Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2006

In attendance: Barry Parker; Betsy Morris; Carl Schafer; Dennis Bideshi; Don Dunavant; Jan Kodat; Jim Heyman; Ken Pearce; Laura Veltman; Nathan Lewis; Nathan Lewis III; Richard Mobley; Susan Studer; Susan Drummond; Tim Jackson

I. Meeting was opened with prayer.

II. Minutes for November 13, were approved.

III. Committee reports:

- The Committee on Issues Concerning Rapid Growth of University has not met.

- The chairperson of the Committee on Health Benefit for Retiring Faculty met with Annuity Board. It was reported that the meeting was not productive the way they expected. The committee will continue to search for better options. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that: the Faculty Senate requests that CBU Human Resources conducts a feasibility study for continuing faculty health benefits upon retirement until age of 65.

- The committee on Student Evaluation Form continues to discuss related issues last week.

- The Committee on Handbook Revision has not met.

- The Culture of Research committee will present data and their findings in the December 4, 2006 faculty meeting.

- The committee on Academic Technology was concerned about lack of attendance by committee members.

IV. A suggestion was made that a task force be implemented to develop a long term strategic plan for technology.

V. Continued discussion on grades being due too close to the last classes.

VI. Another discussion started on the lack of communication with administration and faculty on issues such as:

   i. Online evaluation
   ii. Faculty not knowing about Dec. 15 graduation in time to make plans
iii. Faculty input on when grading can be adequately completed before grades are due (time)

A suggestion was made that the President of the Senate should discuss these issues with the Provost.

VII. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that: the Faculty Senate requests to be involved in the assessment of the online faculty evaluation pilot program.

VIII. Senate adjourned at 4:00.

IX. Next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2007.

Respectfully Susan Studer reporting for Bob Namvar, Faculty Secretary/Treasurer