

## **Faculty Senate Minutes**

### **Holloway Hall**

**September 12th, 2000**

**3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Present: Carolyn Bowden, E.J. Crane, Elizabeth Curtin, Jerome DeRidder, Tom Erskine, Greg Ference, Kathy Fox, Kashi Khazeh, Peter Lade, Jim McCallops, Michael O'Loughlin, Rich MacKenzie, Doug Marshall, Ken Milner, David Rieck, Kathleen Shannon, Marvin Tossey, Don Whaley.

#### **I. Opening remarks by Elizabeth Curtin**

Elizabeth welcomed the senate and new senators. She mentioned the new role of the senate president on the Presidential Advisory Team, and discussed upcoming agenda items, including a discussion of the Faculty Development Committee's procedure for the allocation of travel funds (agenda item for the upcoming 12/19/00 meeting).

#### **II. Provost's remarks - Don Cathcart**

Don Cathcart discussed several points he thought would be important for the faculty senate and faculty at large to address during the upcoming year. These included 1) Student enrollment levels and growth, 2) The procedures by which the Faculty Development Committee distributes faculty travel money, 3) The new procedures for the distribution of merit money at the school and departmental levels, 4) Faculty workload and sabbaticals, and 5) The role of undergraduate research on this campus.

#### **III. PACE Committee – Harry Basehart**

Harry Basehart asked the Faculty Senate to provide support and encouragement for the PACE committee's efforts for a voter registration drive on campus this fall.

#### **IV. Makeup of Provost Search Committee – David Rieck**

David discussed the task that the membership and elections committee had been charged with, namely, running an election at the school level to elect 4-5 potential representatives to represent the schools on the Provost's Search Committee. Nominations were also taken for a senate representative on the Provost Search Committee, with a vote by secret (paper) ballot (Marvin Tossey was not present for this vote). Nominated to represent the senate on the committee were Kathy Fox, Doug Marshall, Jim McCallops, and Peter Lade. The names of those elected by the schools and senate will be brought to the president in a meeting with the executive committee of the senate. It was emphasized that the final decision(s) regarding the makeup of the committee lay solely with the president, with the role of the senate and faculty elections being merely advisory in nature.

#### **V. Bylaws change motion**

The following motion to change the wording of the senate bylaws (article 6, section V) and to eliminate the first phrase of article 6, section VA (which reads "in addition to serving as a voting member of the standing committee") was discussed, and was amended during discussion with the section in bold:

The President of the Senate, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a designated senator to each Standing Committee that does not have a senator as an elected member. For the Standing Committees that have at least one senator as an elected member, the President of the Senate will designate a senator already serving on the committee to assume the responsibilities of a designated senator: ~~only those designated senators who have also been elected to the committee members may vote by the faculty will be voting members.~~

Kathleen Shannon made the friendly amendment that the individual committee descriptions be amended to conform to the above amendment.

The motion to include this amendment in a Spring '01 bylaws change election passed 17 to 1.

#### **VI. Non-binding vote on the bylaw change above**

A nonbinding vote was taken proposing that senate representatives on committees follow (informally) the bylaws change above during this academic year. The motion passed, 17 to 1.

#### **VII. Vote on Student Learning Goals as revised by the GED task force**

After discussion, the changed SLG document was accepted, with 16 for, 0 against, and 2 abstaining.

#### **VIII. AAUP conference and FDC committee position of Director of the Teaching Learning Network**

Kathleen Shannon reported that the Faculty Development Committee would like the senate to look at the proposal to hire a Director of the Teaching Learning Network before such action is taken. Peter Lade distributed the latest version of the strategic plan for the Teaching Learning Network. There was some question as to what the director would be responsible for and how that position would differ from Mary Gillespie's current position. Darrell Mullins informed us that this is on hold for the moment. In light of that, further discussion was postponed.

4:45 Meeting adjourned