UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2011
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I. Call to order
II. Roll Call

At Large Senators: Present: Davis, Frickel, Wozniak;

CBT Senators: Present: Agrawal, Barry, Messersmith, Moore, Trewin, Taylor; Absent: Amundson;

COE Senators: Present: Lewis, Kracil, Mollenkopf, Moore, Montgomery; Absent: Fredrickson, Kritzer,

CFAH Senators: Present: Beard, Beissel-Heath, Chavez, Flood, Dimock; Absent: Burbal, Fronczak, White;

CNSS Senators: Present: Campbell, Biggs, Lilly, Miller, Carlson, Ericson, Trantham; Absent: Benz, Darveau;

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda

Davis (Lilly). Moved approval. Motion passed.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of April 7, 2011

Davis (Biggs). Moved approval. Motion passed. Two corrections: Senator Trantham was absent on April 7, and Senator Ross should be referred to as Senator Taylor.

V. Special Presentations:

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee: The Oversight Committee presented the slate of candidates for election to the Executive Committee, which included Dawn Mollenkopf for President-elect, Ken Trantham, Secretary, Kim Carlson, and Faculty Senate Representative to the EC. The Oversight Committee also presented the slate of candidates for election to the Oversight Committee and asked for nominations for a representative from FAH. Kruse (Dimock) nominated Michael Beard. Motion passed. The slate then consisted of:

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Senator Lewis raised the issue of whether our meeting place would be equipped for the hearing impaired, which would be needed for President-elect Mollenkopf. After reassurances that the room would be modified over the summer, Frickel (Lilly) moved unanimous approval of the slate. Motion passed.

B. Executive Committee: Minutes of April 20, 2011
1) Senator Davis asked for clarification as to who would be gathering information about Red Balloon projects and initiatives and to whom that information would be reported (see III). He urged Senate involvement in these processes as they unfold. President Moore indicated that the Administration would like the Senate to take the lead in addressing three issues: 120-hour degree requirement, summer school models, and collaboration across campuses.

2) Senator Wozniak asked for clarification of the question of continuing CTE. President Moore indicated that the Senate initially created the CTE, and that the EC told the Sr. VCAA that they believed the faculty to be supportive of continuing the CTE.

3) President Moore asked whether Senators felt that faculty would be supportive of the idea of training faculty about (1) how to recognize students in crisis and (2) what resources are available for students in crisis. Senator Lilly pointed out that this training might be similar to the Pink Triangle workshop. Senator Dimock noted that faculty are the ones who are most likely to notice when a student is having difficulties. Senator Davis pointed out that liability is a key issue when talking about the responsibility that comes with preparation. Senator Frickel raised the issue of the university’s commitment to making accommodations for students with disabilities and expressed concern about how our processes keep changing. She recommended including these procedures in a workshop on dealing with students in crisis. Senator Wozniak suggested that the issue be referred to the Student Affairs Committee.

4) President Moore clarified that her department in searching for a faculty member in interior design, not a Chair.

C. President’s Report:

President Moore reviewed her summary of the 2nd Semester and anticipated 2011-2012 challenges and opportunities, as outlined in her report. She also pointed out the search for a director of Online Worldwide failed and noted that Red Balloon issues may be moving forward quickly and suggested that the Senate make this a priority and assign the issues to Senate committees. Senator Davis informed the Senate about the upcoming P-16 discussion on May 12 and again at the June 17-18 Higher Education Conference. President Moore reiterated the need for the Senate to be vigilant with regard to the First Year Experience. Senator Wozniak asked that the two reports be consolidated and filed as a single Annual Report.

D. Academic Affairs: Minutes of April 21, 2011

Senator Kruse, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee described their operating procedures and reviewed the responsibilities of the committee, as outlined in the Senate Constitution. She then talked about how the charge to the committee related to two proposals being considered this month. On the issue of a program exceeding the number of hours, she noted that there was an established precedent for approving those on a case-by-case basis. After hearing the rationale put forward by the Physics Department, the committee approved their request. On the issue of the perceived quality of a program she indicated that this was beyond the purview of the committee and therefore approved the proposed minor in MIS Quality Assurance.
The Senate then engaged in a lengthy discussion of two issues. First, should the Academic Affairs Committee be given the responsibility of reviewing proposals for quality and second, would the Senate endorse the committee’s approval of the proposed minor in MIS Quality Assurance. With regard to the first issue, consideration was given to the principle of College autonomy and responsibilities, per Regent Bylaws, the already endowed General Studies Council that has approval authority with regard to academic quality, the role of the educational policy/academic affairs committees in the colleges in determining quality, the role of accrediting agencies in insuring quality, the impact of programs on other departments outside of a particular college, the need for faculty involvement in weighing in on academic quality so as to not leave such judgments only in the hands of Administration, the advisory nature of both the Academic Affairs Committee and the Senate, and the role of the SrVCAA in the approval process. Davis (Trantham) moved to have the Executive Committee appoint an Ad hoc committee to review the charge to the Academic Affairs Committee and to recommend whether their charge should be expanded to include addressing issues of academic quality and to report to the Senate at the October meeting. Motion passed.

With regard to the proposed minor in MIS Quality Assurance, the Senate heard arguments that the program did not meet national standards for quality assurance, that those standards were not necessarily applicable to the minor in MIS quality assurance, that potential employers might expect more of our graduates than they were trained to do, that the program had been endorsed by some potential employers, that changing the title of the program might clarify for employers what could be expected of our graduates, that the nature of the minor being proposed might be designed to accomplish goals that are different from those contained in the national standards. The Senate endorsed the actions of the Academic Affairs committee except for the proposed minor in MIS Quality Assurance. The Senate decided to forward the proposal for an MIS Quality Assurance minor without endorsement to the Sr. VCAA and ask that he have the program reviewed by an external consultant to address program quality in light of national standards. Motion passed.

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee: Minutes of April 8, 2011

Senator Frickel informed the Senate that a decision about an e-mail vendor will be made at the next Regents meeting.

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:

H. Athletic Committee:

I. e-campus Committee:

J. Faculty Welfare Committee:

K. Grievance Committee:

L. Library Committee:

M. Professional Conduct Committee:

N. Student Affairs Committee:
O. Faculty Senate/General Studies Joint Committee: Report of April 19, 2011
The report was forwarded by Daren Snider and represents the GSC response to the joint committee report.

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
A. Assessment Committee: Minutes of April 4, 2011
   Senator Lewis expressed concern about the quality of the Math Department’s assessment plan and noted the need for some uniformity in the assessment process.

B. Affirmative Action Commission:

C. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee:

D. Council of Chairs:

E. Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee:

F. Fees Committee:

G. First Year Advisory Council:

H. Gender Equity Committee:

I. Honors Advisory Council: Minutes of April 20, 2011
   No discussion

J. International Studies Advisory Council:

K. Parking:

L. Student Retention Committee:

M. Safety Committee:

N. Strategic Planning:

O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee:

P. Technology Advisory Committee:

Q. Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Council: Minutes of April 13, 2011
   Miller (Davis) moved that the Senate strongly urge the Administration to upgrade the technology available in the Student Union building since those rooms are used for conferences where we host external participants. They need to be set up as Smart Classrooms with easy wireless access to the Internet for conference participants. Motion passed unanimously.

R. WI/CD Committee: Minutes of March 15 and April 12, 2011

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
A. Graduate Council: Minutes of February 17, 2011


C. Council on Undergraduate Education:
IX. Unfinished Business

The President’s Year-End Summary of Senate Actions will be loaded on the web site.

X. New Business

President-elect Dimock described his plan for next year, which will be posted on our web site. He thanked members of the Executive Committee for their efforts this year and members of the Senate for their willingness to serve in support of our campus. He noted that our actions revolve around a few main ideas including being the voice of the faculty, advising and consulting on matters of general concern, e.g., budget, use of resources (online worldwide), and collaboration with administration on critical issues, e.g., filling academic appointments, encouraging transparency and communication on a timely basis prior to decisions being made, follow through on issues related to assessment, general studies and e-campus and providing support for faculty, e.g., programs for new faculty.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Senator Wozniak asked the Executive Committee to find out what the ergonomics survey cost the University and if signing off on the ergonomics survey then eliminates the University’s liability for any problems faculty experience on the job.

Dean LaDuke informed the Senate that he is considering developing a mentoring program for first year faculty members that would address such issues as service commitments, collegial responsibilities, tenure and promotion, etc. He asked whether the Senate might be interested in expanding such a program to cover the entire campus. President Dimock will talk with Dean LaDuke about developing such a program.

Senator Lilly reminded us that we need a report on how much fraud was detected in the insurance review.

XII. Adjournment

Wozniak (Carlson). Moved approval at 9:15:27. Motion passed.