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## **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting for September 20, 2004**

### **Attendance:**

Senators: Derek Mason (1288), Stan Albrecht (1167), Stephen Bialkowski (1907), John Kras (3881), Bruce Miller (2232), Rob Morrison (1477), Shawn Olsen (451-3412), Gilberto Urroz (3379)

Presenters: Joyce Kinkead (1706), Ruth Struyk, Lisa Berreau, David Lancy, Les Essig, Sydney Petersen

Excused: Janis Boettinger (4026), Dale Blahna (2544), Kevin Doyle (3022), Kermit Hall (1157), David Luthy (2429), Brent Miller (1180)

### **Call to Order**

Derek Mason called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

### **Minutes**

Bruce Miller moved to accept the minutes of August 23rd. The motion, seconded by Shawn Olsen, was passed.

### **Announcements**

The next FSEC Brown Bag lunch with President Hall, will be held on Monday, October 11th at noon in Champ Hall.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **EPC Business**

There are no action items from EPC. The January EPC meeting is the deadline for curriculum decision to be printed in the fall schedule bulletin. Please submit items to the EPC by December 16 for the January meeting.

Bruce moved to place the deadline as an information item on the Faculty Senate agenda. The motion, seconded by John Kras, passed. Derek Mason suggested that Janis Boettinger announce this deadline at the Faculty Senate meeting.

#### **Faculty Evaluation Committee**

Ruth Struyk presented the Faculty Evaluation Committee report. There is concern of whether or not faculty evaluation should be posted on the web. They are looking at reworking the form and possibly offering the evaluation online. This poses another concern that students may or may not go to the form online and fill it out. Derek Mason suggested that there needs to be a second opinion in response to Craig Simper's letter. Bruce Miller suggested checking with the University Policy Committee to see if they have any information regarding posting faculty evaluations. Stephen Bialkowski moved that the Faculty Evaluation Committee look on the AAUP website for guidelines and information on posting faculty evaluations and to identify a source for reviewing Craig Simper's letter on whether or not evaluations violate the privacy of faculty. The motion, seconded by Bruce Miller, passed.

#### **Library Advisory Council**

Lisa Berreau presented the Library Advisory Council report. There are major changes going on with the libraries. One of the major issues is skyrocketing costs for journals. Lisa encourages faculty members to be actively engaged in the process. Rob Morrison mentioned that the libraries can provide journal data to faculty. Rob suggested getting the information on the journals from their liaison. Stephen Bialkowski moved that the Library Advisory Council report be placed on the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by John Kras, passed.

#### **Honors**

David Lancy said the report was on the web, and offered to answer any questions or concerns regarding the Honors report. Bruce Miller moved to place the Honors report on the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Stephen Bialkowski, passed.

#### **ASUSU**

Les Essig presented ASUSU highlights and upcoming issues. Week of Welcome was a huge success.

Students are very involved this year. ASUSU's goal for Civic Awareness is getting 5,000 students to vote. They are proposing a state-wide convention to increase lobbying efforts. ASUSU is holding an open forum on September 21 to talk with students about the tuition increase. They are also looking at a Monday through Thursday class schedule, with no classes on Friday. ASUSU prefers that Fridays be used for labs and other class activities. Sydney Petersen suggested talking with Dave Cowley on building usage.

ASUSU is working on a Study Group form or sheet that faculty members can pass around during the first week of classes. This would encourage students to form student groups. Joyce Kinkead mentioned that WEBCT has a natural mechanism in forming study group. There was a question with course syllabi and if the Student Grievance Policy is required to include the Student Grievance Policy. Joyce Kinkead clarified that Student Grievance Policy is a requirement and should be on the syllabus. Joyce suggested using the examples that were created by Chris Fawson. Bruce Miller motioned that the ASUSU report be placed on the consent agenda. The motion, seconded by Shawn Olsen, passed.

#### Calendar Committee

There are no action items from the Calendar Committee. The committee will be meeting on Friday, September 24. Sydney Petersen asked that a motion be passed to place the Calendar Committee on the consent agenda. The motion moved by Bruce Miller and seconded by Stephen Bialowski, passed.

#### Domestic Partner Benefit

John Kras motioned that the Budget Faculty Welfare committee review and report on the packet of information and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The motion, seconded by Rob Morrison, passed.

#### Key Issues and Action Items

##### Athletic Council

Bruce Miller moved to forward the names of females who volunteered to serve on the Athletic Council to the Committee on Committees for their review and approval. The motion, seconded by John Kras, passed.

##### Resolution of Collaboration with ASUSU

Stephen Bialowski moved that Janis Boettinger draft the language for the resolution of collaboration with ASUSU. The motioned, seconded by Urroz Gilberto, passed.

##### 2005-2006 Budget Presentation

There was discussion as to whether or not the Budget Presentation needed to be presented at the Faculty Senate Meeting. Faculty may or may not have heard the presentation. Provost Albrecht suggested posting the presentation online. This would allow faculty to review the presentation and come with questions to the Faculty Senate Meeting. Provost Albrecht stressed that it is critical to understand what is going on. Bruce Miller moved that the Budget Presentation be placed under University Business on the Faculty Senate agenda. The motion, seconded by John Kras, passed.

##### University Business

Provost Albrecht talked briefly about the Capital Facility Development meeting with the Board of Regents. A request for \$10M has been submitted. This will allow the movement of Agriculture facilities from the north to the south farm for the expansion of the Innovation campus and planning \$ for the new multi-purpose Agriculture Building. Presidential leadership briefings are scheduled for the next couple of months. The purpose of these briefings is to bring alumni in small group setting and to set the stage for campaigning.

##### Adjourn:

Stephen Bialowski called for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.