Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2007

In attendance: Anthony Donaldson; Barry Parker; Betsy Morris; Bob Namvar; Dennis Bideshi; Don Dunavant; Jan Kodat; Jim Heyman; Kathryn Fagan; 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 March 26, were approved.

III. In order to facilitate a more effective involvement of Faculty in the governance of the University—particularly through clarification of the role of the Faculty Senate in that responsibility—a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the attached changes to the Faculty Handbook, Section 3, regarding “Faculty Organization and Governance,” to be presented to the first Faculty meeting of the Fall semester, 2007, for approval.

IV. In the context of the recent tragic events on the campus of Virginia Tech, and the occurrence of a bomb threat to the CBU campus this past weekend, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Faculty Senate makes the following requests of the Administration in coordination with the CBU Dept. of Public Safety:
   • That a clear and concise (one-page) summary of emergency procedures to be followed, in situations which threaten physical harm, be given to all Faculty and Staff personnel, as well as posted in each classroom;
   • That a plan for campus-wide alert system be devised and implemented; and
   • That a presentation of such emergency procedures be included as part of the next Faculty Workshop in August, 2007.

   This is a reiterated request, following similar requests made after Sept. 11, 2001, and the Katrina disaster of 2005.

V. The Senate Forum Committee made a recommendation in two parts: 1) A revision of the Senate guidelines for use of Forum funds (previously made in Apr. 26, 2004); and, 2) a proposal to grant the sum of $2,000 for the request made earlier by Jeff McNair regarding Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger as speaker for a projected conference. The latter part of the recommendation was made into a motion, seconded, and passed unanimously.

VI. As this is our final meeting, the Senate President recommended reviewing the guideline proposals and voting on approval electronically.

VII. A two-part motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that, since today’s meeting is the last meeting of the Spring semester, the Senate members will:
1) review the minutes for the April 23 Senate meeting and vote their approval electronically; and 2) vote on an approval of the recommended Faculty Forum guideline revisions mentioned above.

VIII. The Senate reiterates that the members encourage the faculty members of their department or schools to participate in the IT survey.

IX. There are three attachments to this document; one reflects the proposed changes in the Faculty Handbook and the other two are related to the motion from the Faculty Forum Committee.

X. Senate adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Namvar, Faculty Secretary/Treasurer