

Faculty Senate Meeting
April 29, 2003
3:30 pm in HH 119
Minutes

Present: E. Curtin, J. DeRidder, N. Hopson, V. Hutchinson, R. Long, D. Marshall, D. Mathews, J. McCallops, P. McDermott, R. McKenzie, K. Milner, S. Muller, M. O'Loughlin, D. Parker, D. Rieck, D. Rotondo, D. Whaley

Absent: M. Mitchell

Announcements -

Remarks from the Provost - David Buchanan

Dr. Buchanan reminded the Faculty Senate that Honors Convocation would be held the following Thursday, May 2, at 3:30 in Holloway Hall auditorium.

Approval Of Minutes

April 22: unanimous

Business:

Long Range Planning Update - David Rieck

Dr. Rieck handed out what he called a Adraft of a draft@ of the Long Range Plan being developed. The final version of the plan is six months away after the campus completes a process involving the Strategic Planning Committee, the Academic Long Range Planning Committee, and the Faculty Senate, as well as other constituent groups He announced that all-day meeting was planned for June 6 and that we needed more faculty representation. He will be sending out invitations to senators representing all schools, and he asks that those invited let him know whether or not they can attend. He needs to find replacements for anyone who cannot attend.

Faculty Development Report - Rich Bowler/Don Whaley

Dr. Bowler announced that the Faculty Budget for travel had been cut to approximately 45% of what had been the budget, that is to \$20,000. Keeping with what had been past practice, the committee decided that priority should be given to those faculty who are presenting something at a conference rather than simply attending. After discussion of the role of attending conferences and of the ramifications that the cuts would have for evaluating faculty for tenure and promotion, David Rieck made the following motion:

That Faculty Development develop a policy for disbursing travel funds that gives priority to presenters who are untenured, tenure track faculty.

5 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion failed.

VP of Finance search Committee - Rich McKenzie

Dr. McKenzie announced that Richard Pusey was going to retire in December, 2003. He will be on terminal leave in spring, 2004, advising the administration on specific issues and helping with the transition of the new person. The Faculty Senate has been asked to supply four names of faculty who might serve as the one faculty representative to the search committee, which will begin working over

the summer. Dr. McKenzie suggested that we send names of four senators along with a recommendation that we have two representatives. He asked that senators willing to serve send their names to him.

Discussion of Budget Issues

Dr. Buchanan said that there was uncertainty about the budget with some worrying that the System would have to cut as much as 4.7 million more. No one is sure how that would be apportioned across campuses. There is talk that programs or faculty may be affected, and he has asked the senate officers to consider how the Senate would like to be involved should that occur. One way would be through working with the Retrenchment and Retrenchment Appeals committees.

Adjournment: 5:08

Other Business:

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