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SU Faculty Senate Meeting 12 April 2005 HH 119

Senators present: DeRidder, Diriker, Groth, Hopson, Howard, McDermott, McKenzie, Morrison, Mullins, O'Loughlin, Parker, Pereboom, Rieck, Shannon, Venso, Whaley

Senators absent: Matthews , Muller

0. Mike O'Loughlin called the Senate to order at 3:30 pm. A quorum was present.
1. Mike had several announcements.
 - A. He noted the continuing discussion regarding on-line courses.
 - B. He remarked that we will soon receive a proposal from the Faculty Welfare Committee concerning parking fees for part-time faculty.
 - C. He announced that the minutes of the 29 March meeting would be submitted for approval at a later date.
2. Provost David Buchanan had several announcements.
 - A. The legislature has completed action, and
 - B. We should soon know our budget situation for next year.
 - C. The conflict between increasing our enrollment and resources means that we cannot grow very much without additional funding.
 - D. SU will submit a bid to host NCUR in April of 2008, the 10th anniversary of our earlier time.
3. Associate Provost Bob Tardiff presented a detailed explanation of the regulations affecting the academic calendar. Subsequently, the Senate dealt with several motions.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we change from 2-hour to 2 ½ hour final exams, thus eliminating two days of instructions (but keeping precisely 14 weeks of classes). The motion passed 8 to 6 with 1 abstention.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we adopt Bob's Plan A (Take Labor Day off, take of a MT in October, take only RF of Thanksgiving week off, and follow a Monday schedule on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week). The motion was defeated 1 to 16.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we Not teach on Labor Day. The motion passed by voice vote.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we do not teach on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The motion passed without opposition.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we take off the entire week of Thanksgiving. The motion was defeated by voice vote.
 - ! It was moved and seconded that we request the administration to construct a calendar based upon what we had passed (Labor Day

and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off) but which allowed 1 or 2 days for a break in October. The motion passed 10 - 5.

4. Memo Diriker presented a preliminary report for discussion from the Ad-hoc Committee on Curriculum Teaching Models. The final report should be ready by the next meeting of the Senate.
5. Maarten Pereboom presented a report concerning the "Critical General Education Initiative." His committee plans to conduct a pilot test of a general education test at the end of April. This test may help us address the popular concern about academic assessment. After considerable discussion,
6. Mike adjourned the meeting at 4:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Parker, Secretary