

Faculty Senate

Minutes: February 26, 2002
(approved 09/17/02)

Senators Attending: C. Bowden, E. Curtin, J. DeRidder, G. Ferrence, J. Files, K. Khazeh, D. Marshall, R. McKenzie, K. Milner, M. O'Loughlin, D. Parker, D. Rieck, K. Shannon, D. Whaley

1. **Announcements:** R. McKenzie

Faculty are encouraged to keep a heads up on HB604.

Drug and Alcohol Policy is no longer an issue for faculty as sensitive employees.

The SU/UMES Collaboration Committee has reported that UMES is asking for stand-alone engineering program.

2. **Provost Comments:** D. Buchanan

Dr. Buchanan reported that RFP's are out this week for long term facilities plan. Focus groups will want to meet with Senate et al. Proposal will be put together for feedback and then will be submitted Fall (Oct./Nov.). He wants consultants to hear from constituents.

The Board of Regents met. He has not yet received a complete report from them.

A Bachelor of Arts interdisciplinary degree for Environmental Issues is going forth.

Approval has been given for the name "Richard A. Henson Science Building." This building is on schedule with faculty moving in and classes set for fall 2002.

Board of Regents passed intellectual property issue. New policy states first dollars go to creators – another fraction to university.

Joel Kincaid is working on document related to technology mediated instructional materials. Submission deadline is April 15. This will need revision and approval by SU faculty.

Dr. Buchanan expressed appreciation for faculty involvement with regard to searches for new Deans. Seidel visits are completed; Fulton visits are he receives search committee recommendations.

The Teaching Learning Network will report to the Dean of Library.

Dr. Buchanan attended two budget hearings with President Dudley-Eshbach. Budgets are tight. Provost will keep faculty informed as information comes in. For now, it appears that we will come out about even.

FYI-Auxiliaries have to be self-funded. About \$100,000 has come from them to help with shortfall thus far this year.

General Education Cost Analysis report will be shared with Senate soon. Dr. Buchanan has been working with faculty group in preparing this.

3. Minutes:

Minutes for February 12 were approved (13 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.)

October 30 minutes were approved with corrections. (13 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.)

4. Online Voting: R. McKenzie

Online voting still needs additional instruction. Is a work in progress. Forward feedback (as precisely as possible) to Membership and Elections Committee.

5. Status of Benefits for Fulltime Faculty: R. McKenzie

Dr. Buchanan should have a plan within a couple of weeks. Need to be ready with next steps when monies are available. (Only Frostburg and Salisbury do not pay benefits not.) Because of tight budgets, CUSF has not pushed forward with the benefits issue.

6. Structure of Senate: K. Khazeh

K. Khazeh requested Senate review six at-large positions. His concern is that Senate represent all Schools equally. Following a straw vote, the Senate doesn't feel the issue needed to be revisited at this time. Only three Senators expressed any interest in revisiting the restructuring issue.

7. Senate President Bylaw Change: R. McKenzie

R. McKenzie proposed the following Bylaw change which was approved by the Senate.

The Senate shall elect annually from among the Senators, a Vice-President and a Secretary. The current Vice-President shall assume the duties of

President for the following year. The duties of the Senate officers are specified below...(Art. III, Sec. 2) and

The Senate shall elect its officers, with the exception of the President, subsequent to the election of new Senators and new members of committees. Senate officers shall serve one-year terms, beginning on July 1 and ending on July 30 of the following year. In the event that the Vice-President is unable to serve, a President will also be elected.

The Bylaws changes were approved. (9 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions.)

These proposed amendment changes will be sent out with the May 2002 election ballot and would go into effect July 1, 2002.

8. Faculty Evaluation of Administrative Offices: R. McKenzie

This procedure is ongoing. B. Price and D. Keener are putting together mechanism for assessing faculty opinion.

9. Grade Change: K. Khazeh

K. Khazeh proposed that the Academic Policy Committee revisit the grade change policy. After discussion, the motion failed to be forwarded. (2 in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstention).

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

C. Bowden,
Secretary