

Faculty Senate Minutes

January 28, 2010

Senate members present: Joe Willis, Laura Latham-McKenzie, Terry Gilmour, Sonia Ford, Damon Kennedy, Craig Balch, Deon Christensen, David Miller, Lynn Mock, Cindy Cochran, Tracy Gandy

Faculty/Guests Present: Mike Makowsky, Doug Avery, Katherine Allen, Mary Williams, Simon Cornell, Mary Braselton, Donna Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Joe Willis at 4:00 PM.

Laura Latham-McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes and a second was made by Mary Williams. The motion passed.

Terry Gilmour made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of 4a (Professional Development Resources—John Deats and James Fuller) and a second was made by Damon Kennedy. The motion passed.

Joe Willis announced that John Deats and James Fuller will not be attending the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Joe formally thanked Jeff McDonald and Terry Gilmour for their work in updating the faculty senate website.

Sonia Ford reported that there is \$1457.77 in the budget left for this year. The amount of \$42.23 was spent on refreshments for the meeting. Suggestions were made on ways to spend the remaining balance. Bob Peetz suggested by e-mail that a police quality bike be purchased for the MC police department. Mike Makowsky proposed a weather station that could be used in his geography classes and also for the MC pilot program. More investigation will be done as to whether the weather station owned by the geology department will be sufficient. Deon Christensen suggested a speaker, who also spoke at CAF, be invited during the week of inservice for all faculty, staff, and the community.

Under the first item of new business the spring meeting dates were announced by Joe Willis. The meeting dates are: Thursday, February 25th, Wednesday, March 24th, and Thursday, April 29th. All meetings are scheduled at 4:00 PM and will be in the Marie Hall Academic Building room 101 unless announced otherwise. Dr. Thomas will be invited to the March 24th meeting. Joe Willis encouraged faculty to attend all meetings.

Under the second item of new business elections for officers to serve in 2010-2011 was discussed. Terry Gilmour will become President and the offices of President Elect and Treasurer will be open for nominations. Nominations should be sent to Joe Willis by e-mail. Nominees will be announced at the February 25th meeting and elections will be held at the March 24th meeting. Joe Willis encouraged faculty to attend the May 18th Board of Trustees meeting where Terry Gilmour will be introduced as the Faculty Senate President. The Board of Trustees meeting will be at 4:00 PM.

Under the first item of old business, the Professional Development subcommittee has been formed. Members of the subcommittee include Damon Kennedy, Lynn Mock, and Tracy Gandy. Members of the subcommittee are researching current methods of awarding professional development for rank and pay purposes and will propose a set of guidelines that are consistent within the Health Sciences, Workforce, and Academic/Transfer at the February 25th meeting. Discussion will be held at the next meeting and a vote for a recommendation to be sent to Dr. Thomas will be done at the March 24th meeting.

Under the second item of old business, Terry Gilmour reported that the Faculty Senate webpage has been updated to include membership, agendas, minutes, and the Minnie Piper Stevens Award nomination form. Damon Kennedy suggested that a list of committees (related to faculty) and their purpose should also be posted on the website.

Under the third item of old business, Joe Willis reminded the Senate that the QEP Writing Committee is chaired by Will Morris and Julia Vickery. Any input should be forwarded to Will or Julia in the form of ideas and strategies that could be implemented.

Under the last item of old business, it was announced that Cindy Madewell is the chair of the Faculty Evaluation Committee. Joe Willis encouraged the senate members and all faculty to continue to think about the process of instructor evaluations.

The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be on Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 pm in the Marie Hall Academic Building room 101 (Lecture Hall).

Joe Willis moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Ford