

Present: Peter Rolnick, Nabil Alghalith, Susan LaGrassa, Terry Olson, Kathryn Brammall, Daniel McGurk, Pam Gardner, John Bohac, Dana Delaware, Candy Young, James Guffey, Doug Davenport, Diane Johnson, Troy Paino, Linda Davenport, Alex Koch, Bryce Jones, Greg Jones and Jana Morton.

**CALL TO ORDER**

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on July 17, 2008 at 3:05 pm.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES**

Carrying two votes: Diane Johnson & Nabil Alghalith

Votes at the table - 18

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by P. Gardner to approve the minutes of May 9, 2008 (set 1) with one change in the President's Report to include the word "increase" in the first sentence following "budget of 4.2%". D. Delaware seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by P. Rolnick to approve the minutes of May 9, 2008 (set 2) with a change to the Election of 2008-09 Officers and Committee Representation in regard to a correction in the motions for election. A. Koch seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 14 voted yes and 3 abstained. Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**President's Report** – No report was available.

**Undergraduate Council Report** – C. Young reported the UGC continues to hear from Curriculum Commission. The minutes are posted on the web site. The Commission hopes to report at the end of October, early November.

**Student Senate Report** – No student reps were present.

**Faculty Senate Report** – J. Guffey reported that the Planning Workshop had good participation across campus.

He then reported on behalf of the Tenure & Promotion Committee that several departments have not turned anything in at all. The Education department plans to vote on their plan in August as soon as the semester begins. Those that still need to complete their reports are Art, Biology, Justice Systems, Music and Theatre. English/Linguistics and CML are still working on theirs. D. Davenport stated that he thinks several of these departments are very close to being done. He'll check with them and report back at the August meeting.

J. Guffey noted that he along with D. Johnson and N. Alghalith met with President Dixon in regard to the *Bill from Faculty Senate Concerning Faculty Governance* in late May. The President said that she had seen the bill and wanted forty days to review the document. She stated she wasn't sure why this bill had been created since it requires no action. She has some concerns about the bill and would

express those before the end of the forty days. As of today, they have not heard anything back from the President so by all indications the bill is considered dead. After some discussion, a motion was made by B. Jones to send the bill to all departments and ask for input concerning endorsing the bill in its current state. It was then suggested to bring this information back to the Faculty Senate meeting in August for discussion. The motion was seconded by P. Rolnick. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. A “clean” copy will be posted on the Faculty Senate web page and sent to all Faculty Senate members.

J. Guffey continued with his report stating that an extensive report of the President’s evaluation was mailed to all Board of Governors members. J. Guffey attended the Board of Governors meeting and was thanked for the report. The Board of Governors said to tell Faculty Senate that “you have been heard”.

**At 4:30 pm the votes dropped to 16.**

**ACTION ITEMS** – Nothing at this time.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Governance Restructuring – D. Johnson stated that at the last meeting, the committee report was accepted by Faculty Senate. The by-laws have been revised and will be presented for vote at the August meeting. A copy of the revised by-laws, a proposed bill to approve these bylaws (Bill #1), a proposed bill to implement a process for faculty vote on the proposed by-laws (Bill #2) and a timeline were given to all members for review. She also handed out a proposed bill to establish a standing planning and priorities committee. D. Johnson will email all members a copy of these documents so that they can be sent out and discussed with all departments prior to the August meeting. **Note: On July 18 these documents were emailed to all Faculty Senate members.**

Resolution on Faculty Involvement/Shared Governance – After a short discussion, D. Davenport made a motion to move this to an Action Item for the August meeting.

**Due to lack of time, the Intellectual Diversity Policy update and the Bill regarding Sabbatical Guidelines (SB0296) will be moved to the August meeting.**

**CONSENT ITEMS** – Nothing at this time.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** – Nothing at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by P. Rolnick to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by K. Brammall. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.