

**Faculty Senate
HH 119
November 12, 2002
Minutes**

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

Absent: K. Milner, M. O'Loughlin

Announcements - Rich McKenzie, Chair

Dr. McKenzie pointed out that any abstentions in votes had the effect of being a negative vote since motions were passed only if a majority of senators present voted for a proposal.

There is a possibility of having a Web site or Web site space for faculty members who might want to post a statement if they are running for the Senate or for another committee.

Dr. McKenzie reminded designated senators to send in committee reports to him by November 15.

Remarks from the Provost - David Buchanan

The Enrollment Management Committee will soon be setting a target description for the fall in-coming class. Considerations include determining desirable percentages of freshmen vs. transfer, in-state and out-of-state students.

The committee to examine Facilities Use Policy sent out a proposal and is seeking input from various constituent groups on campus, including the Faculty Senate as well as student and staff groups.

In developing the new Strategic Plan, the Strategic Plan committee wants to research what happens to students after graduation.

Approval Of Minutes of Oct 22 meeting (attached)

Committee Reports: Dr McKenzie thanked the three senators who had sent in committee reports

Enrollment Management Committee (attached) - Natalie Hopson

Dr. Hopson reported that decisions about the make-up of any in-coming class were influenced by a range of variables, which in turn affect other issues on campus, including housing problems, finances, and S. A. T. averages.

Honors Program Committee (attached)- Victoria Hutchinson

Academic Policy Committee (attached)- Denise Rotondo

Dr. Rotondo reported that in addition to the topics listed on her report her committee was also working on a policy on Academic Dishonesty and a policy on accommodations for non-native speakers of English.

New Business:

Maryland Charity Campaign Announcement - Rich McKenzie/Francis Kane

Dr. Kane said that Gains Hawkins had asked him to speak to the Faculty Senate. Even if faculty members give a small amount to the Maryland Charity Campaign, it is helpful because the percentage of faculty who give to the charity is important. Dr. Kane mentioned that everyone can designate the charities to which his or her money can go.

Facilities Use Policies Documents (attached) - Elizabeth Curtin

Dr. Curtin reported that several people in the Fulton School had approached her for clarification of what appears to be a new policy concerning payment for use of rooms on campus. Discussion of the policy followed. Dr. Buchanan pointed out that Dr. Zinner, who had sent out the proposed policy, had offered to talk to the Senate and other interested parties. Dr. McKenzie will invite Dr. Zinner and the committee to a future Senate meeting this semester to address concerns of the faculty. The Senate agreed that an entire meeting should be devoted to this issue.

Discussion: School Meetings with Senators

Senators reported on the meetings at each school. It was noted that mainly full professors and some associate professors attended the meetings, and one was poorly attended. Nevertheless, senators felt these were important meetings and should be held at least once a semester. There is confusion in some areas about the status of the discussion concerning changes in the promotions procedures, and Dr. McKenzie emphasized that we are still investigating how school committees would function **if** we decided to make such a change. At the school meetings reaction to the change was mixed, with Fulton faculty in opposition, Seidel and Perdue in favor, and Henson undecided.

Other topics discussed in the meetings:

Payment for symphony tickets: mixed reaction but not much opposition

Academic LRP (Fulton)

Inequities in teaching load (Fulton)

Structure of the senate (Perdue)

Merit pay (Perdue)

The discussions about promotions will continue. The UPC has asked chairs to discuss with their departments issues surrounding the promotions process, and chairs are supposed to report back by Dec. 1.

Senators expressed concern about the lack of involvement, particularly by new faculty. Someone suggested that perhaps untenured faculty would prefer to meet separately.

Adjournment: 5:00