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Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00PM, July 25, 2003, Stafford 104
Approved Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The July 25, 2003 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:02 PM in Stafford 104 with FS President Cynthia Foust presiding. The following members were present: Nancy Buddy Penner, Stephen Burgess, Tom Davis, Gerry East, Terry Goforth, John Hayden, Nina Morris, Steven O'Neal, Gus Ortega, Les Ramos, Bill Swartwood, and Don Wilson.

II. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES: Vicki Falconer for Larry McKee, Don Gilstrap for Jonathan Woltz, and Bill Kelly for Jason Johnson.

III. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FS Hand-out 2003-07-25): Minutes of June 27, 2003 were approved without corrections or additions.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. FS President Foust:

1. Academic Reorganization plan –

Administration, Faculty, Deans, Chairs and Staff recently met with the consultant, Dr. McFarland, to hear and discuss the options given for reorganization of academic structure. Generally the recommendation identified five options to consider. Input was given as to the pros and cons of each of the plans. President Hays will announce at the Faculty Meeting on August 18, 2003, the decision and identify the timeline for implementation.

Generally all schools and most departments will be impacted. However, the rationale behind the process is to streamline academic organization and trim costs of operations by eliminating a dean's position. The emphasis is to keep as many full-time faculty and staff in their respective position. Faculty can be assured that the budget reflects the efforts to maintain quality in the classroom.

Dr. John Hays will make an official announcement to the Council of Deans concerning the reorganization on Monday, July 28, 2003. Plan 1 recommended by the consultant will be implemented as soon as possible. There will be three colleges - Professional Studies, Arts and Sciences, and Pharmacy. Within the colleges will be schools. The reorganization will save an estimated \$100,000.

2. Welcome to Dr. East, new FS representative from Mathematics.

From Provost Becker:

1. Intellectual Property policy is at the Regents office for legal counsel to review.
2. Biosafety policy will be available early fall, legal counsel to review

From the COD:

Dr. Becker is chairing the COD meetings. Dr. Prabhu's primary responsibility is oversight of Student Services, Enrollment Management and academic responsibilities as assigned.

From Administrative Council: emailed minutes June meeting.

B. FS Secretary/Treasurer Penner:

1. Roll Sheet and Roster. Signed
2. Treasurer's Report. BancFirst Checking Account Balance: \$1283.09;

University Account Balance: \$153.90.

C. FS President Elect South: Absent

D. FS Past President Hayden: The Past President of the Faculty Senate will submit the Annual Report of Senate activities in the fall.

E. FS Student Government Representative: Absent

VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

No Reports

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Faculty to revise the Faculty Handbook are

Melody Ashenfelter, School of Business

Cindy Foust, Health Sciences

Judy Haught, Sayre

Arts and Sciences and Education will notify Cindy Foust of their representatives by the August meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Need replacement for Jane Flett from School of Arts & Sciences on Intellectual Property Committee. Two positions needed—2004 and 2005. (One one-year term to replace Jane's term not yet expired and a two-year term FS elected her to serve again.)

FS Motion 2003-07-01

A motion was made and seconded to elect Dr. Michael Dougherty to complete Jane Flett's remaining one-year term on the Intellectual Property Committee.

The Motion passed.

FS Motion 2003-07-02

A motion was made and seconded to elect Dr. Beth Meszaros to complete Jane Flett's remaining two-year term on the Intellectual Property Committee.

The Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next Faculty Senate meeting: August 29, 2003, STF 104, 2PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Foust, President

Nancy Buddy Penner, Secretary