

Present: Peter Rolnick, Nabil Alghalith, Bryce Jones, Susan LaGrassa, Terry Olson, Kathryn Brammall, Scott Olsen, Daniel McGurk, Pam Gardner, Lucy Lee, Jim Pauls, John Bohac, Dana Delaware, Candy Young, Michael Kelrick, James Guffey, Cynthia Cooper, Regina Moran, Doug Davenport, Diane Johnson, Jennifer Thompson, Chris Maglio, Garry Gordon and Jana Morton

CALL TO ORDER

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on April 24, 2008 at 3:10 pm.

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES

Carrying two votes: Scott Olsen & Pam Gardner

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

REPORTS

President's Report – President Dixon was unavailable.

Student Senate Report – No student reps were present.

Faculty Governance Restructuring Committee – Diane Johnson reported that the committee had received several comments to the blog and the committee had made a few more changes. The report will be reviewed when we get to Discussion Items.

Enrollment Management Report – Regina Moran was asked to present the enrollment management report to Faculty Senate, in particular, how Truman is using the 10% exception to the standard admission requirement.

She reported that the College Board presented the CollegeKeys Compact to all Presidents and is asking Universities and Colleges to sign. It states:

In recognition of the right of every student to prepare for, enroll in, and succeed in college, as a member of the College Board's CollegeKeys Compact, we believe that

- All students are capable of being prepared for college and that educators, families, communities, and policymakers have the responsibility to ensure that all students, including those from low-income backgrounds, graduate from high school ready for college success.
- All qualified students from low-income backgrounds should receive particular consideration in recruitment, admissions, and financial aid, and that colleges and universities should make every effort to meet the financial needs of this population in ways that make enrollment and full participation in the college experience possible.
- Colleges and universities have a responsibility to provide essential academic support, financial aid, and targeted social and emotional support to ensure that all enrolled students will have every chance to succeed in their chosen academic programs.

Truman is hesitant at this point in signing this since we are highly selective; however, we are also a public institution. The under represented and low income students are the only growing areas. She stated that these numbers are not large and have not change much over the years but we may need to consider admitting these students by other means due to the fact that many of them fall low on the ACT. Essays and past curriculum are big points to look at but we may need to consider sub scores on the ACT, honors or AP courses, and letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors. Another possibility would be to begin using the ACT Writing option.

How much of the 10% are we using? She stated that in the past we've never used all but somewhere around 8 – 9 ½ %. She stated that at the current time there isn't any discussion to reevaluate the 10% exception at Jefferson City.

She reported that right now we are slightly ahead in admissions and applications but behind in housing fees. We also have 700 students currently signed up for summer orientation.

Faculty Senate Report – J. Guffey reported that he sent an email to extend the deadline for the President's Evaluation.

Faculty Ratings Committee has not been finalized. He still needs schedules from the students in order to set up the first meeting.

ACTION ITEMS - No items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sabbatical Review - C. Cooper reported that Sabbatical Review Guidelines draft has been posted. G. Gordon stated that letters of intent are due by May 2 so it would be great to have the guidelines finalized before this date. Several departments would like to present this to their faculty for comments before a vote is taken. There was some question as to what the role of the replacement would have on the approval process. After some discussion it was decided to send out this document to all faculty for feedback. In the meantime, the Sabbatical Committee will work on clarifying some issues and bring it back to the May meeting for approval. It was also agreed to send an email communication to all faculty so they know the Sabbatical guidelines are not final.

D. Delaware made a motion to postpone the discussion of the *Resolution to Recommend Adding Course Syllabi Posting to the Subjects Considered by the Faculty Senate Committee to Implement the Instructor Ratings Process*. The motion was seconded by J. Pauls.

Governance Restructuring – D. Johnson reported that the committee met on April 21 and made some additional changes; three primary ones under Membership (see handout):

- 1) section II, a, vii – chair design
- 2) section II, b – votes for departments
- 3) section II, g – 1/3 teaching assignment

The committee decided that this would be their recommendation for now in this time of restructuring but that this may want to be revisited at a later date.

J. Thompson noted that Staff Council Chair was not recognized in the membership. They would be a non-voting member but would like to be included under section II, a, vii and IV, h. This was noted as

a friendly amendment which the members of the Governance Restructuring Committee who were present accepted.

A discussion followed in regard to votes by department. There was some concern over, for example, five departments combining and having one representative but five votes.

A motion was made by P. Gardner to extend the meeting 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by S. Olsen. A vote was taken 11 agreed and 5 were against. The motion passed.

D. Delaware made a motion to amend Section II, b that says “**exactly two departments may have the option to combine for the purpose of electing a single representative which would allow each department one vote.**” T. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken 11 agreed, 3 were against and 5 abstained. The motion passed.

A revised document will be brought to the May meeting for a vote.

CONSENT ITEMS - No items.

INFORMATION ITEMS – All items were approved without objection.

- SB3707 – New Course Spring 2009- ENV 300 level, Select Topics
- SB3807 – New Course-Interdisciplinary Minor in Mathematical Biology
- SB3907 – ENG 352 Academic Writing for Non-native Speakers – change from a 300 level to 100 level course (new course # ENG 152), LAS to no LAS designation
- SB4007 – ENG 415 Children’s Literature – No longer General Honors
- SB4107 – ENG 416 Literature for Young Adults - No longer General Honors
- SB4207 – ENG 354 Academic Speaking for Non-native Speakers – change from a 300 level to 100 level course (new course # ENG 154), LAS to no LAS designation

Due to lack of time, the remaining items under Discussion will be placed on the May agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Bohac to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by P. Gardner. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 9th for the old senate at 1:00 p.m. and then for the new senate at 3:00 pm in the SUB Activities Room.