

**Faculty Senate  
HH 119  
October 22, 2002  
Minutes**

**Present:** E. Curtin, J. DeRidder, N. Hopson, V. Hutchinson, R. Long, D. Marshall, D. Mathews, P. McDermott, R. McKenzie, K. Milner, M. Mitchell, D. Mullins, M. O=Loughlin, D. Parker, D. Rieck, D. Rotondo, B. Talbert, D. Whaley

**Absent:** M. Mitchell, D. Parker

**Announcements** - Rich McKenzie, Chair

As they had been asked to do, the Membership and Elections committee put together a committee of full professors to develop guidelines and procedures for determining honorary degree recommendations and nominations for other awards, e.g. the Board of Regents Awards. This year the committee will handle the nominations as they develop language that reflects the charge of the committee. The committee members are Harry Womack, Kashi Khazeh, Gerri Rossi, and Bob Berry.

Next week=s Faculty Senate meeting time is being given over to school faculty meetings to talk about any issues that faculty are interested in, including the promotion committee possibility. School reps on the Senate are to call the meetings, and at-large Senators are to attend the school meetings to which they have been assigned. Designated Senators to committees are to send written reports of what they have been doing to the Senate President before Nov 15. Anyone who wants to give an oral report to the Faculty Senate will be given meeting time to do so.

**Remarks from the Provost** - David Buchanan

Dr. Buchanan thanked the Senate for providing the Awards committee.

**Approval Of Minutes**

Oct 15 (approved minutes attached)

**I. Committee Reports**

A. General Education Report - Arlene White, Special Assistant to the Provost on General Education.

Dr. White reported that she hoped the Ad Hoc Work group looking at assessing General Education would be in place next week. She indicated that she had been and they will be looking at what is currently in place as a starting point for evaluating our current program and how it fits with the learning goals and principles that have been

accepted by the faculty. Working with the Teaching-Learning Network, Mary Gillespie and she have planned a critical thinking workshop for Jan 24. Dr. White has asked departments that have assessments in place to send her any instruments or information that they have. The committee will also be working with any departments who are undergoing periodic reviews this year.

Because there had been so much disagreement about a foreign language requirement, Dr. White is also surveying other USM institutions, our peer institutions, and our aspirational peer institutions to see what their foreign language requirements are.

She reported that Bryan Price examined transcripts of a cohort of SU graduates from the last five semesters, students who attended SU for their full college careers. The Ad Hoc Work Group will meet to determine how these students met the proposed learning goals in their general education program here.

Finally, Dr. White clarified that the working committee will not be setting policy but gathering information to better inform our future deliberations about general education possibilities. Although she will be reporting directly to the Provost, she will report to the Faculty Senate whenever she has new information.

#### B. Long Range Planning - David Rieck

Dr. Rieck clarified that the Academic Long Range Planning Committee has the charge of developing the Strategic Plan, which they will bring to the Senate for discussion.

The committee realized that it needed broader input to provide them the information to develop the plan and so formed a larger Strategic Planning Committee. That group will provide information that ALRP needs to complete its charge.

#### C. Executive Committee - Report on Senate charge to set up a committee for evaluation of administrative support. - Rich McKenzie

The committee consists of two senators, Michael O'Loughlin and Miguel Mitchell, and two other faculty members, Mark Holland and Memo Dirike

## II. OLD Business:

### Previously Tabled Items

#### A. Smoking in University Cars - Jerry DeRidder/Memo Diriker

After discussion of several motions and language concerning this issue, J. DeRidder made the following motion:

**The Faculty Senate recommends that 60% of SU vehicles available for faculty use be designated as smoke-free.**

**The motion passed: 13 for 1 against, 1 abstention.**

#### B. Webmaster Election

D. Rieck nominated D. Rotondo as Webmaster. She was elected by acclamation.

### III. New Business:

#### A. Academic Policy Committee Proposals - Denise Rotondo

##### 1. By-laws changes

**D. Rotondo made the motion that the Faculty Senate accept and send to the faculty for a vote the proposed Bylaw changes concerning the make-up of the Academic Policies Committee. (see attached.)**

**The motion passed: 14 in favor.**

##### 2. Changes to Honors Criteria and Latin Honors Distinctions

**D. Rotondo made the motion that the Faculty Senate accept the committee's proposal for changes to the criteria for honors eligibility. (see 1. in attached Proposed Changes to the Honors Policy.)**

**The motion passed: 14 in favor.**

**D. Rotondo made the motion that Faculty Senate accept the committee's proposal for the changes to the GPA cutoffs for Latin honors distinctions, raising the GPA needed for these honors. (see 2. in attached Proposed Changes to the Honors Policy)**

**Motion passed: 13 in favor**

##### 3. New dismissal/probation policy

**D. Rotondo proposed that the Faculty Senate accept the committee's proposal for changing the policy for dismissal and probation. (see attached.)**

**Motion passed: 12 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Adjournment: 4:45**

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### List of Senators

**Name Dept. Term email School**

<b>Elizabeth Curtin</b>				<b>ENGL 01-04 EHCURTIN Fulton</b>
<b>James McCallops</b>				<b>HIST 02-05 JSMCALLOPS Fulton</b>
<b>**Bart Talbert</b>				<b>HIST Fall 02 BRTALBERT Fulton</b>
<b>Don Whaley</b>				<b>HIST 00-03 DMWHALEY Fulton</b>
<b>Richard McKenzie</b>				<b>PHYS 00-03 CRMCKENZIE Henson</b>
<b>David Parker</b>				<b>MATH 01-04 DLPARKER Henson</b>
<b>David Rieck</b>				<b>CHEM 02-05 DFRIECK Henson</b>
<b>Jerome DeRidder</b>				<b>ACCT 00-03 JJDERIDDER Perdue</b>
<b>E. Patrick McDermott</b>				<b>ACCT 02-05 EPMCDERMOTT Perdue</b>
<b>Denise Rotondo</b>				<b>MGMT 01-04 DMROTONDO Perdue</b>
<b>Victoria Hutchinson</b>				<b>PHEC 01-04 VVHUTCHINSON Seidel</b>

<b>Deborah Mathews</b>	SOCW 02-05	DAMATHEWS Seidel
<b>Ken Milner</b>	EDUC 00-03	KRMILNER Seidel
<b>Natalie Hopson</b>	PSYC 02-05	NWHOPSON At Large
<b>Robert Long</b>	SOCW 01-04	RPLONG At Large
<b>Doug Marshall</b>	ACCT 01-04	PDMARSHALL At Large
<b>Miguel Mitchell</b>	CHEM 00-03	MOMITCHELL At Large
<b>Darrell Mullins</b>	CMAT 02-05	DGMULLINS At Large
<b>Michael O'Loughlin</b>	POSC 00-03	MGOLOUGHLIN At Large

\*\*Replacement for James McCallops for Fall 02