

15 October 2004

Senate Minutes

Present

David Lerman	Catherine Claflin	Jane Kingston	Cliff Haury
Pat O'Rourke	Patricia Franklin	Linda Hitt	Martha McKenna
Tom Hyder	Jessica Kingsley	Tamyra Turner	Kathy Hudson
David Moyer	Olivia Boykin	Jan Reed	Kit Decker
John Fogelgren (alternate for Ann Smith)			

Absent

John Hancock	Connie Pippin	Michael Maldony	DJ McGill
Cherno Jallow	Tracy Cersley	Mac Lafferty	Marie Melton
Angel Sims			

Presentation to Dick Harrington in recognition of his contribution to the senate.

Dick reiterated his belief in shared governance, the need to stop the proliferation of committees, and the potential of the Senate to enable committed individuals to do the necessary work efficiently.

Minutes for September approved.

Professor Emeritus

The policy has been updated but we are waiting on FPA to vote and report back.

College textbook pricing

The task force is still being assembled. Information has been forwarded from last year's Bookstore Committee. This task force is charged with looking very specifically at the SCHEV recommendations for reducing textbook prices and to think about implementation of these recommendations, and the implications for the college.

Academic Prize Day

So far, the recommendation is that we should have a luncheon with an informal awards ceremony in early April, to be held in the Dickinson Commons, with prizes of \$25+ in bookstore certificates.

Kit Decker agreed to e-mail all faculty to request categories in which they would like to make awards.

Committee issues: size and composition, charges, subcommittees

As before, Student Services does not believe that its three subcommittees of Enrollment Management, Scholarship, and Diversity fall logically within its purview.

Do we need to restructure? Rotate leadership? We agreed to check with Mary Lee Walsh what are the responsibilities and her expectations of the committee. Should we invite the chair of the committee to our next meeting? Is diversity strictly a student issue or a college-wide issue? Should diversity be a shared responsibility that every committee bears in mind and addresses within its own context? Is it better NOT to create more committees and task forces but rather to parcel out the ISSUE to various committees? Should we bring back the original ad hoc committee on diversity?

From this discussion, the following points emerged:

- No task forces should be created outside the structure/membership of the appropriate senate standing committee
- The Senate should give specific charges to the committees each year (rather than assuming that the charges are the same as ever)
- Ask committee chairs to serve on Senate

Kathy Hudson, Cliff Haury and David Lerman agreed to work on editing the bylaws relating to committee charges and senate composition.

Proposal: that we ask the administration not to create any task forces outside the structure of the existing committees for this year.

Result: Passed unanimously.

Request from Liv Boykin

That a part-time faculty member (or part-time classified staff) be appointed to the Personnel & Benefits committee in order to serve part-timers' best interests.

Proposal: that we ask adjunct faculty on Senate or member of adjunct faculty council to serve on P&B.

Proposed: Jane Kingston

Seconded: Kathy Hudson

Result: Approved unanimously.

Last meeting of 2004 rescheduled for second Friday, 10 December.

Adjourned 4.00pm

Respectfully submitted

Kit Decker, Secretary