FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009. 3:00 P.M.
HOLMES STUDENT CENTER SKY ROOM


R. Blecksmith attended for D. Bowman.

Parliamentarian Ferald Bryan was present.


I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted. C. Snow made the motion; W. Baker was second.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2009 FACULTY SENATE MEETING (sent electronically)

The minutes were approved. C. Snow made the motion; W. Baker was second.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

V. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Stoddard asked J. Rintala to report on recent NCAA dealings.

J. Rintala reported that our Academic Progress Rate ranks very high for certain sports.
A. Recognition of Faculty Senate members

**Completed Terms:** James Johnson from Finance, Paul Brown from Management, Kerry Burch from Leadership Education, Psychological and Foundations, Earl Hansen, from Technology; Mari Valle from Nursing & Health Studies, C.T. Lin from Chemistry, Khan Mohabbat from Economics, Brian May from English, Douglas Bowman from Math, Cason Snow from Libraries, Jeff Kowalski from Art.

**Re-elected:** Deb Zahay from Marketing, Nancy Castle from Allied Health and Communicative Disorders, David Goldblum from Geography, Stephen Martin from Physics, and David Valentiner from Psychology.

**Newly elected:** Gina Nicolosi from Finance, Abul Azad from Technology, Ayhan Lash from Nursing and Health Sciences, George A. Slotsve from Economics, Richard Blecksmith from Mathematical Sciences, and Jitka Hurych from University Libraries.

VI. ITEMS FOR FACULTY SENATE CONSIDERATION

C. Snow presented the outgoing president with a clock that has been nicely engraved.

P. Stoddard expressed his appreciation.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. Election and Legislative Oversight (Part 1) – Cason Snow, Chair

1. Alan Rosenbaum outpolled Kendall Thu to become the next Faculty Senate President.

2. David Wade outpolled David Valentiner and will be the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor for 2009-2011.

3. In a 3-way race with H. Joel Jeffrey and Debra Zahay, Earl Hansen was elected FAC to the IBHE Representative for 2009-2013.

B. FAC to IBHE – Earl Hansen – report (Pages 13 – 17)

P. Henry asked if a reported insurance premium rate increase for state employees might be something the IBHE should comment on.

E. Hansen responded that there have been many discussions about this.

P. Stoddard added that nothing had been decided yet, and added some details.
B. Cesarek added information from the SPS council.

Much discussion followed.

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


F. BOT – Paul Stoddard – no report.

IX. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Elections and Legislative Oversight (Part II) – Cason Snow, Chair

1. Election of UCPC representatives for 2009-2011

D. Jarman will be contacting the winners.

2. Committees of the University 2009 – 2010

Candidates for APASC were Wayne Finley, Augden Windelborn, and Donald Zinger. The winner was Donald Zinger.

Campus Parking Committee candidates: Andrew Otieno and Steven Wright. Steven Wright was the winner.

Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee candidates: Kerry Ferris, Luis Garcia, Mary Grosch, and Liping Guo. Mary Grosch won.

Intellectual Property Committee: Gary Chen, Jessica Raymond and Tom Sims were elected.

University Benefits Committee: Amy Levin was elected.

University Press Board: David Gorman and David Kyvig were elected.

B. Academic Affairs – Mari Valle, Chair – no report.


D. Resource, Space and Budget – Michael Morris, Chair – report. (Page 18)
P. Henry reported that the committee discussed parking, and that nothing has happened yet.

Much discussion followed.

E. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities – Rosemary Feurer, Chair – report

R. Feurer reported that the committee looked at the issue of transparency in the way changes are made in departmental recommendations and rankings of sabbatical or research or artistry requests. The committee proposes that if a proposal ranked first or second in a department is moved down (within the department, by a non-department body), an explanation must be provided to the department and to the faculty member.

D. Wade suggested that a bylaw change might be called for and move to refer it to University Council for consideration. There was no second.

K. Thu: I move to adopt the resolution that the Senate recommends that any changes in college or departmental rankings that effects funding of research and artistry or sabbatical shall be explained in writing to the department or college and to the applicants with specific reasons for any placement changes and that this will be forwarded as to the University Council at an appropriate time in the near future.

The motion was seconded and passed.

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

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P. Stoddard, following up on two issues from earlier meetings reported that 1) the President and Provost would look into scheduling spring break to coincide with local school system spring breaks, and 2) Associate Provost Virginia Cassidy selects sabbatical reports to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

K. Thu made a motion that the Faculty Senate support Steve Cunningham’s nomination for the reconstituted SURS board.

The motion passed unanimously.

XII. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.