

Senate Meeting 4/7/09

Senators attending: Curtin, Clarke, Welsh, Rieck, Khazeh, Gilkey, Weaver, Walton, Roebeck, O'Loughlin, Ludwick, DeWitt, Street, McDermott, Parker

Senators absent: Shannon, Wood, Scott

Quorum was present, President gaveled open at 3.33 pm

Faculty Senate Agenda

April 7, 2009

(Holloway Hall, Room 119)

(3:30-5:00 p.m.)

1. Announcements from the Senate president.

No particular announcement except after today's meeting we have only 2-3 left, so if there are any issues, please let President O'Loughlin know.

2. Remarks from the Provost, Dr. Tom Jones.

Tom Jones speaks: Will be brief. The Senate is finishing up today or yesterday & then the budget goes into conference. The House and Senate bills are not that far apart, the conference committee should be fairly quick, but it will still be several more weeks before we know the final details of the budget. Considering the current financial situation, this is not as bad as it could have been. We have some breathing room. The BOR is meeting this Friday, Jones will be there & Mike Bardzell will be honored with an award for teaching.

Khazeh says that the budget not being so bad - it is for Jul 1? Jones replies that yes it is for 2010 - we still don't know for sure whether the money we returned last year will be reinstated to the budget.

3. Approval of minutes from Senate Meeting of March 24, 2009

Motion to Approve minutes, seconded.

Under Provost Jones remarks, regarding Perdue School of Business. (spelling).

All in favor Aye, unanimous. Minutes approved.

4. Committee Reports.

5. Old Business:

- a. Revision of the University Forum's constitution: Motion: Approve the document entitled, "Bylaws of the University Governance Association." Senator O'Loughlin, floor sponsor.
Chair turned over to Craig Clarke.

O'Loughlin makes a motion to approve the new bylaws of the University Governance Association.

Seconded.

Discussion follows...Amendments added to original document were those of Sen. Shannon, and they have been agreed to by both the Staff Senate and the SGA.

Motion is called.

12 in favor, 0 opposed, no abstain. Approved.

6. New Business:

- a. Library Committee. Motion: Approve resolution for increased funding for the library. Senator Street, floor sponsor.

Move to approve the Amendment for the increased funding of the Library. seconded.

Introduced Mandy Hackley. Good News: we at the library love to help your students, the Bad News is that we are doing so with less and less every year. There have been budget increases, but larger increases in expenses. We ask that you demonstrate you are concerned and that you vote to encourage the president to make this a priority. We are currently dead last in library resources compared to our peer institutions in every category.

Discussion follows, all generally in support of the motion. Question on wording of resolution, which is amended to read:

The Senate strongly encourages the Salisbury University administration to make increased funding for the library an annual priority.

The above wording is accepted as a friendly amendment.

President O'Loughlin was interested in seeing if the Senate would approve

his writing an additional paragraph summarizing the discussions here. All approve.

Motion is Called - Unanimous acceptance.

b. Promotion Committee membership: Motion: Approve "An Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws" Senators Parker and Khazeh, floor sponsors.

Sen. Parker opens. We have proposed this amendment to change the membership. Khazeh seconds.

Overview: Sen. Parker believes that the highest ranking Senators should make the decisions for promotion. Some of the reasons are in the rationale of the document, adds:

Doesn't think someone on the promotions committee should select or participate in promoting someone to a higher rank than themselves. Furthermore, does not think a member of the committee should participate on the committee if someone in their department is the candidate. Nor should someone participate in the committee if they have written a letter concerning the candidate. No one should participate in 2 levels of the process.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWS

Senator Rieck says he is interested in hearing the opinion of the Promotions Committee on this - moves to Table the discussion now and move this to the committee and discuss after Promotions Committee reports on it.

If 2/3 of Senate in favor then it moves to Table. 9 in favor of Tabling 9 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion fails, discussion continues.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWS

The Motion is called.

All in favor of the motion please raise hands:
13 against, 0 in favor, 1 abstention.

7. Adjournment. 4.30.

Attachments:

Draft Senate Meeting minutes for March 24, 2009.

Amendments to "Bylaws of the University Governance Association"

Library funding resolution and report

Proposed Bylaw amendment regarding the Promotions Committee