FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


L. Porter attended for K. Thu.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.

THOSE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Arriola, Balamuralikrishna, Claschak, Butler, Cerise, Coller, Docking, Doederlein, Factor, Gandal, Gordon, Gorman, Grall, Johnson, Kolb, Kowalski, Longergan, Markowitz, Morris, Peters, Ridnour, Schoenbachler, D. Smith, S. Song, X. Song, Tatum, Tollerud, Walton

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2005 FS MEETING
(Pages 3-5)

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard announced the Oracle student software package is being implemented and requested that any faculty who would like to assist in that endeavor contact him. J. Wolfskill nominated himself.

P. Stoddard also noted that someone will be needed to take over the running of tompaine, the faculty listserv.

There will be an informational pension seminar with State Senator Burzynski Monday, February 13, at 6:00pm in the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center regarding the pension holiday that the
legislature took last year. **S. Lowman** and **D. Haliczer** provided additional information and details.

V. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Kendall Thu, Chair – no report

B. Economic Status of the Profession – Radha Balamuralikrishna, Chair – report – walk-in

**P. Stoddard**, speaking for Radha, highlighted the report, which was included as a walk-in item. The main issue had to do with the domestic partner benefit program, previously reported to already be in effect. This is not the case yet. **D. Haliczer** provided further details.

C. Resource, Space, and Budget – C. T. Lin, Chair – no report

D. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Joseph “Buck” Stephen, Chair – no report

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – no report

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Nord, Chair – no report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. David Wade will be here to answer questions concerning APASC see memo from Earl Seaver and David Wade

APASC chair **D. Wade** explained to the Senate APASC’s rationale in not changing the grading scheme from A/B/C/D/F to something which allowed more distinctions. He was questioned by **P. Henry**, **L. Kamenitsa**, **J. Stephen**, and **J. Wolfskill**. Retired History professor **David Wagner**, who originally proposed that APASC consider the grading question, was on hand to offer his rationale for doing so. Further discussion included **E. Miller** and **W. Tolhurst**.

**D. Wade** also updated the Senate on APASC’s consideration of the Academic Advising Center. **J. Wolfskill**, **J. Holt** and **J. Stephen** participated in the ensuing discussion.
X. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sharon Holmes –
   1. December 2, 2005 report (Pages 6-14)
   2. January 20, 2006 report – walk-in

S. Holmes reported that the FAC was considering how to help drive the IBHE agenda, rather than merely responding to it. Some items that the FAC might want to advance include online degrees, the level of rigor that in the IBHE’s review of degrees offered by the private institutions, influence on K-12 education from the No Child Left Behind criteria, etc.

B. BOT Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee – Joseph “Buck” Stephen and Ferald Bryan – no report

C. BOT Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee – Paul Stoddard and Xueshu Song – no report

D. BOT Legislation, Audit, and External Affairs Committee – Rachel Turner and Shey Lowman - no report

E. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report

XI. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

J. Stephen asked the Senate about troubles departments might be having recruiting new faculty due to the inability to make competitive offers. N. Churyk responded that Accountancy was indeed experiencing that problem. The issue of salary compression was also raised. P. Henry pointed out that the new pension measures enacted last year would likely exacerbate the problem.

J. Stephen suggested that the Senate President express our concerns about this to the University President. P. Stoddard agreed to do so.

In an unrelated matter, E. Miller asked if other departments had difficulty funding their intercessions courses (those during the 5-week period between Spring and Summer), or had concerns about students’ ability to get financial aid in a timely fashion for those courses.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board minutes
C. Minutes, Campus Security and Environmental Quality
D. Minutes, Committee on Initial Teacher Certification
E. Minutes, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
F. Minutes, Graduate Council
G. Minutes, Undergraduate Coordinating Council minutes
H. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
I. Minutes, University Benefits Committee minutes

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned.