

Present: Garry Gordon, Diane Johnson, Peter Rolnick, Dana Delaware, Matt Szewczyk, Lizz Esfeld, Candy Young, Pam Gardner, Nabil Alghalith, Bryce Jones, Susan LaGrassa, Terry Olson, Kathryn Brammall, Doug Davenport, Adam Davis, Daniel McGurk, Scott Olsen, Jennifer Thompson, Jay Bulen, Jim Pauls, James Guffey, Linda Wyatt

CALL TO ORDER

J. Guffey called the meeting to order.

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES

Carrying two votes: Diane Johnson, Pam Gardner, Scott Olsen

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Several corrections were made. B. Jones motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections. D. Delaware seconded. Motion passed by general consent.

REPORTS

Vice-President's Report – Garry

Garry waived his report, stating he had sent out a campus communication with several items. He welcomed any questions the Senate might have.

Graduate Council Report – Jay Bulen

Graduate Council thought is necessary to elect new officers since both the chair and the vice chair were also Department Chairs. The new Chair for GC is Paula Cochran and the Vice Chair is Scott Fouch.

Student Senate Report – Matt Szewczyk

Matt thanked the faculty for implementing the early warning system. Student Senate is working with the English Department in making WACT classes a little more topical. He stated that since there are no longer Division meetings, Student Senate is trying to figure out how to gather information about what is going on in departments. He asked if departments have any system in reporting their minutes. Student Senate is concerned about GLBT discrimination with the “don’t ask, don’t tell” waiver that ROTC students currently must sign. They are working with Warren Wells to create a new waiver to address this concern. They are also working on setting up a bike shop for students and the community.

Garry mentioned that there would soon be postings of Department Minutes on the Provost’s web site.

Faculty Senate President's Report – James Guffey

The Committee for Sabbatical Review is chaired by Cynthia Cooper. This committee created the rubric last year, and it is currently inactive. He talked with Cooper regarding the need to fine tune the rubric and update the process, as well as the need to reopen dialogue with the President concerning her plan to increase the number of sabbaticals offered. The rubric from last year will be used to evaluate this year’s proposals. The committee will then review information from last year and this year to determine what changes need to be made in the rubric or to the process as a result of restructuring. Garry said this year’s review of sabbaticals must be completed by November to report to the Board, and they should be able report back about the effectiveness of the rubric and changes resulting from

restructuring at the March meeting of Faculty Senate. B. Jones moved to accept the use of last year's rubric for this year's review. T. Olsen seconded. Motion passed by general consent. P. Rolnick requested that the committee's revised charge and timeline be communicated to Faculty Senate by email.

Restructuring Committee will be B. Jones, D. Johnson, and J. Pauls from Faculty Senate; V. Pultz and J. Neitzke from UGC; W. Miner and J. Bulen from Graduate Council; D. Hayes is the student rep. Terry Olsen noted that there was no representative from Staff Council. J. Thompson, Staff Council representative, commented that staff did not need to be represented on this committee. James asked D. Johnson to convene committee.

After discussion, the charge for the committee on restructuring faculty governance was modified slightly to read:

Pursuant to the restructuring that is taking place at Truman State University, this committee is charged with creating recommendations for a new structure for the current Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Council, and Graduate Council that will:

- (a) preserve the integrity of faculty governance;
- (b) provide the appropriate communication for the process of shared governance;
- (c) recommend appropriate updates to the Constitution and bylaws;
- (d) support an environment of clear and transparent accountability;
- (e) foster communication both between the faculty and the administration and between departments across campus;
- (f) reflect good practice as presented in academic reports and studies of governance.

S. LaGrassa moved to accept the charge – Seconded by D. Delaware. Approved.

Formation and Charge for Intellectual Diversity Committee

James gave a list of people to form the committee: Adam Davis as chair, Tom Stewart, Lisa Hooper, and others. They hope to have a student on this committee. The charge for this committee was discussed. Timeline – December meeting. D. Delaware moved to accept charge and timeline, S. Olsen seconded. Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Process for Approving Curriculum Changes Affecting Only One Discipline

Last month a process was approved for a period of one month and the issue needs to be addressed again. Discussion on School of Business and what is "Chair" or "Department" there. B. Jones will take back to School of Business to define these so we can use it in future wording. S. LaGrassa moved to approve a process with amendments **for one month** until School of Business defines "Chair" and "Department" and D. Johnson seconded. All were in agreement with the following modified process:

Motion for Process for Approving Curriculum Changes Affecting a Major In Only One Discipline

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

- *Approval by Faculty for the Department of that major*
- *Approval by Chair of the Department of that major*
- *Review by All Chairs*
- *Approval by Dean of College or School, or the Dean's designee*

➤ *Approval by Provost*

Creation of Slate for University-wide Sabbatical Review Committee

James gave a list of people to form the slate from which the committee is to be selected: Hyun-Joo Kim, Eduardo Velasco, David Gillette, James Padfield, and John Bohac. Others did not bring names. Susan LaGrassa suggested the full slate be approved by e-mail. After discussion, a motion was made to adopt the slate with these names and any submitted by the other former divisions without additional voting. The motion was seconded and passed. Additional names should be submitted to the Provost by noon on Monday.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Draft Resolution Regarding the Posting of Faculty Ratings as Described in SB 389

A proposed resolution was presented and explained by C. Young. DHE has posted their proposed rules and is requesting feedback. MAFS will also be considering resolutions passed by various faculty senates in the state. C. Young moved to accept the modified resolution. T. Olson seconded. There was a discussion between faculty and students. L. Esfeld reported that the biggest complain students have is that their input on course evaluations is not used. M. Szewczyk reported that other universities have online rating systems and use them successfully. P. Rolnick commented that we need to address student needs concerning teaching evaluations and we need to address legislation that poses some significant difficulties. He emphasized that we can do both. One change was made to the resolution in item 4. It should read “The posted instructor ratings...”. The vote on the modified resolution carried.

J. Guffey left the meeting and D. Johnson took the chair’s seat.

D. Delaware moved to extend the meeting ten minutes. S. Brammall seconded. B. Jones abstained. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS

Bill to Eliminate SED 697 as a Program Requirement (Passed by the Division of Education on 2/13/07, passed by Graduate Council 2/21/07.) There were no objections therefore it passed by general consent.

Deadlines for Making Changes to the Catalog

D. Johnson said she would contact faculty on deadlines for making changes to the catalog.

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

This will be moved to the October Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2007.