

Approved* Minutes of the
SU Faculty Senate Meeting
18 November 2003
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Senators present: Curtin, Hopson, Hutchinson, Long, Marshall, Mathews, McCallops, McDermott, McKezie, Muller, Mullins, O'Loughlin, Parker, Pereboom, Rotondo, Shannon, Rieck

Senators absent: Diriker

1. David Rieck called the Senate to order at 3:34. He noted that a quorum was not yet present.
2. David had several brief announcements:
 - A. He announced that the SU/UMES get-together, scheduled for 11 December, had been canceled by UMES. It will be rescheduled next semester.
 - B. He noted that a quorum was present at 3:35.
 - C. He sent faculty names to the Provost for service on the Middle States Committee. He had request faculty names from the school Deans.
 - D. He will send a charge to the Learning Technology Committee to review the faculty's experiences with PeopleSoft during the recently-concluded (hopefully) advising.
 - E. He announced that we would not meet next week (due to a Forum meeting), but that our next meeting would be on 9 December, and that it would be the last one of the semester.
3. Dave Buchanan had two brief announcements.
 - A. He expressed support and encouragement for proposed Senate action concerning issues of academic integrity. He remarked that recent technological advances make plagiarism far easier than ever before. He noted that entering freshmen have a permissive view of what constitutes plagiarism, and he remarked that we need to deal with the apparent disconnect between our attitudes and theirs.
 - B. 22 January will be the Faculty Development Day, and Academic Integrity will be the theme.
4. The minutes of the 4 November meeting were approved with one typo (McKenziem) corrected.
5. Natalie Hopson presented a draft bylaws description for the Admission/Readmissions Committee, which is at present an ad-hoc committee of the Senate, transferred from the University Forum several years ago. There was considerable discussion concerning the actual process by which admissions goals are set and implemented. A revised bylaws draft is expected at our next meeting.
6. Denise Rotondo presented, on behalf of the Academic Policies Committee, a proposed

change in the SU Policy on Academic Integrity. She noted that additional, more complicated (and potentially more controversial) issues are being discussed in committee. The proposed change would close a loophole which some students have utilized to avoid receiving an F in a course, imposed by the instructor when the students have cheated. The following addition (see attachment) was moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted (16 - 0):

If the sanction imposed is an F in the course, the student shall not be permitted to withdraw from the course even if the sanction was imposed prior to the end of the University schedule adjustment period. The imposed F shall stand for the course, unless the student successfully appeals the sanction.

7. Kathleen Shannon presented, on behalf of the Faculty Welfare Committee, a proposed change in the deadlines for applying for sabbatical leaves. The motion was seconded. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to table the proposal. The motion to table passed (12 - 4). A (likely revised) proposal will appear under "Old Business" on the next agenda.
8. Kathleen Shannon presented a revised "High Merit" Policy (See attachment). The motion was seconded. After lively discussion the motion passed (14 in favor).
9. David Rieck adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for 9 December.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Parker, Secretary

*Minutes approved at the 9 December 2003 Meeting of the Faculty Senate