

Present: Diane Johnson, Peter Rolnick, Dana Delaware, Nabil Alghalith, Bryce Jones, Susan LaGrassa, Terry Olson, Kathryn Brammall, Doug Davenport, Adam Davis, Scott Olsen, Jennifer Thompson, Jim Pauls, Chris Maglio, John Bohac, Daniel McGurk, Doug Reinsch, Matt Szewczyk, Lizz Esfeld, Candy Young, Garry Gordon, Lou Ann Gilcrist, James Guffey, Jana Morton

CALL TO ORDER

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on November 29, 2007 at 3:05 pm.

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES

Carrying two votes: Diane Johnson & Pam Gardner

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made D. Delaware to approve the minutes. Pam Gardner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

REPORTS

President's Report – The President was unavailable.

Student Senate Report – Matt Szewczyk noted that there was nothing to report.

Faculty Senate Report – J. Guffey presented the minutes from a special meeting held on November 15th in which 5 year reviews were presented by Biology, Accounting, History, Economics and Sociology/Anthropology. J. Guffey stated that several members felt that the information that is asked for to complete 5 year reviews should be evaluated.

A motion was made by D. Delaware to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by D. Davenport. A vote was taken and 16 voted in favor, 0 voted in favor for 2nd vote, 1 voted against, 1 voted against for 2nd vote, and 2 abstained. The motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the 5 year review reports by D. Delaware. The motion was seconded by B. Jones. A vote was taken and 18 voted in favor, 1 voted in favor for 2nd vote, 0 against and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

J. Guffey thanked everyone present for their work on the search process for the new Provost/VPAA.

J. Guffey presented the *Charge for Committee to Implement the Instructor Ratings Process*. After much discussion and multiple amendments, a motion was made to form the composition of the committee with three students – one of whom would be a Graduate student, three faculty – one of whom would be a Graduate Faculty, one person from the Provost/VPAA Office, Julie Lochbaum and Candy Young. The committee would have co-chairs, one faculty member and one student which would be chosen by the committee from the existing committee members. A

vote was taken on the final composition of the committee and 12 voted in favor, 1 voted in favor for 2nd vote, 7 voted against, 0 voted against for 2nd vote and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Update and Overview of Policy Concerning Students who are Threatening or Troubled-

Lou Ann Gilchrist reported on the update and overview of policy concerning students who are threatening or troubled. The following questions were taken from the Spring 2007 Issue of Synthesis: Law and Policy in Higher Education:

1. What should I do if I have concerns about a student?
2. How frequent are homicides and other violent crimes on campus?
3. How dangerous is college teaching?
4. School shootings are often suicides. How widespread is suicide among college students?
5. Are more students coming to college with mental disorders?
6. Shouldn't we routinely remove depressed students, especially if they report suicidal ideation?
7. Is there an association between mental illness and violence?
8. How can I identify potentially violent students?
9. Should I talk with a student about my concerns?

After each question was presented, she provided additional information. It was noted that this information should be shared with the faculty at large. The Student Affairs Office is currently working on a brochure to hand out and would be glad to meet with disciplines and departments.

ACTION ITEMS

Dates for spring Faculty Senate meetings were presented. There was some concern regarding the January & April dates and alternatives were suggested. We will look into options and post final meeting dates and locations as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Jones presented an amendment to **SB0607 Process for Approving Curriculum Changes Affecting Only One Discipline** called **Process for Approving Curriculum changes Affecting only one Department (or the School of Business)**.

J. Guffey asked to extend the meeting 15 minutes to complete the remaining agenda items. S. Olsen made a motion and D. Delaware seconded the motion. All voted and were in favor. Motion passed.

After much discussion, it was agreed to keep SB0607 format but amend it to read:

*For 2007-2008, issues of curriculum that are proposed by and **which** affect a single major will have the following approval process:*

- *Approved by **relevant** Faculty of that major*
- *Approved by Chair of the Department of that major (where applicable)*
- *Approved by appropriate Dean or designee*
- *Approved by Provost**

**At some point before approval by provost reviewed by All Chairs*

There was a good deal of discussion and a number of suggestions for improvement were made; the matter will be brought back by B. Jones at the next meeting.

The ***Response to HB 213-Principals on Intellectual Diversity*** was presented. It was noted that a different word choice for the phrase “*the boundary between modeling advocacy and indoctrination*” would be better. Another changed noted was “*to model the engage citizens*” would be better than “*modeling advocacy and indoctrination*”. There was overall support from Faculty Senate for this response but they would like to see a few minor changes and then have it presented again.

J. Guffey again asked to extend the meeting time five more minutes. D. Delaware made a motion and T. Olsen seconded the motion. All voted and were in favor. Motion passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

There was some discussion over whether new courses could be listed as consent items. A motion was made by C. Young to move all consent items to action items so they could be voted on as a whole and was seconded by T. Olsen. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

A vote was then taken to approve all action items. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 14 at 1:00 pm in BH 156.