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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Meeting held in Bryant 209

Senators in Attendance:

Susan Allen, Adnan Aydin, Robert Albritton, Michael Barnett, Melissa Bass, Will Berry, Sarah Blackwell, Mark Bing, David Case, Judith Cassidy, Yunghee Chang , Jason Dewland, Robert Doerksen, Daneel Ferreira, Les Field, John Garner, Carol Gohm, Jason Kovari, John Lobur, Soumyajit Majumdar, Mustafa Matalgah, Erwin Mina-Diaz, Ann Monroe, Mike Mossing, Stephanie Noble, Brice Noonan, Brian Reithel, Philip Rhodes, Charles Ross, Jeff Roux, Bashir Salau, Chris Sapp, Paul Scovazzo, Zia Shariat-Madar, Steven Skultety, Jason Solinger, Debra Spurgeon, Don Summers, Durant Thompson , Lollie Vaughan, Mark Walker, Alex Watson, Donna West-Strum, Lorri Williamson, Ethel Young Minor, Ahmet Yukleyen

Senators absent with prior notification:

Amanda Johnston

Senators absent with replacements:

Brian Reithel replaced by Milam Aiken
Don Summers replaced by Emanuele Berti

Senators absent without notification:

Chung Song, Bill Chappell, Ronald Schroeder, Mark Dole

Agenda

- Senator Albritton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- First order of business: Approve minutes of last meeting
 - Moved by Sen. Lobur
 - Seconded by Sen. Barnett
 - Approved unanimously
- Second order of business: Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Some senators have expressed a need for more detailed agendas.
 - This should be brought before the senate as a whole
 - Issue of representation for nontenured faculty
 - AAUP has recommended that chair of AAUP governance committee come and speak to us in February on this issue
 - Move to table representation issue until February
 - Seconded by Senator Barnett
 - Approved unanimously
 - Sen. Lobur: Can we get some numbers?
 - Sen. Albritton: Yes
 - Academic Affairs
 - University tobacco-free campus
 - Adoption of a resolution in support of this
 - Passed unanimously in committee
 - Move to adopt said proposal
 - Seconded
 - Comment: resolution has no teeth
 - Sen. Lobur: Should be some provision made for people who are addicted
 - Sen. Harker: Will place an undue burden on 9-5 staff workers
 - Sen. Barnett: Concerns about disadvantages in hiring
 - Millions of potential candidates could be turned off
 - 14 MS schools don't have such bans in place
 - Stricter enforcement preferable to outright ban
 - Background and rationale explained and summarized from resolution by committee chair
 - Would include no smoking in the Grove
 - People encouraged to take advantage of "cessation programs"
 - Violators will be "verbally warned" with "reasonable fine" as an ultimate penalty
 - Question: Who would issue the fine?
 - Unclear; perhaps the campus police
 - Division of Student Affairs authored and endorsed proposal
 - Staff council has done so as well
 - Comment: Under existing system, certain areas are designated for smoking. Have campus police refused to enforce it?
 - People have been flaunting it
 - If the current policy is not enforced, who is to say that this new one will be enforced?

- Question: Does this include snuff and chewing tobacco?
 - Yes
 - Move the previous question: Moved that the senate endorse the DOSA proposal for a tobacco-free campus
 - Seconded
 - Yea 15
 - Nay 13
 - Motion passes
 - Request that vote totals be forwarded along with resolution
 - Academic Support
 - No report
 - Finance
 - No report
 - Subpoint2
 - Subpoint3
 - University Services
 - Report on distracted driving (e.g. cell phone use)
 - Mississippi state law prevents local distracted driving laws; state laws are only route for this
 - Multiple such bills have died in committee
 - Education campaigns are only possibility at present
 - See attached for full copy
 - GOVERNANCE: No Report
- Third order of business: Old business
 - Electing COIA representative
 - Will Berry from Law volunteered
 - Nominated
 - Moved
 - Approved by acclamation
- Fourth order of business: New business
 - Nontenured representatives tabled
 - Cell phone use addressed above
 - Support for "green fund"
 - Students pressing for small fee to tuition for funding projects for an energy-sustainable campus
 - MS State has a similar program
 - Sen. Watson: How can a fee be charged when Chancellor has said that fees cannot be charged?
 - Would go to IHL for "tuition increase" with the new money going into the fund
 - Sen. Lobur: Would be a student-controlled fund
 - Sen. Doerksen: ASB president has vetoed item according to DM
 - Has actually been sent back for clarification
 - Sen. Albritton: Should be tabled for now; perhaps a representative could brief us
 - Sen. Harker: \$2 mil to athletics; Faculty should move to stop this

- Sen. Albritton: Used to be a fee; is now a tuition deduction
- Should be referred to a committee, perhaps Finance
 - Comment: much of money subsidizes student ticket prices; committee can look into it
 - Sen. Barnett: Should that include all "tuition fees" including, for example, subsidized tickets for theater events?
 - Sen. Harker: No, just athletics
 - Comment: All sports, or just revenue-generating sports?
 - Sen. Harker: specific concern is for tuition money going to athletics in a time of high athletic income (e.g. from TV)
 - Comment: What about the rifle team and other low-profit to no-profit teams?
 - Sen. Harker: Information would be welcome
- Provost Stocks' slides from several meetings ago: Need to be circulated as promised
- Fifth order of business: January meeting
 - Motion to forego late January mtg. in favor of February only
 - Moved
 - Seconded
 - Approved unanimously
- Senator Albritton closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.