

ACADEMIC SENATE

August 24, 2006

3:00 PM

Brockmann Conference Room

Members Present - Larry Strizich, Greg Clouse, Lanny Wilke, Curtis Smeby, Cheri Jimeno, Wane Boysun, Lisa Sheresky-O'Neil

Call to order - President Strizich called the meeting to order at 3 PM in the Brockmann Conference Room.

Minutes – The draft minutes of May 2, 2006 were approved as corrected.

Administrative Reports – none

Old Business:

Proposals from last year, 05-11 and 05-12 which were listed as with TEC will be resubmitted by faculty. Proposal 05-28 (listed as in Curriculum Committee) has not been located and will be dropped – faculty should resubmit if it is still an issue. Proposal 05-39 (listed as in Gen Ed Committee) will be restarted with a new 06 number.

Members discussed the constitution revision – by-laws of the Teacher Education Council were the primary complaint by faculty at the full faculty meeting last Spring. Curtis will locate and/or ascertain the status of the TEC bylaws and acquire a copy of the document to be included with the Senate Bylaws.

New Business:

The selection of a Vice-President (president elect) is necessary. A motion was made and seconded to defer the decision of new VP until a later meeting when a greater number of members were in attendance. Motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding the cover for the 2006/7 course catalog. Some members of the faculty contacted several members of the senate to express dissatisfaction with the appearance of the cover. Provost Jimeno explained that the selection of the 'look' for both the catalog and the view book were determined in response to student feedback that indicated that our materials were unattractive and did not appeal to the target users – students. A young woman was selected for the catalog, but this would be balanced by the selection of two young men for the view book. Provost Jimeno suggested that faculty could volunteer to serve on the committee that makes these determinations, noting that a majority of the work for this committee was accomplished over the summer. Faculty input on the decision process was welcomed.

Future agenda items were discussed, in particular a policy statement on the assignment of + and – grades. The current BOR policy indicates how +/- grades will be used in calculating student Grade Point Average, but no requirement to utilize this grading scheme is mentioned. President Strizich will draft a starting point for a faculty policy to make assignment of + or – grades an option available to all faculty.

Proposals:

None

Committee Reports – none

Special Reports – none

Announcements -

Adjourned – Meeting adjourned.