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Minutes for the Meeting of the Senate of the Faculty
April 14, 2005 4:45 PM

Thad Cochran Research Center (Natural Products Center), Room 2066

Meeting called to order with a quorum at 4:49

Present: Edmund Acevedo, Robert Albritton, Tony Ammeter, Laurie Cozad, Walter Davis, Donna Davis, Garey Fox, Ray Fulton, Jamie Harker, Greg Johnson, Mark Lewis, Diane Marting, Chris McCurdy, KB Melear, Milorad Novicevic, Daniel O'Sullivan, Scott Owens, Elizabeth Payne, Michael Repka, Paul Secunda, Laura Sheppardson, Elizabeth Stephan, Dan Subramanian, Joe Sumrall, Joe Urgo, Randy Wadkins, Michael Waterstone, Nancy Wicker, Kathleen Wickham, Kristine Willett, Haidong Wu, Alexander Yakovlev, Fan Yang

Absent: Janice Bounds, Judith Cassidy, Alice Cooper, Conrad Cunningham, Tristan Denley, Rick Elam*, Matthew Hall, Jeffrey Jackson, Ivo Kamps, Fred Lorenzo, Jennifer Mizenko, Sidney Rowland*, Bill Scott*, Warren Steel, Mary Thurlkill, Charles West, John Winkle,

* *Prior Notification*

I. Old Business

A. Minutes of the March 10, 2005

It was requested that senate discussions should be presented in the minutes in a summary format rather than as *verbatim* comments of individual senators. Individual senators should be identified when motions are involved.

Senator Urgo motioned to approve minutes

Senator McCurdy seconded

Motion passed without dissent

II. REVISITED- Post Tenure Review Change of Wording (Dr. Eftink Letter)

CURRENT STATEMENT

"If the subsequent review again yields an unsatisfactory rating (and this rating is upheld on appeal, for which see below), the matter shall be forwarded to the Office of the Provost for further appropriate action."

RECOMMENDED ADDITION

"This action may include reassignment of the individual to a non-faculty position within the University or to initiate existing procedures for the termination of tenured faculty for just cause."

Discussion:

Several potential conflicts between the proposed change of wording and policies already enumerated in the University's current post-tenure review policy were presented. Inconsistencies should be resolved before adding new language. Is this issue coming from the IHL? How are other campuses responding?

Senator Albritton motioned to table the amendment until outstanding issues are addressed in committee.

Senator Repka second

Motion passed without dissent

III. New Business

A. University Judicial Council- Lori Wolfe

Dr. Wolfe spoke on the relationship between the Judicial Council and the Faculty Senate. She inquired as to whether the Faculty Senate was comfortable with choosing the four faculty representatives for the Council?

Discussion with Dr. Wolfe:

Why are four faculty and four students the best solution? Dr. Wolfe: It gives equal representation.

Does plagiarism fall under Judicial Council jurisdiction? Dr. Wolfe: The Judicial Council does not deal with plagiarism issues.

Senators discussed best method for filling faculty positions on the Council.

Senator Davis motioned to send this issue to the Faculty Governance Committee for their consideration.

Motion passed without dissent

B. Residence College Report- Joe Urgo

- ◆ Residential colleges will not happen soon (3-5 years); we◆re just doing research
- ◆ Task force visited several institutions
- ◆ Residential college approach would challenge:
 - ◆ Greek system
 - ◆ Co-ed housing
 - ◆ Very large halls on campus
 - ◆ Advantages
 - ◆ Students are responding to living in smaller communities
 - ◆ Dorms are being renovated anyway-take advantage of it
 - ◆ Growing interest in having classrooms in dormitories; living and learning communities

Senator discussion with Senator Urgo:

Should the University switch over at once? It seems financially burdensome.

Dr. Urgo: The switch would be in name only; until bond money comes through, renovate accordingly.

What is the main motivation?

Dr. Urgo: National movement to break down large campuses to smaller communities; foster sense of allegiance and community. There◆s indication that retention rate increases; gives affiliation for students who choose not to go Greek. Greek system and intramurals & breaking it down would create challenges;

Is it geared to freshman?

Dr. Urgo: All students that are in a residence college;◆ won◆t necessarily live there, but have access/affiliation to residential

