

Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2005, 3:00 p.m.
ELC 405

I. Call to order by President David Rees

In attendance: David Rees (President), Luciane Berg (President-elect; also proxy for Britton Mace), Seth Armstrong (Treasurer), Helen Boswell (Secretary), Doug Molash (Parliamentarian), Shawn Christiansen, Richard Eissinger (also proxy for John Eye), Robert Eves, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Artis Grady, Scott Hansen, Judy Higbee (also proxy for Rick Lambson), Kim Craft (also proxy for Kathy Black), Elise Leahy, Carol Ann Modesitt (also proxy for Arlene Braithwaite), Paul Ocampo, Art Porter, Ty Redd, Bob Robertson, Kevin Robinson, Jessica Tvordi.

Visitor: Provost Abe Harraf.

II. Review and approval of minutes from February 24.

Motion (Jessica Tvordi) to approve and seconded (Bob Robertson).

Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Officer's Reports

A. Treasurer (Seth Armstrong)

Expenses year to date:

In fund account: \$289.97 currently spent, leaving \$1,368.03 in balance.

In dues account. \$2810 collected this year, leaving a balance of \$15,455.76.

B. President's Report (David Rees)

Proposals from Senators: \$500 has been allocated to Judy Higbee's proposal to hold Fall workshops on health and fitness. \$500 has been allocated to Luciane Berg's proposal to hold Fall workshops on bullying in the workplace.

Electing new senators for three-year terms: PVA: 1 term to be elected; Science: 3 terms to be elected; CIET: 2 terms to be elected; HSS: 2 terms to be elected; At-large: 1 term to be elected. Elections should be held before the April Senate meeting and are to be coordinated within each college by the senior senator whose term is expiring at the end of this semester.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Grace A. Tanner Distinguished Faculty Lecture Committee report (Richard Eissinger)
Jim Vlasich (awardee) and Michael Stathis (alternative)

B. Outstanding Scholar Committee report (Helen Boswell)
S.S. Moorty (awardee)

C. Distinguished Educator Committee report (Elise Leahy)
Mark Barton (Distinguished Educator awardee)
Debra Hill, Linda Marriot, Carl Franklin (Outstanding Educator awardees)

D. Constitution Committee report: Ballots are not tallied at this point. Wording change for clarification has been included: “The teaching load of the Faculty Senate President is reduced by two classes per year (6 semester hours total).”

E. Policy Development Authority Policy:

Discussion: III. E. A new committee (if in lieu of Academic Affairs Committee) comprised of administration and faculty will still face deadlocks. Deadlocks may be limited if the Associate Provost is invited to give input as a non-voting member in the Academic Affairs Committee to facilitate process. Currently is no safeguard for the passing of policies back and forth between Faculty Senate and Dean’s Council. This proposed policy will eliminate the “passing back and forth” process, but this process is beneficial for the sake of allowing for defense of one’s original input. Ultimately, the Provost decides when a policy has had enough modifications. Need checks and balances with some limit to the number of modifications. Need rationale attached to any changes made by parties.

a. **Motion** (Robert Eves): **III.E.1.a. Modify such that the policy goes through Academic Affairs Committee with the Associate Provost present as a non-voting member.**

Seconded (Carol Ann Modesitt)

Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.

b. **Motion** (Art Porter): **III.E.1.a. and b. Policies will continue to go between the Faculty Senate and Dean’s Council with rationale for any changes until one or the other party reports to the Provost that an impasse is reached.**

Seconded (Carol Ann Modesitt) followed by no further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.

c. **Motion** (Robert Eves): **Arbitration Committee shall cease to function**

Seconded (Luciane Berg) followed by no discussion.

Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.

d. **Wording change:** III.E.3. and all other sections that apply: Remove the word “cognizant”.

e. **Motion** (Robert Eves) **to accept policy with approved changes as above.**

Seconded (Ty Redd)

Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.

F. Definition of Faculty Policy:

a. **Motion** (Robert Eves): **I. Include specific reference to “SUU policy 6.1.3”**

Seconded (Art Porter)

Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.

b. Motion (Robert Eves): to strike last paragraph in III.1. as the information in the paragraph is redundant with description of graduate faculty.

Seconded (Shawn Christiansen)

Motion defeated with 12 in favor, 9 opposed, 1 abstention.

- c. Motion (Doug Molash): III.C.2.a. add to Educational qualifications “and/or professional experience as defined by specialized accrediting bodies”
Seconded (Carol Ann Modesitt) followed by discussion: Not all fields may have specialized accrediting bodies. Definition of educational qualifications are in 6.1.
Motion withdrawn.
- d. **Motion (Doug Molash): III.C.2.a. and 3.a. Replace the definition of educational qualifications with the approved definition from Policy 6.1.**
Seconded (Carol Ann Modesitt)
Motion passed unanimously with 24 in favor.
- e. **Motion (Seth Armstrong) to remove the table regarding faculty course loads from the policy.**
Seconded (Doug Molash) followed by discussion: This information is covered in the Faculty Load Policy.
Motion passed with 23 in favor and 1 abstention.
- f. **Motion (Doug Molash) to accept Definition of Faculty Policy with approved changes.**
Seconded (Paul Ocampo)
Motion passed with 21 in favor and 2 opposed.

G. Academic Affairs Policy

- a. Discussion: To what do “Academic Unit” and “Academic Department” refer? Would it be better to have a dean from an outside college or a department chair from within the college serve as chair of the search committee for a dean? The chair of the committee would not have voting power, only organizational duties.
- b. Problems that need to be addressed:
 - i. What is an Academic Unit?
 - ii. Grammatical corrections need to be made. (Elise Leahy to assist)
 - iii. Awarding of tenure of deans should follow 6.1, not the procedure as per the wording of this policy.
 - iv. “Two-strike rule” of vote of no confidence for the dean needs to be included in policy as discussed and included in minutes from Feb. 24 meeting.
 - v. Exceptions to qualifications of doctorate or terminal agree will be allowed under certain circumstances in the areas of Business and PVA.
 - vi. Division Heads are no longer at the institution; remove reference.

H. Motion to adjourn (Robert Eves) and seconded (Luciane Berg).