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Faculty Senate Minutes

Holloway Hall

May 15th, 2001

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Present: Carolyn Bowden, E.J. Crane, Elizabeth Curtin, Jerome DeRidder, Greg Ference, Kathy Fox, Natalie Hopson, John Kalb, Kashi Khazeh, Jim McCallops, Rich McKenzie, Michael O'Loughlin, David Rieck, Kathleen Shannon.

I. Opening remarks – Elizabeth Curtin – Elizabeth mentioned that next week's meeting (transition meeting) to elect new officers would be in room HH116. She also mentioned that the recent vote for committee membership had an excellent turnout and demonstrated that faculty from smaller schools could do very well in at-large elections.

II. Provost's remarks – Donald Cathcart – Don briefly reiterated the procedure that would be followed for merit pay distribution, a procedure that essentially followed the procedure approved by the Senate for the 2.5% merit increase.

III. Hiring Policy – Kathleen Shannon – The committee looking at the hiring policy procedures proposed that the Faculty Senate endorse the policy document. A detailed discussion of the document followed; the committee accepted all of the recommendations and answered all questions. The document was approved, pending inclusion of the changes discussed.

IV. Enrollment Management Report – The Senate discussed the following possible resolution:

The Faculty Senate understands the need for controlled growth and supports the plan drafted by the enrollment management committee provided that it is understood that as the size of the student body grows, the size of the faculty must grow in proportion.)

Senators felt that the resolution was too limiting and that as the size of the student body grows, the size of all university resources must grow in parallel. The President, Dr. Dudley-Eshbach, explained that all of those resources need to be carefully examined by the new provost, the Long Range Planning Committee, and Fiscal Review.

V. Faculty Committee on Assessment – Elizabeth reported that the Senate Officers had met with Bryan Price about forming a faculty committee on assessment, whose charge would be to determine what the university requires for program assessment needed for Middle States and System reporting. At this point, the officers will ask for self-nominations and appoint one faculty member from each school to work with Bryan to accomplish this task. This will be a Faculty Senate ad-hoc committee.

5:00 – meeting adjourned