

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: January 15, 1999
SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting held on January 7, 1999

The Steering Committee was called to order by Dr. Ida J. Cook, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The Minutes of November 5, 1998 were unanimously approved. Members present included Drs. Lee Armstrong, Lee Cross, Richard Tucker, Karl-Heinrich Barsch, John Leeson, Phillip Taylor, Naval Modani, Rosie Joels, James McBrayer, Linda Malone, Provost Gary Whitehouse, and Vice Provost Frank Juge.

Announcements

Dr. Cook announced that Dr. Frank Juge was awaiting feedback from President Hitt and several administrators on the Parking Resolution 1998-1999-2. Dr. John Leeson, Faculty Senate representative on the Parking and Traffic Committee, reported that he had attended their last meeting. Mr. William Merck, Vice President of Administration and Finance, also attended the meeting. They had discussed utilization of various lots on campus. The Faculty Senate resolution was not approved; however, a resolution for 50% of faculty parking slots on each side of campus was passed by the Committee. There are presently two signs posted informing students and faculty of the change in time. (That faculty parking lots are not open for student parking Monday through Thursday until after 7:00 p.m.) They plan on adding two more rows for faculty in the paved lot across from the Engineering building. They also discussed the differential in price of hang tags and stickers for cars.

Dr. Cook reported that she had received a memorandum from Dr. Juge regarding an attachment on Consensual Relations, a Section of the Harassment Policy drafted by the College of Arts and Sciences. The University's counsel reviewed the draft and discovered concerns on certain aspects of the proposal. The Provost suggested that the Section on Consensual Relations be brought to the attention of the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee to address the issue. This memorandum had been forwarded to Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair of the Personnel Committee, for their deliberation.

Dr. Cook also stated that she had forwarded the memorandum from Provost Whitehouse regarding Honors calculations for graduation to Dr. James Campbell, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. A final proposal on this issue is imperative by next fall.

Provost Gary Whitehouse announced the water problems that the University was presently enduring. It seems that a water main had broken at Lake Claire, disabling several of the Greek houses. The water problem should be completely repaired and back in running order after this weekend. The drinking water has also been an extremely big problem and that will also be corrected.

Standing Committee Reports

Personnel

Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair, reported that the committee has not met yet this semester, but the Consensual Relations issue will be on their agenda for the next meeting.

Budget and Administrative Procedures

Dr. Naval Modani reported that the committee also has not met this semester, but they will meet soon. He stated that the Constitution Committee had not met because they were waiting on the new draft from the Graduate Council. Dr. Modani also reported that Dr. Karen Smith, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, had questions that needed answered in regard to the possibility of adding the Center to the list of Faculty Senate Reporting Committees. Dr. Cook stated that she had contacted Dr. Smith in this regard and that a final draft would be forthcoming.

Graduate Council

Dr. Malone, Chair, reported that the subcommittees were extremely busy with several items they are considering.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch reported on the three resolutions presented to the Steering Committee. He answered several questions that had been brought up at previous meetings regarding compliance with SACS accreditation, limiting study abroad credits, and qualification of faculty. After a lengthy discussion by the Steering Committee and some minor modifications, each resolution was unanimously approved. (The revised resolutions are attached.) They will be considered by the Faculty Senate on January 21, 1999.

OTHER

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Groupwise e-mail system was not working and there have been problems with the phone system. Provost Whitehouse reported that Groupwise was in the process of upgrading and the Department of Computer Services was consolidating servers at this time. All should be corrected and in working order by the end of January.

Dr. Rosie Joels asked about the question brought up regarding instructors serving on Faculty Senate Committees. A revision to the Faculty Senate Constitution may be needed. Dr. Modani stated that he will review the matter with the Constitution Revision Committee.

Dr. Cook inquired of the Steering Committee if it would approve Dr. Essam Radwan, Chair of the Strategic Planning Council, making a brief presentation at the Faculty Senate on January 21, 1999. Discussion was held on the time of presentation. It was approved for the presentation to be held at the end of the Senate meeting.

Dr. Cook announced that she will be out of town on January 21, 1999 attending a conference. Dr. Lee Armstrong, Vice Chair, has a previous engagement and will be unable to chair the meeting. Dr. Lee Cross, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, has agreed to chair the meeting.

Dr. Cook also announced that in regard to the letter on the cheating incident, this subject will be taken up at the next meeting. Presently it was agreed that the instructor be encouraged to appeal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.