FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006
BARSEMA ALUMNI AND VISITORS CENTER


Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as changed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2006 FS MEETING
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The minutes of the March 29 meeting were approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the President of the Faculty Senate/Executive Secretary of University Council

B. Report from the Committee to Evaluate the Faculty Personnel Advisor

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Recognition of Faculty Senators whose terms have expired:

Jeffrey Gordon, Marketing; Jean Pierce, Leadership, Educational Psych and Foundations; M.J. Blaschak, Allied Health; Steven Nord, Economics; Buck Stephen, Mathematics; and David Lonergan, University Libraries. P. Stoddard thanked the retiring senators for their service.
Those re-elected are James Johnson, Finance, Nancy Castle, Communicative Disorders; and Richard Greene, Geography.

The newly elected are Tanuja Singh, Marketing; Khan Mohabbat, Economics; Daniel Kempton, Political Science; Cason Snow, University Libraries; and Kerry Birch, LEPF.

B. Provost Search schedule

P. Stoddard announced the Provost search schedule, as it pertains to the Senate.

VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

A. Nancy Castle to discuss UNIV 101

N. Castle described the freshmen/new transfers course UNIV 101. Faculty interested in teaching a section should contact Denise Rode. B. Miller said that such courses are having a large impact, nationally, and student retention. N. Castle, in response to a question from C. Hubbard, said she believes there are 72 sections of about 15 people.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve faculty to serve on Libraries Advisory Committee and University Class II Judicial Board

The Consent Agenda, approving uncontested nominations for the Library Advisory Committee and the University Class II Judicial Board, was passed.

VIII. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Affairs – Kendall Thu, Chair – report

P. Stoddard, reporting for K. Thu, summarized the committee’s findings on the personal response systems (“clickers”) that are now being instituted in some classes. The students have remote devices and can instantly answer questions among other things. There was a plethora of systems being deployed around campus, which has the potential to raise a lot of problems; compatibility issues, cost to the students, convenience to the students and so forth. The committee suggested that we should probably think about recommending a campus-wide system, specifically the E-Instruction System.

J. Holt and C. Scheidenhelm discussed some of the systems available.

B. Miller and B. Miller expressed concerns over who will ultimately fund the chosen system(s).

C. Scheidenhelm commented that Communication, FCNS, Chemistry, and Biology are already considering systems to use. She also answered various technical and logistical questions from
N. Churyk, B. Miller, P. Henry, and C. Rollman.

A motion was made to recommend the university move towards one platform while acknowledging that it’s still too early to decide what that platform is. Student input is to be used as much as possible in deriving or determining which platform to ultimately go to.

The motion passed.

B. Economic Status of the Profession – Radha Balamuralikrishna, Chair – no report

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

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

J. Stephen reminded the Senate to charge Faculty Rights and Responsibilities next year to get the Provost to pick up the bill for the Faculty Personnel Advisor and support for the Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees, and to charge Rules and Governance with including someone from SPS on the FPA evaluation committee. B. Miller wanted to increase the database from which the FPA evaluation is done. She suggested an anonymous form to be filled out by FPA clients. P. Stoddard suggested referring this to Rules and Governance. N. Churyk raised the concern of a biased sampling from those going to the FPA. L. Kamenitsa agreed that the data be analyzed contextually. She also felt that we should not trust the Faculty Personnel Advisor to collect the data and suggested that we send it to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate anonymously.

E. Rules and Governance – Nancy Castle, Chair – report (Page 6)

The Rules and Governance committee, in response to questions that came up about the creation of the Academic Advising Center and whether the rules of shared governance had been followed, was asked to draft language that would improve communication between the Faculty Senate and the UCC and the Grad Council. On behalf of the committee, N. Castle moved that we give the Faculty Senate representatives on the Grad Council and the UCC time on the agenda of the second meeting of the Faculty Senate to apprise this group of the committees’ agendas, and then again at the end of the year to inform the Senate on what happened during the year.

The motion was seconded and passed.

F. Elections and Legislative Oversight – Stephen Nord, Chair – report

1. Election of President of Faculty Senate for 2006-2007

S. Nord moved that we accept the nomination of Paul Stoddard for President of the Faculty Senate, close the nominations and unanimously approve.

The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Election of UCPC representatives for 2006-2008

Balloting was conducted for the election of UCPC representatives for 2006-2008.

**D. Mathesius** will be letting everybody know who the winners are.

3. Committees of the University 2006-2007

Augden Windelborn (LAS) was elected to the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual Advisory Committee, replacing himself.

Jay Stravers (LAS) was elected to the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee, also replacing himself.

James Ciesla (HHS) was elected to the University Benefits Committee, replacing Michael Duffy.

James Stewart (EET), David Kyvig (LAS), and Maryline Lukacher (LAS) were elected to the University Press Board, replacing Youakim Al-Kalaani, Orayb Najjar, and Maryline Lukacher.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**P. Stoddard:** No unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Faculty Personnel Advisor – see e-mail from Alan Rosenbaum (Page 7)

**J. Stephen** nominated Alan Rosenbaum for Faculty Personnel Advisor. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and accept the nomination of Alan Rosenbaum by acclamation. The motion passed.

B. FAC to IBHE

**P. Stoddard** called for nominations for representative to the Faculty Advisory Council of the Board of Higher Education. None were immediately forthcoming.

XI. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. FAC to IBHE – Sharon Holmes – no report

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

XII. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

J. Stephen encouraged the President of the Faculty Senate to ask for transparency concerning the salary equity study. The details of that have not been released yet even though the Executive Summary has been out there for almost a year. P. Stoddard agreed to do so.

N. Castle, on behalf of herself, her husband John, and Jerrold and Carole Zar, invited senators to a reception at the Castle Library and Zar Terrace of the Barsema Alumni Center. That was very nice of her.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes, Academic Planning Council
B. Minutes, Athletic Board
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
H. Minutes, University Assessment Panel
I. Minutes, University Benefits Committee

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.