CBU Faculty Senate: Minutes of January 26, 2009 Meeting

Members Present: Studer, Buchholz, Hinrichs, Parker, King, Weniger, Bates, Hekman, Higley, Nelson, Fagan, Shoup, Parker, Norwood, Kodat, Dingman, Lewis, Simcoe,

1. Meeting opened with prayer.

2. Reports/Announcements
   a. Phil Martinez, CBU Institutional Advancement, spoke about getting faculty help in encouraging Seniors to take the Collegiate Learning Assessment.
   b. Report from provost’s Council meeting:
      1. February Faculty Meeting will be a 2-hour meeting over online education with breakout sessions.
      2. Fall Faculty Retreat topic: Technical Literacy

3. Old Business
   a. Julie Browning, from School of Business, analyzed the Fall calendar and found it was shorter than past Fall calendars  
      ** ad hoc committee to determine if Fall semester might be moved up earlier in Sept. Committee: Weniger, Buchholz, and Hekman
   b. Budget advisory meeting is on Feb. 17, 18. Two spots open for senators who wish to attend.
   c. Salaries: Discussion began about current state and national economic troubles and merit salary structure. Pres. And Senate will discuss and seek input in any salary adjustments or contingencies.

5. New Business
   ** Marc Weniger and Julie Browning will analyze calendar for AY 09-10, report back to Senate.

Meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting: February 9, 2009 @ 2:30 PM

*** Note: a special meeting with President Ellis and Dr. Parker was held on 2/2/09 at 2:30 PM.

   Topics of discussion at that meeting included CBU lobbying efforts at state and federal levels in relation to funding. Salary issues in light of the current economic difficulties and the probable freezing of salaries given the circumstances.