

Faculty Senate
Agenda
Monday, May 4 2009
HP 2027
3:00 pm

Minutes from April 17th meeting

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

New Business

1. At-large election results
2. Report from Economic Benefits Committee
3. Election for new Faculty Senate Chair
4. Charges for the 2009 – 2010 academic year

Old Business

1. Charge for 2009 – 2010 Academic year: governance for the faculty
2. Litter policy – steps
3. Honor code development
4. USI Assessment Process
5. Non-discrimination policy status – Gender Identity and Gender Expression
6. Handicapped parking

Announcements – Lesa Cagle Faculty Senate Chair

1. USI Today

Faculty Senate 5/4/09, meeting began 3:00pm.

Attendance: Peter Cashel-Cordo, Marlene Shaw, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Brian Posler (Assistant University Provost), Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Vella Goebel, Peggy Shields, Mellisa Hall (recording secretary), Bob Hooper, David Hitchcock, K. Valedares, guest, Nadine Coudret, (Dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions and Interim Provost).

Announcements: M. Ruble new at large representative. R. Hooper will be the alternate for this representative.

Old Business: April 17th minutes approved pending recommended corrections. Motion to pass: C. Tew, seconded V. Goebel, motion passed. M. Shaw, K. Scheller, and P. Cashel-Cordo abstained.

Provost's Report:

1. Provost search: open session scheduled for May 5th, HC 201. Faculty Senate session 11a. Information gathering only. Search committee planning to accumulate applications over summer.
2. Work place survey – email sent to all faculty, administration, and support staff “Modern Think”. Good response rate at this point!
3. Construction will increase in the summer. Loop Road and entry to USI will be altered.
4. Masters in Communication and BA in Biochemistry newly developed degrees being forwarded to Commission for Higher Education.
5. No final word on state budget at present.

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Economic Benefits Report to 2008-2009 Charges	Charges: 1. Faculty salary and benefit package. 2. Tuition share program. 3. Faculty to cover classes if another faculty absent and their compensation. 4. Family friendly campus.	Motion to accept report: P. Cashel-Cordo seconded C. Tew. Motion carried. Request report back from Academic Affairs Committee charge #3 by November, 2009.
Election to New Faculty Senate Chair	Voting per Index Cards Nominations: L. Cagle, nominated by C. Tew, seconded by M. Shaw. Motion to close nominations: C. Tew, R. Hooper seconded.	L. Cagle – agreed to chair committee again.
Student Counseling Services	Committee chaired by B. Posler. No report yet available. Possibility of USI Student Health Center to provide	Pending

	additional services.	
Re-appointment to teach at Graduate level.	No information available of the process at this time.	Pending
Policy Development – Reclaiming Institutional Aid after leaving university and returning.	Specific to presidential scholars. Specific parameters not defined.	B. Posler addressing through Provost Office and Student Affairs.
Alteration of course evaluations response tool for distance education students.	Student assessment tool – how to make a change on actual measurement instrument. Procedure not established. Consider guest speaker to Faculty Senate of faculty member performing research currently. Use of tool for formative purposes?	Charge to Assessment Committee for consideration. L. Cagle to write charge.
Priority issues according to faculty -	Department of Institutional Research to send omnibus survey to send out in fall. Issues to be sent to L. Cagle for survey items (broad items – salary, teaching loads, benefits).	
Charge to Faculty Affairs Committee	Motion to send charge to Faculty Affairs committee to “ <i>Charge faculty affairs to explore options for adding faculty librarians to the faculty senate and report back with specific recommendations for revising the constitution</i> ”. Motion: C. Tew, seconded P. Cashel-Cordo. Opposed: K. Scheller. Motion carried.	Motion carried to forward charge to Faculty Affairs Committee
Development of Honors Criteria for Transfer Students	Consider charge to Faculty Senate for Honors Criteria for transferring students into USI.	Place on fall agenda.
Litter Policy	Charge for litter control (cigarette butts). Ways to enforce litter policy??	L. Cagle to discuss with M. Rozewski.
Honor Code and USI Assessment	Agenda items not yet resolved.	To place on fall retreat’s agenda.

Process		
Non-discrimination policy. Gender identity and gender expression.	<p>Response from legal council: Title 7 Civil Rights Act protects against a broad range of sex discrimination.</p> <p>Other groups dispute (Lamda Legal) per C. Tew</p>	<p>Forward further discussion to Diversity Committee on non-discrimination policy.</p> <p>L. Cagle to follow-up with Faculty Affairs also on work done.</p>
Medical Withdrawal Process	Legal council to review new forms before additional discussion.	Pending. M. Rozewski to discuss in Senate meeting fall, 2009.
Reduction in teaching load for full time, tenure track faculty	Vote on resolution: recommended reduction in teaching load for full time, tenure track faculty. Vote: Motion carried.	Forward vote to President's office.
Committee Chairs	Faculty Affairs: Christy Baker	

Meeting concluded at 5:11p. Motion M. Shaw, K. Scheller seconded.