Faculty Senate Minutes  
Monday, October 23, 2006

In attendance: Anthony Donaldson; Barbara Cockerham (for Betsy Morris); Barry Parker; Bob Namvar; Carl Schafer; Dennis Bideshi; Gilberto Perez; Jan Kodat; Jim Heyman; Ken Pearce; Kenya Davis-Hayes; Laura Veltman; Nathan Lewis; Nathan Lewis III; Richard Mobley; Susan Studer; Susan Drummond

I. Meeting was opened with prayer.

II. Minutes for October 9 were approved.

III. Richard Mobley reported that since the April 24th 2006 meeting was the final Senate meeting of last year, the minutes were never approved and were not sent to Dr. Parker and other faculty members. Therefore, Dr. Parker was not aware of the motion passed regarding online student evaluation in that meeting. However, in the March 27th Senate meeting, the on-line evaluation alternative was discussed at some length and the approved minutes for that meeting reflected the concerns and the discussion on this issue.

IV. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Senate accepts and approves the minutes for the April 24th meeting.

V. Considerable discussion was given to the proposal of having Dr. Parker meet with the Senate for dialogue on how the Senate might more effectively be integrated in the governance role of the faculty. No motion was made.

VI. After a long discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that because the faculty handbook states that the role of the faculty is to:

1. Engage in teaching, maintain proficiency in instruction, and participate in the development of academic program and curriculum for the University,
2. Assess the academic programs and curriculum,
3. Ascertain, consider, evaluate, and act upon academic issues concerning the faculty,
4. Advance and support policies for constructive change… including policies of sound education, fair and just administration,
5. Act as an academic body to communicate faculty consensus and concern on academic and professional issues to the administration,

And because WASC recommendations have included strengthening the governance role of faculty; therefore, when decisions are made at an administrative level that affect the faculty—as represented by the Faculty Senate—the Senate requires that information of importance to the faculty be presented to the Faculty Senate for input prior to decisions being made and implemented.
VII. Senate adjourned at 4:05

VIII. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2006.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Namvar, Faculty Secretary/Treasurer