

**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**April 21 1998 Senators Present: L. Bush E. Crane D. Defino N. Drewer G. Ference (Vice President) K. Fox M. Garner C. Long S. Muller D. Parker (President) K. Shannon C. Thomas D. Whaley.**

**A quorum not yet being present Senate President Parker at 3:35 p.m. asked Augie DiGiovanna to begin a discussion about the proposed (and announced) changes in the manner by which the Faculty Development Committee will allocate travel funds for the coming year. Approximately seven minutes later a Dave Parker announced that a quorum was present and discussion continued.**

**There were several suggestions and questions: What is the correct way to handle the applicants who are not successful? Should priority be given to applicants who did not receive funding the previous year? Should there be a distinction between “presenting at” and “attending” a conference?**

**It was moved and seconded to grant Senate approval to the procedures for distributing travel funds as announced via e-mail by the Faculty Development Committee with the understanding that the Committee and Senate will revisit this issue next spring. The motion passed.**

**Kathleen Shannon distributed two items to the Senate. The first suggested in considerable details the sort of evidence a candidate for promotion should**

**submit in order to document teaching excellence. The second addressed the issues of faculty responsibilities in light of ever-increasing expectations on faculty time. Discussion followed: There are “givens” regarding faculty responsibilities including professionalism and citizenship. These “givens” are expected of everyone including those who are judged to be meritorious or who are promoted. Should a chair or dean deny a merit recommendation (or a promotion recommendation) to a colleague who is truly outstanding but who is not satisfying the “givens?” (That is is “meritorious” performance typically in addition to satisfying the givens?) What is the role of quality teaching vis-a-vis national eminence? What is the appreciation for one being a good colleague? What is the effect on morale when a colleague who is not doing the “givens ” gets promoted or receives high merit?**

**During the discussion Dave Parker announced that the quorum was lost. The meeting was adjourned just before 5 p.m.**

**The next Senate meeting is scheduled for April 28 1998 in CH 118 for the purpose of discussing with President Merwin the matter of selecting a new Provost.**

**Submitted by Dave Parker Senate President**

