

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

Friday, April 25, 2003

3:00 P.M.

Mitchell Auditorium

Announcements and Introductions

Report form President Hoops

Report form Provost and Vice President Robert L. Reid

Approval of Minutes from meeting # 9 (April 11, 2003)

Report from Economic Benefits Committee

Report from Promotions Committee

Report from Curriculum Committee

Report from Assessment Committee

Old Business

New Business

Nomination of At – Large Senate Representative for 2003-2005

Members Present: C. Baker, S. Blunt, J. Davis-Brezette, J. Peluchette (for A. Foroughi), S. Hall (for M. Graham), R. Hartl, G. May, R. Reid (ex-officio), K. Rodgers, M. Sparks, S. Sullivan, and C. Tripp

1. Call to Order at 3:00 P.M.

2. Report from Vice President Robert L. Reid for President H. Ray Hoops and the VPAA Report

The Legislature has not finished the session, however it is getting close to completion. A report will be provided to faculty as soon as the budget is finalized by the Legislature.

Dr. Reid suggested that everyone read the University Notes carefully since there are many events occurring in the next two weeks. An invitation was extended to all faculty to attend the reception on April 29th in Carter Hall.

3. Minutes were accepted with minor corrections. (Tripp-Brezette/Sullivan)

4. Economic Benefits Committee Report

The report was accepted. (Rodgers/Davis-Brezette) Discussion points included:

- a.) Item #5 on page 8 of the report recommended that "The possibility of benefits for part-time faculty should be examined". A question was raised that if the Senate voted to accept the report, would the recommendation become an automatic charge that would be continued in the fall.

Dr. Reid noted that the procedure for accepting a report and the development of charges are two different processes. The vote by Senators is an acceptance of the report submitted by the committee.

Continuing and additional charges would be developed in the fall Faculty Senate Retreat. For clarity it was agreed that the wording of the charge to be considered would read "Explore the benefits to part-time faculty".

- b.) A request was made to consider including Item #4 on page 1 of the report, "Examine the issue of compensation for faculty/administration who take over a class of another faculty member during a semester". Discussion led to the agreement that this would be examined by Senators in the fall Senate Retreat as a possible charge to the Economic Benefits Committee.

5. Promotions Committee Report

The report was accepted as submitted. (Hartl/Davis-Brezette)

6. Curriculum Committee Report

The report was accepted as submitted. (Peluchette/Sullivan) Jeff Seyler and his committee were congratulated for their good work.

7. Assessment Committee Report

The report was accepted as submitted. (Tripp/Sparks) An inquiry was made if the Assessment Committee was dealing with the Senate Charge made seven years ago to evaluate the Core Curriculum. The response indicated that this committee works with the Core Curriculum Committee and John Gottcent, Core Curriculum Coordinator to incorporate the required information into their reports. A question was asked on how to retrieve specific information contained in the report. All information concerning surveys can be addressed to Edwin Ramos in the Office of Institutional Research they can also access some information on the USI Institutional Research website.

8. Other Items Discussed

Steve Sullivan asked if faculty had been properly notified of this meeting as the Spring Faculty Meeting. Christy Baker responded that at the April 11, 2003 Faculty Senate meeting all Senators were reminded that the respective elections of Faculty Senate members should be conducted before the April 25 meeting. All schools should also come to the meeting prepared to nominate candidate(s) willing to run for the At-Large Representative to Faculty Senate for the term 2003-2005. The nominee receiving the second-most votes becomes the alternate.

Bob Hartl requested that the Senate discuss a process for having current and historical committee reports put on line for faculty reference.

9. Nomination for At-Large Senate Representative for 2003-2005

Nominations for the At-Large Representative were taken from the floor. The nominations included:

Sid Hall, School of Liberal Arts

Julie McCullough, School of Nursing and Health Professions

Paul Doss, Pott School of Science and Engineering

The person with the highest number of votes will be elected as the At-Large member and the person with the second highest number of votes will serve as the alternate.

The Chair, Christy Baker, requested additional agenda items prior to May 2. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for May 2 and will include the election of Senate Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Recorded by Charlene Tripp and Mary Ann McCulloch