Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2006

In attendance: Bob Namvar, Elizabeth Morris, Jennifer Newton, James Heyman, Marilyn Moore, Mary Buck, Mary King, Nathan Lewis III, Nicole MacDonald, Rachel Timmons, Richard Mobley, Susan Studer,

I. Meeting was opened with prayer.

II. Minutes for January 23, were approved.

III. As of this date, Marilyn Moore joined the Faculty Senate as the representative of the School of Behavioral Sciences replacing Carol Milton.

IV. Dick Mobley informed the Faculty Senate that Dr. Parker, Kent Dacus and Sean Kennedy were scheduled to be in today’s meeting to share their information on previous issues suggested by Senate. Due to an extended meeting on budget hearing, this meeting is postponed to the next Senate meeting scheduled for February 27.

V. As one of the representatives of the technology committee formed by Senate, Nathan Lewis III presented a “concerns list” to IT department in January. As of today and after 1 and 1/2 weeks, he has not received any reply from IT department. Some of the concerns are:

- Access to network hardware is outdated and the supplier of the hardware is out of business. It is suggested that hardware should be updated every three years.
- Some modifications such as blocking the junk emails are easy to do and do not need a considerable budget and a lot of time to implement.
- As a university, we do not have a complete list of all software programs we own. If we publicize the list, it may prevent schools purchasing the same software when other school has access to it.
- We have interruption problem when we use wireless feature in James building.
- Active directory implementation will help to install software programs automatically and not individually. We need to train a person to do it.
- No project management implemented to do the “concerns list” suggested by the technology committee. No timeframe, no budget, and no agenda are set to resolve our existing problems. Problems exist because of non-responsiveness of the “people in charge”.
- As an example of frustration, last year as our students were using SPSS program, our license to use it expired 7 days before the end of the term.
• Most of the suggestions made by the technology committee can be done without allocating a considerable budget and time.

VI. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously that: if there will be no response from IT department to Nathan’s second and repeated request regarding the crucial and time sensitive issues listed in the “concerns list” in one week, the president of the Faculty Senate will call a meeting including Dr. Parker, Mark Howe, and Nathan Lewis III to consider other possible solutions to our IT problems.

VII. The newly formed “committee on research” plans to conduct a survey for future research.

VIII. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously that: a newly formed committee will assign committee appointments for all faculty members for next year. Susan Studer, Mary Buck, and Nathan Lewis accepted to serve in this committee. Barry Parker will serve in this committee upon his agreement, since he was unable to attend this meeting.

IX. As a representative of evaluation and assessment committee, Marilyn Moore created two new forms for the purpose of peer evaluation and will send them to Phil Martinez. There is a plan to develop a short-range, medium range, and a long range peer evaluation forms. It is only at the test stage for the School of Behavioral Sciences and can be adapted as a model for the whole university. In case of approval, it should be reflected in faculty handbook.

X. Senate Adjourned at 4:00 PM

XI. Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Namvar, Faculty Secretary/ Treasurer