

Approved\* Minutes of the  
SU Faculty Senate Meeting  
23 September 2003  
HS 103

Senators present: Curtin, Diriker, Hopson, Long, Marshall, McCallops, McDermott, McKezie, Muller, Mullins, O'Loughlin, Parker, Pereboom, Rotondo, Shannon, Rieck

Senators absent: Hutchinson, Matthews

1. Dave Rieck called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.
  - A. He had no announcements from the chair, but he indicated that the purpose of this meeting was for the Faculty Senate to hear concerns from faculty in order to plan the year's activities for the Senate.
  - B. Sandra Cohea-Weible presented a few announcements for the Provost.
    - She thanked the faculty for being understand concerning students' difficulties with the hurricane
    - Dr. Buchanan will soon be forming a committee to look into ideas for the Freshmen Orientation classes. A variety of models and proposals will be considered.
2. Dave Rieck then conducted a discussion of items of interest and concern to the faculty. Among them:
  - A. The SU Strategic Plan will be presented soon, and everyone is urged to take a good look at it. In particular many of the following items are expected to be partially addressed in the Plan.
  - B. Freshmen Orientation was discussed at length, with several people suggesting topics to be included and a variety of ways to re-organize this course. Harry Womack distributed a two-page listing of concerns. (See Harry for a copy.)
  - C. Faculty Evaluation of University Services. Should we do this?
  - D. Communication Problems between the Senate and its Committee. All too often the Senate doesn't know what the committees are doing. (What's going on and who's doing it?) Several suggestions were made to improve this situation.
  - E. Erosion of Community. Are we in danger of changing the character of SU?
  - F. The Library. In spite of dedicated librarians and good leadership, the library suffers from a paucity of current materials.
  - G. The Promotion Process. It's still being discussed in the University Promotions Committee. When will a proposal come to the Senate?
  - H. General Education. Is change dead? When can we expect to hear about this again?
  - I. Benefits for Fulltime Non-Tenure-Track Faculty. This is being actively discussed and has been sent to the Faculty Welfare Committee for suggestions.
  - J. Plagiarism/Cheating Policy. This was suggested as a Faculty Development workshop for the spring. Are faculty reluctant to accuse students of cheating? Would a University-wide Honor Code be helpful? Could the Library help identify plagiarism, particularly given the increasing number of web sites

providing papers?

- K. Grades for Repeated Courses. Our present policy allows F grades for cheating to be replaced, for example, with A grades, thereby eliminating the “penalty” for academic dishonesty. The Academic Policies Committee will be discussing this issue.

3. Dave Rieck adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for 30 September in HH 119

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Parker, Secretary

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