Faculty Council
January 25, 1999

Present: Bonnie Metcalf, DawnEllen Jacobs, Ron Ellis, Daniel Skubik, Robert Jabs, Wayne Swindall, Marsha Savage, Jeff Cate, Dan Wilson, Mary Crist, Susanne Reid, Robert Sheppy, Bruce Stokes, Barbara Holohan, Tom Jenkins, Richard Mobley

- The meeting was opened with prayer.
- The minutes of the January 11, 1999 meeting were approved.
- Dr. Ellis joined the Faculty Council meeting for a time of dialog regarding concerns and/or questions about the Faculty Council’s role and responsibilities. Dr. Ellis addressed items listed on the memo of January 19, 1999 regarding “Areas needing policy definition or implementation.” Dr. Jacobs clarified section 3.7 (Article VII.3.b: “Recommendations may be made to the administration and/or faculty.”) as stating that the Faculty Council always makes recommendations to the Administration (not optional), and may also make recommendations to the Faculty (optional) when necessary.

The council discussed the meaning and implementation of a “substantial and independent voice” as encouraged in the WASC report of 1996.

Dr. Ellis answered questions of committee members, and requested additional dialog in the near future.

- The council received course syllabi for two computer courses which have been recommended for inclusion in the general education curriculum. The motion was made to refer these courses to the General Education Review Task Force for consideration in the general education curriculum. Recommendations for a revised general education curriculum will be presented to the Faculty Council for final approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

- The council discussed budget preparation and requested a one-week delay on the Budget Hearings. The motion to recommend the postponement of Budget Hearings by one week (from Feb. 16-19 to Feb. 23-26, 1999) was made, seconded and passed.

- The council reviewed a proposal from Bruce Stokes to eliminate mid-term grade reports. The motion to eliminate mid-term grade reporting was made, seconded and passed.

- The council reviewed a proposal from Bruce Stokes for improved data collection regarding departmental majors and minors. Information about students’ majors, minors, concentrations and waiver/credential selection will be updated and entered each semester during pre-registration. Reports should be requested from Amy Stumpf, and will be provided to division and department chairs within one week after the completion of pre-registration. The motion to approve the declaration and/or updating of information concerning majors, minors, concentrations and waiver/credential as a part of the registration process was made, seconded and passed.

- The council discussed the need for continued study and revision of the new organizational structure. The motion to recommend that Dr. Ellis appoint a task force to review the organizational chart was made, seconded and passed.

- The council reviewed a proposal from DawnEllen Jacobs to accept American Sign Language in
fulfillment of the language requirement (general education for bachelor of arts). Dr. Jacobs will review the ASL courses which meet the academic criteria and can be accepted in transfer, and provide a listing to the Registrar. *The motion to accept American Sign Language for the language requirement was made, seconded and passed.*

- The council recommended that a task force be formed to review the general education curriculum. Nominations: Georgia Hill, Daniel Skubik, Amy Stumpf, Helen Huntley, Jeanette Wong, Tim Luther, Irv Ray, Bruce Stokes. *The motion to form a task force for general education curriculum review was made, seconded and passed.*