

Faculty Senate Minutes
May 4, 1998

Senators Present: Anton, Beardsley, Bristow, Cooney (ex-officio), Hale, Hummel-Berry, Kay (ex-officio), Kirchner, Lind, Maxwell, Steiner, A. Wood

Visitors: Gardiner, Mace, Ragan, A. Wilson, Weisz

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of 4/20/98 were approved.

2. Announcements: Kirchner announced that Bill Haltom has been elected Faculty Senate Chair and plans to resign from the FAC. Kirchner explained that there is not enough time to hold elections to fill the FAC vacancy, however, it was decided that nominations be sought before the end of spring semester. A request for nominations will be sent to the faculty with an explanation that with nominations in hand the fall election will take only two weeks. Haltom's position as senator must also be filled.

Motion M/S/P: Beardsley moved to replace the non-incumbent Senator elect Haltom with the person having the next highest vote in the recent election. It was noted that if Haltom became an incumbent, then resigned, an election would have to be held.

The final Senate meeting will be held at 3:30pm on May 11 to elect a Vice Chair and Secretary for the the coming term.

3. New Business: Standing Committee year end reports.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the Professional Standards Committee report which Betty Ragan submitted.

Bill Barry commented on the University Enrichment Committee's report. The committee thinks the Senate should further explore possibilities of delinking the Lantz Fellowship from sabbatical leaves, a guideline established originally by the dean in consultation with the faculty salary committee. The committee noted that advertising release unit opportunities and revising release unit eligibility guidelines may help increase the applicant pool. Barry emphasized that the UEC appreciated the money it received from ASUPS that supported student research.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the UEC report.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the Institutional Review Board's report submitted by Ann Wilson.

Terry Mace noted that the Student Life Committee reached a conclusion of non-compliance by the Fraternities and Sororities regarding the Board of Trustees objective for Greek-Independent interaction, However, in recent months the chapters have made positive steps toward compliance and their efforts should be recognized.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the SLC report.

The Curriculum Committee report was distributed with comment that Chris Kline was unable to present the report. It was noted that discussion regarding use of computers within the curriculum should be coordinated among committees or designated to a specific committee.

Motion M/S/P: Cooney moved to receive the Curriculum Committee report and commend the committee for developing "Core Assessment Guidelines" for future use.

Cooney opened discussion of the Library, Media, and Academic Computing Committee report by questioning the charge to the committee to serve as an advocate for adequate funding of the library and academic computing. He noted that the Budget Task Force had faculty input which

would appear to be duplicated by a committee's advocacy. In fact, the budget for library and computers had continued to rise while most other parts of the operating budget had remained unchanged. Gardiner said the committee did not really understand the advocacy charge. He explained that the committee worked with OIS and the library staff to provide a faculty viewpoint and feedback to each of their plans. It was noted that the advocacy language came from last year's LMACC report.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the LMACC report.

Weisz opened discussion of the Faculty Diversity Committee report. She noted that because the committee thought their charge needed focus, they choose to focus on diversity related curricular issues this year and wanted Senate direction as to a focus for the following year. The Senate acknowledged the thoroughness of the report on this year's issue.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the report of the Diversity Committee.

Motion M/S/P: Anton moved to receive the Academic Standard Committee report.

The Senate adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Wood