wendy G. Turner-Frey (Sociology), Zane Mitchell (Engineering)</p> <p>i. Faculty Senate faculty appointee – 2-yr. term: 09-10 through 11-12</p> <p>ii. Faculty Senate faculty appointee – 3-yr. term: 09-10 through 12-13</p> <p>b. Faculty Senate student appointee – 2-yr. term: 09-10 through 11-12</p> <p>i. Amy Brown (Sociology)</p> <p>Candidate with most votes is the three year term and second is the two year appointee.</p>	<p>Z. Mitchell three year term.</p> <p>S. Zehr two year term.</p> <p>By acclamation A. Brown is student appointee.</p>
Proposed changes in the summer calendar for classes	<p>Both proposed calendars would meet goals and the Summer Calendar Committee does not want state preference.</p> <p>C. Tew we do not really have faculty input on the revised schedule because when we asked faculty about the schedule it was before the revised schedule was made.</p> <p>A. Gentle the first schedule does not work for the College of Science because sequenced courses and a three and half week course is not long enough for Math classes. Teacher Education is the largest department of</p>	Recommendations and Alternate calendar endorsed.

	<p>classes offered in the summer around nine percent. Math is about seven percent of the classes.</p> <p>C. Tew said a 'Maymester' option is very important and could possibly have the eight week session in the beginning.</p> <p>P. Cashel-Cordo said eight week session could not be first because then the second session would start on July 4.</p> <p>C. Tew with original proposal would increase enrollment because of the 'Maymester'.</p> <p>K. Scheller said the second offers a 'Maymester'.</p> <p>C. Tew said there is a large break in between the two sessions.</p> <p>A. Gentle does not believe that students could learn/grasp the material in a four week term. C. Tew asked for evidence to back that up.</p> <p>M. Hall would there be more available seats in classes in order to keep students on track since there would only two sessions?</p> <p>B. Posler there will be more sections of the summer courses offered.</p> <p>B. Posler hope is to endorse full set of recommendations and one of the two calendars.</p> <p>C. Tew motion to endorse recommendations and original calendar</p> <p>No second</p> <p>Discussed report and recommendations.</p> <p>C. Tew motion to split up report and calendar and senators vote for what calendar they want and each recommendation separately.</p> <p>K. Scheller second.</p>	
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	<p>Motion passed</p> <p>Recommendation 2: passed Recommendation 3: passed Recommendation 4: passed Original Calendar: 5 Alternative Calendar: 6</p> <p>C. Tew notes that Liberal Arts is unanimously against alternate calendar and that Liberal Arts has the largest faculty and offers the most credit hours.</p>	
Final report of the Counseling Center Ad Hoc Committee	<p>K. Scheller motion to accept P. Cashel-Cordo second</p> <p>C. Tew concerned there were no surveys of faculty and no input from Resident Advisors.</p> <p>B. Posler there is a recommendation in the report to have more faculty insight. C. Tew funding is left unexplained. B. Posler reports calls for a look at other universities and possibly have a requirement of all student having insurance. P. Cashel-Cordo can we accept the report.</p> <p>Faculty Senate requested that a committee continue working on Counseling Center issues.</p> <p>C. Tew does not want to accept until we have an understanding of what needs to be done.</p> <p>Vote called: passed</p> <p>Report will be sent to president and will be reported at next meeting.</p>	Report Accepted and to be sent to President Bennett
January 4, 2010 Faculty Meeting	Paul Doss will have a few minutes to speak to the whole and then will have a breakout session.	

	<p>Would be beneficial if John Gottcent could have a few minutes to talk to group on whole and then a breakout session.</p> <p>M. Hall requested a session on Black Board 8 or possibly 9 before beginning its use.</p>	
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Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 pm.