

Approved\* Minutes of the  
SU Faculty Senate Meeting  
10 February  
HS 103

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

Senators absent: Mathews, Rotondo

1. David Rieck called the Senate to order at 3:32.
2. David had several brief announcements:
  - A. The NEW Sabbatical timeline was approved by the administration. NOTE: In order to apply for a sabbatical for Fall 2005, the NEW deadline for application is 1 August 2004.
  - B. The administration has accepted the new policy which would not allow students to withdraw from a class if they have already received an F grade for academic dishonesty.
  - C. He thanked the Faculty Development Committee for the timely and effective workshop on academic honesty.
  - D. He announced that Dave Buchanan and the new VP for Finance will present a budget update at the meeting on February 24.
  - E. We will not meet until 24 February, thus skipping a week.
  - F. He asked that the Senate committees report back to the Senate. At the very least the committees need to send their minutes to him.
  - G. A PeopleSoft Focus Group is being assembled.
  - H. A get-together between the UMES and SU Faculty Senates is likely impossible for this year.
3. Dave Buchanan several announcements.
  - A. He welcomed us back, and announced that the head-count was 6621 students for the spring, an increase of 8 since the previous spring. FTE students was 5844, 43 more than a year ago.
  - B. The PeopleSoft Focus Group/Advisory Committee is being formed. It will include a departmental secretary, a department chair (1 from each school), an academic coordinator, a faculty senator, Jane Dané, Jerry Waldron, a student, and Sandy Cohea-Weible.
  - C. He wants to increase the faculty on the leadership team for advising in order to improve its academic focus.
  - D. The Middle States Committee has not met. It is setting up a schedule of meetings and forming working groups. In late April a Deputy Director of Middle States will be on campus.
  - E. He invited everyone to attend the President's Fireside chat, scheduled for the following day.

4. The minutes of the 9 December meeting were approved after correcting the spelling of McKenzie's name.
5. There was discussion about student orientation. A 3-day orientation is being discussed, but not for this coming fall.
6. The Council of University System Faculty is sponsoring a poster day on 23 February in Annapolis to emphasize undergraduate research throughout the University System of Maryland. Thanks to Mike Garner we have at least 6 students presenting.
5. On behalf of the Faculty Welfare Committee, Kathleen Shannon presented a proposed change in the funding for sabbaticals. This item was for information only and was not debated.
6. Harry Womack addressed several comments to the senate, asking if the university is losing its student-centeredness.
7. Problems with the e-mail system were noted.
8. David Rieck adjourned the meeting at 4:41 pm

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for 24 February.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Parker, Secretary

\*Minutes approved at the 24 February 2004 Meeting of the Faculty Senate