

Senate meeting 15 April 2005

Senators present

David Lerman	Martha McKenna	Cliff Haury	Jessica Kingsley	Jan Reed
Tom Hyder	Pat O'Rourke	Paty Saternye	Tracey Cersley	David Moyer
Jane Kingston	Patricia Franklin	Linda Hitt	DJ McGill	Kathy Hudson
Connie Pippin	Marie Melton	Cos DiFazio	Kit Decker	

Also present

Mary Jane King for The Forum

Motion: To approve minutes from February

Result: Passed unanimously

Motion: To approve minutes from March (with three names added to the attendance list).

Proposed: Paty Saternye

Seconded: Marie Melton

Result: Passed by all

Updates from standing committees

Planning & Budgeting

A written report was submitted by Tara Atkins-Brady.

Student Services – Tracey Cersley

The Student Services committee has been working on a posting policy, Honor code policy, college hour review, increase in student activity fee, budget issues.

Administrative Services – Kathy Hudson

This committee originated the idea to increase fees, has reviewed bookstore and cafeteria, is investigating the student-to-student bookselling website (that could be expanded to include other items), discussed reserved parking spaces and possible fees, has worked on the renovations planning and is now awaiting final budget estimates, and has looked at Homeland Security issues (surveillance cameras on campus?)

C&I – Cliff Haury

This committee has been working on program evaluations, IT curriculum changes, an articulation deal with JMU for early childhood education program, upcoming programs in computer science and engineering.

Information technology – Simeon Ananou visited to provide the following information.

Sherice Page has joined the PeopleSoft team, the search to find a network technician has just been completed, PeopleSoft upgrade has been successful, major network upgrade took place in March to provide extra security, the new telephones are here and even old handsets will be run by new 'brain' and be IP capable, wireless project taskforce is assembling and should complete its task by July, computer replacement program is moving, current proposals include purchase of 10 tablet computers for mobile computing and wireless computer carts.

Academic Awards Convocation

These are some initial reactions to the first annual Awards Day held April 5:

- plenty of time, so expand the ceremony
- read all names
- have a more diverse group of students

- Accounting award should not be lumped in with Economics and Management
- a program insert recognizing purpose of the scholarships should be included
- we should identify programs in which nominees are studying
- can we include scholarship winners for the upcoming academic year (rather than recognizing the outgoing recipients)?
- good ceremony and refreshments, thanks received from community access scholarship winners
- video feed to the prison next year?
- more support for the insert
- program has been handed out to community members who are interested in providing scholarships in the future
- were all classes canceled and did the cancellation allow students to make it from class to the ceremony in good time?
- no offence to Bill Jackameit, but can we have Chris Rock next year?

Motion: That the student award ceremony be placed under the purview of the Awards committee for future development.

Proposed: Marie Hudson

Seconded: Kathy Hudson

Result: Passed unanimously

Honor code policy

Motion: To accept the Honor Code policy as presented.

Proposed: Paty Saternye

Seconded: Patricia Franklin

Result: Passed with one abstention

Posting policy

Motion: To forward the revised version to the administration, with one request.

Proposed: Patricia Franklin

Seconded: Kathy Hudson

The policy is still not complete: it should be amended to include a full list of the boards and should specify which boards are strictly divisional.

Result: Carried unanimously.

New Officer Options

Four options were outlined

Option 1

That new officers be selected in August, by which time the Senate by-laws concerning membership will have been revised. This option allows all parties (academic divisions, FPA, PASS, etc.) that elect Senators time to review the revised guidelines, and then elect Senators. This is the only option that provides that officers will be chosen from a fully constituted Senate body.

Option 2

That new officers be selected at the April meeting (with the exception of student senators who will not be elected and available until fall).

Option 3

That the current officers continue for one more year.

Option 4

That the outgoing officers continue as an advisory group to the new officers.

There was an additional recommendation that the Treasurer and Parliamentarian positions be eliminated on a trial basis for this next rotation of officers.

These options generated a fair amount of discussion and raised issues about the senate's constitution and how it can be modified. Motions rose and fell on the floor, but the outcome was as follows:

Motion: To vote on changing the by-laws to allow us to axe Treasurer and Parliamentarian positions.

Proposed: Jane Kingston

Seconded: Linda Hitt

Result: Passed

Motion: To vote on changing the by-laws to allow officer elections to take place in either Spring or Fall, as appropriate.

Proposed: Jane Kingston

Seconded: Tom Hyder

Result: Passed

Motion: To accept Option 1, on the understanding that the senate as currently constituted will meet in fall planning week to vote on accepting by-law revision, thereby allowing whatever elections we need to be held.

Proposed: Linda Hitt

Seconded: Paty Saternye

Result: Passed.

Motion: To confuse the secretary.

Proposed, seconded, approved by all.

Proposal that we use Blackboard over the summer to continue our discussions, as necessary.

Motion: To adjourn

Proposed: Tom Hyder

Seconded: Kit Decker

Result: Passed, amazingly enough.

All done at 4.05pm

Respectfully submitted

Kit Decker, Secretary