

University Faculty Senate Minutes January 16, 2003

Members present: Bill Abbott, Terry Bilhartz, Leonard Breen, Ted Creighton, Mary Lynn DeShazo, Mary Gutermuth, Marsha Harman, Penny Hasekoester, Deborah Hatton, Joan Hudson, Ann Jerabek, Gerald Kohers, Paul Loeffler, Holly Miller, Valerie Muehsam, Debra Price

Members absent: Joanne Ardovini-Brooker (professional conflict), Jeff Harwell (professional conflict), David Henderson (class), Joe Kirk (professional conflict), Kandi Tayebi (professional conflict), Victoria Titterington (class), Tamara Waggoner (professional conflict), Gene Young (professional conflict)

Chair's Report

Chair Muehsam reported that there are lots of rumors about the State Budget but no specifics are known at this time. However, she indicated that as information becomes available, the faculty will be informed. It has been rumored that the State may ask us to cut this year's budget, so administration has been preparing for that possibility. As a Faculty Senate, we may want to consider a resolution that academic needs be met first. It seems counterproductive to make cuts that affect our revenue stream—enrollment.

No APC meeting this month.

Approval of Minutes— The December 5, 2002 Faculty Senate minutes were approved as amended.

New Business—Faculty Senate meetings were rescheduled for the Spring semester. Meetings are as follows: Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Mar 6, April 10 and May 1. All meetings will be held in Austin Hall from 3:30 –5:00 p.m.

- Dr. Payne is scheduled to be at the next meeting to discuss restructuring and possibly the budget issues.
- Dr. Sam Sullivan, who has agreed to serve as Chair of Curriculum and Instruction, has given up his seat on the Senate. Replacing Dr. Sullivan for the remainder of his term will be Dr. S. Thomas Kordinak, Psychology. The Senate welcomes our new Senator from the College of Education and Applied Sciences.
- The Task Force on the Academic Culture report was completed and given to the President. One findings was increased productivity of faculty seeking promotion and tenure even though standards have not been formally changed. Conversations continued about the idea of increased productivity actually indicating increases in overall effectiveness.
- FYI. Terry Bilhartz announced that February 6 is the official date for the dedication of the new auditorium in the AB4 building. The History department will sponsor several events to celebrate the naming of the auditorium for Dr. James Olson. Watch for announcements for these events.

Old Business—

- Reapplying for admission after taking a semester off needs to be examined. Currently students who lay out a long semester are required to reapply for admission to the University.
- The numbers of students using the library during the break was low even with the increased hours. Library staff will continue to look at staffing needs during those periods when school is not in session.

Committee Reports—

- University Affairs, Leonard Breen, Chair, No report.
- Committee on Committees and Surveys, Mary Lynn DeShazo, Chair, No report.
- Academic Affairs, Debra Price, Chair, No report.
- Faculty Affairs, Tamara Waggoner, Chair, No report.

The Senate was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Price
For Kandi Tayebi
Chair-Elect