CBU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2007

I. The inaugural meeting of the 2007 Faculty Senate was opened with prayer by VP Rachel Timmons.

II. Pres. Studer then gave a brief introduction of her goals including various definitions of the Senate’s role from prior Senate meetings.

III. The Senate then considered various items for the 2007-08 Senate Agenda sent in by CBU faculty via e-mail and brought to the meeting by Senators.

The following are the items approved by a ”show of hands” vote as the initial agenda for this year’s Senate:

1. Post-tenure review: Review purposes of periodic post-tenure review and investigate alternatives.

2. Graduate thesis and graduate comprehensive exam committees and compensation

3. Faculty Forum Fund: Formalize procedure for usage and distribution of funds.

4. Department involvement in hiring of adjunct faculty for offsite programs.

5. Policy for soliciting and promoting nominations and nominees for Faculty Senate. More structured procedure including publicizing, earlier notice of elections in the Spring Semester were among the initial suggestions.

6. Emergency Plans – determining the policy for both short term and potentially long term incidents (such as major earthquake) including faculty roles and responsibilities to students.

7. Faculty involvement in policy formation concerning campus growth issues including, but not limited to: technical advancement and support, Internet accessibility in the classroom, and classroom space and availability.

8. Planning content for Fall Faculty Retreat.

The above agenda remains open-ended for new items as circumstances dictate.

IV. Other items discussed, but not approved for Senate agenda at this time included parking safety, 10:00 AM MWF class conflict with Chapel, Faculty meetings, et al., eligibility of non-tenured faculty for Senate President, online course evaluations, and issues concerning the culture of research.
V. Senators will consider the formation of new committees, cessation of old committees and report back to the Senate on Sept. 24 Senate meeting.

VI. Old Business: There was no old business.

VII. New Business: See agenda items above.

VIII. Faculty Handbook Review and Revision

The Senate, as a whole, will review the entire Faculty Handbook with a view towards revision. The Handbook will be broken up into three sections which will be reviewed throughout the school year. The Introduction, CBU Values and Mission Statement were handed out for review.

The 2007-2008 Faculty Senate is as follows:
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