



Report from Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

September 9, 2010

SKH 369 at 12:45 P.M.

PRESENT: English, Joiner, Warboys, Etzkorn, Newman, Rountree, Sitaraman, Severn, Karbhari, Gupta, Williams

Reports from Administration:

Dr. Dave Williams—reported the Budget is in process and at this point everything has gone to the Board. The Board will be meeting this time next week. We have heard nothing to believe proration is in the works—believe the budget put forward is the budget that will be approved and there should be pay raises as planned. We won't know until after the Board Meeting and after the start of the fiscal year on 10-1. Hope to implement the plan we have.

Dr. Vistasp Karbhari stated you all have the notes I sent you. Unless you have questions I won't go over the notes.

I met with Dr. Jennifer English and Dr. Timothy Newman today to discuss two resolutions—I will send an email on that later. We will look into the issues regarding keys—it looks like policies and procedures are not known or are not established. There is overlap of duties in the new committee, etc. I will put more in an email. We will talk to the Executive Committee and the Senate.

We are sending four chairs to participate in the ACE Leadership and Workshop-in Austin Texas in November, Drs. Don Bowyer, Sonja Brown Givens, Brent Wren, and Deb Moriarity.

Question: Preliminary enrollment report is out, do you have any more detail? Not more than is in my report. Not broken down yet by Freshmen-etc. Definition of Freshmen is an issue—cohort shifts a bit. Freshmen numbers a little down. More than the percentages here. Out of the NISPs going to the next week's Board meeting, we are placing one on hold. More information has been requested on the MSISTEM (Master of Science in Integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Report/Comments from Dr. Jennifer English-Faculty Senate President

Finance and Resources Committee is still lacking a Chair. I emailed the committee again but there was no response. I will report back from the Board meeting and then I will post the college budgets. When I talked to the Provost this morning he reported regarding the salary pool that most deans have already submitted plans for the colleges. If you want to know what the philosophy is in your college the dean should share that with faculty. Some asked department chairs for input and some are going by information they have on the faculty at the dean's level. Each dean was given the latitude to do what they wanted.

Dr. Jennifer English will get a list of University Committees —who is on the Committees and when they last met to check for any overlap of Committees and to make sure there is Senate representation on the Committees.

The Provost receives a transmittal form that includes the date of when he received a resolution. It is logged in by the staff in his office and he will send an email. Dr. Jennifer English will put it on the website to constantly remind us of the status.

Faculty and Student Development

There was a question for Dr. Ina Warboys regarding mentoring as part of teaching excellence? Center for Teaching Excellence is restricted to teaching for teaching excellence. Some mentoring needs to be centralized and some needs to be individualized. There is no oversight to make sure mentoring is being done. Make sure the right things are done at the right time. The Ombudsperson will be starting some type of mentoring process. The mentoring part is under faculty development. Maybe we need a Faculty Center of Excellence that goes along with Center for Teaching Excellence. We can talk about this when we have more time.

Governance and Operations

The Committee has a bill that we will talk about later. Dr. Jennifer English stated she sent the Executive Committee something on edit to bills and how to handle. Give her your input. She will send one with the changes highlighted.

Personnel

The Handbook Committee will report back to the Personnel Committee. The Handbook Committee will send you chunks of the edited Handbook —1-4 is boiler plate, 6 and 9 done, 8 is almost finished. Seven will come last. Look and see if you agree with the edits. Updated policies but did not change per se. We will then send it to the Executive Committee and on to the full Senate. We may have a special meeting for that. Double check bylaws and eligibility for Senate. It will eventually go to the Board for approval.

Senate Bills 339 and 340—who can vote on Chair, who can be chair?

Clean up title of bill for clarity—Faculty Eligibility Voting for Chair should be the title.

Senate Bill 339—Department Chair Eligibility—Department Chair Conflict of Interest Bill, appropriate language added to next bill. Dr. Timothy Newman moves seconded by Dr. Jeet Gupta to send this bill back to Personnel. Please send specific comments to Dr. Bhavani Sitaraman. Dr. Jennifer English will send copies of revised bills.

Senate Bill 340—Faculty Eligibility Voting for Chair—clarify residency—define or redefine line 6. The bill needs more work. Minimum criteria to vote. Dr. Timothy Newman moved, seconded by Dr. Jeet Gupta to send this bill back to Committee. There was 1 abstaining.

Dr. Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Dr. Laurie Joiner to table discussion on other bills. There were 2 abstaining.

Senate Bill 347—Library Security —Committee looked at disturbing reports and arrests recently. Police in the Library about 12 times—kicked out people for surfing porn—bathing in restroom. Swipe card is system installed but not implemented. Legally ok. Dr. Jeet Gupta moved, seconded by Dr. Timothy Newman to put this bill on the agenda. The bill will be on the agenda at second reading.

Senate Bill 348—GPA Calculation of Honors—concerns for transfer students—we need a bit more on number of hours. Dr. Timothy Newman moved, seconded by Dr. Jeet Gupta to table this bill back to committee.

Senate Bill 349—Non Senators on Committees—these Committee Members do not get a vote on the Faculty Senate, they are just part of the Committees. Dr. Ina Warboys moved, seconded by Dr. Clarke Rountree to put this bill on the agenda at second reading. The bill is on the agenda at second reading.

Agenda for September 23, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting:

Senate Bill 341—University Committee Transparency will be first on the agenda for the 9/23/10 Meeting.

Bill 347—Library Security will be on the 9/23/10 Agenda at second reading

Bill 349—Non Senators on Committees will be on the 9/23/10 Agenda at second reading

Old Business—The bill from Dr. Rich Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.