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John Kras called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2006

Adrian Moore motioned to approve the 11 September 2006 minutes. Diane Calloway-Graham proposed minor spelling corrections. Tilak Dhiman seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Announcements

1. John Kras announced a new attendance roster, which attendees are to initial. The Senators are also to indicate on the roster if they have a missing name tag, if they are not receiving e-mails, or any other situation that may exist.

2. Volunteers for Committee Service – Will Popendorf is the chairman of the Committee on Committees and we still have some shortages in our committee assignments. Will stated that the Athletic Council still needs one woman member (can be a faculty member); the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee needs a rep from the College of Science; the Honorary Degrees Committee needs someone for a 3-year term and can be any faculty. Those interested should contact Will Popendorf. If needs be, Will will go through the list and ask those who are not on a certain number of committees to serve. Also, the Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee has not had proper representation; Will will look into this and advise John of those not attending regularly.

3. Faculty Forum – November’s Faculty Senate meeting is the Faculty Forum scheduled on November 6th in the Ellen Eccles Conference Auditorium Room 216. As of now, we have two agenda items: Provost Coward will talk about role statements; and Athletic Director Randy Spetman will talk about the NCAA internal review. We have time for more issues, so please forward input on the agenda to John.

President Albrecht – University Business

President Albrecht and Provost Coward are out of town and both indicated there is nothing that is pressing.

Consent Agenda Items

Will Popendorf motioned to accept the first two items (Honors Annual Report and the Library Annual Report) and to send back to PRPC the third item (PRPC – Supervisory Relationships on Tenure and Promotion Committees) as an action item. PRPC is charged with making revisions to further clarify and define what a supervisor is. Pat Lambert seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Information Items

Memorial for the Ag Technology Sculpture Project – Cody Bingham presented information on the memorial for the Ag tragedy last year. He has met with the UPRPC Committee on finalizing the proposal for this sculpture art project. Although a local artist has been selected in this preliminary stage, Eileen Doktorski suggested a more thorough selection process and it was decided to put Cody’s presentation on the web to solicit input for this project. Andi McCabe will post it on the Faculty Senate website.
New Business

1. John introduced Rudy Tarply, who was not present at the last meeting when he was confirmed as the Senate Parliamentarian.

2. Also, Andi McCabe is the new Faculty Senate Assistant and is the one to contact for any issues or items.

3. John was reading code regarding absenteeism. If you are going to be absent, you need to contact an alternate in your college. This also applies to President’s appointees, students, and committee chairs. One absence without a representative, you can be removed from the Senate. Four absences with representation also are means for removal. E-mail alternates to Andi prior to the meeting. Andi’s contact info, the meeting schedule, and list of committee members and alternates can all be found on the Faculty Senate website.

Adjournment

Wayne Wursburgh motioned to adjourn the meeting; Maure Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Andi McCabe, Faculty Senate Assistant, 797-1166