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Faculty Senate Meeting
2:00PM September 28, 2007, Education 201
Approved **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The September 28, 2007 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:01 PM in Education 201 with FS President Robin Jones presiding. The following members were present: Lisa Appeddu, John Bradshaw, Chelsea Church, Viki Craig, Tommye Davis, Terry Goforth, Judy Haught, John Hayden, Robin Jones, Sophia Lee, Steve O'Neal for Joseph Maness, Robbie McCarty, Warren Mosley, Nancy Penner, Chad Ramirez, Les Ramos, Randall Sharp, Jeffrey Short, Jim Long for Eithel Simpson, James South, Don Wilson, Tammy Blatnick for Kathy Wolff, and Jon Woltz.

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM

III. CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES:

Jim Long for Eithel Simpson; Steve O'Neal for Jody Maness; Tammy Blatnick for Kathy Wolff

IV. PRESENTATION OF VISITORS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 31, 2007 meeting
The minutes were corrected and approved.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. From FS President Jones:

1. Mid-term grades will be posted on Campus Connect for GE classes and students will be notified by e-mail. If you have other suggestions I think the Provost is open to any ideas.
2. Still talking about academic service fees which could include a parking fee. (for maintenance and new lots)
3. Asking for 4.3 million dollars which would cover raise in student wages, 17 to 18 new faculty positions, and a 10% pay raise. (not likely to receive this)
4. Looking at a 2.5% pay increase in January. Admin is looking closely at next year due to a decline in enrollment. Every 1% loss in enrollment is approx. \$100,000 – state appropriation declines; tuition is lost.
5. Administration is willing to look at a pay restructure of the instructor level to go to a graded system i.e. Instructor I, II, III if we want to propose one.
6. Blackboard will be available for Spring 08 – we will have Desire2Learn training in the spring.
7. Tom Fagan is requesting that we have more training on our current VAX system and not change admin system at this time.
8. The grievance policies are in the Provost's office and he will take them to the President for a decision soon.
9. We need to decide if you want to have a Nov. meeting. The last Friday is too close to the Dec. meeting date and traditionally we have moved our meeting to

the Friday before Thanksgiving. This year we will not be having school that day due to statehood day. (Anyone want to come in that Friday for a meeting?)

B. FS Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Penner:

1. Roll Sheet—please sign.
2. Treasurer's Report: BancFirst Checking account balance: \$2,062.18
University account balance: \$129.15

5 paid dues with a \$5 donation

Treasurer's report was approved.

C. President-elect Dr Ramos: Sent in 11 paid HEACO dues

D. FS Past President Dr. Maness: None

E. FS Student Government Representative Sean Dooley:

1. Homecoming packets were due today.
2. CPGS and Organization SGA representatives are still needed.

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

A. Curriculum committee report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Senate Rules for 2007 – 2008

FS Motion 2007-09-01:

It was moved and seconded to approve the adoption of the Faculty Senate Rules for 2007-2008 as presented.

The motion passed by voice vote.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

FS Motion 2007-09-02:

It was moved and seconded to accept the Deans Council's proposal for selection of members of the University Wide Curriculum Committee.

The policy would read as follows:

The standing committee shall be composed of six (6) members. Membership shall include two (2) faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, two (2) faculty representatives from the College of Professional and Graduate Studies, one (1) faculty representative from the College of Pharmacy, and one (1) faculty representative from the College of Associated and Applied Programs. Deans of the colleges shall assist the Provost in membership selection by submitting nominees from their respective colleges and departments.

The motion passed by voice vote.

FS Motion 2007-09-03:

It was moved and seconded to express the following concern to the President:

The Faculty Senate is deeply concerned that we are operating without a grievance policy and strongly urges the President to immediately accept the revised policy approved by the Faculty Senate.

The motion passed by voice vote.

FS Motion 2007-09-04:

It was moved and seconded to forego the November Faculty Senate meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Faculty Senate meeting: October 26, 2:00 Ed 201

XI. Caucus by colleges to select members for FUPTRC

	P&T Comm.	Appeals Comm.
College of Arts and Science	Jason Johnson Valerie Reimers James South	Harry Nowka
College of Pharmacy	Chelsea Church	Scott Long
College of Professional and Graduate Studies	Arden Aspedon Patsy Parker Melody Ashenfelter	Don Wilson
College of Associate and Applied Programs		

Robin Jones, President

Nancy Penner, Secretary