

REVISED
MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 25, 2010

Members Present: 48

Members Absent: 15

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., by the Chairperson of the University Senate, Brien Smith.

Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to TC 102.

Members Present: N. Ahmed, C. Ball, R. Bellaver, P. Chandler, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, R. Fluegeman, J. Gora, J. Green, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, D. Haber, M. Harber, M. Harvey, L. Helms, R. Hicks, J. Huff, M. Johnson, R. Kanu, C. Kapinus, T. King, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, D. Marini, L. Markle, W. McCune, B. McRae, P. Parkison, R. Rarick, L. Shaffer, D. Shawger, G. Slater, B. Smith, G. Stamp, F. Sun, M. Steib, D. Supa, B. Umansky, K. Warren-Gordon, M. Whitlock, B. Wills, S. Woosley, J. Yang

Substitutes: Kathryn Shafer for R. Bremigan, Michael Roemer for J. Fry, Matt Breitbach for C. Hall, John McKillip for D. LeBlanc, Mark Malaby for T. Richardson, Sharon Bowman for J. Kim, D. Ceglowski for C. Walker

Members Absent: B. Adams, N. Akey, K. Brophy, B. Cahill, O. Dotson, A. Edmonds, E. Kelly, C. Marlow, M. Mills, C. Munchel, J. Rybarczyk, W. Sharp, D. Waechter, A. Wieseke, T. Zivney

2. A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Crawley) to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

The next scheduled meetings were reviewed and the members were reminded that there will be two meetings on April 22: the first will be the last meeting of 2009-10 and the second meeting will be the first meeting of 2010-11. Senate elections will be the only item on the agenda for the second meeting.

Members were encouraged to forward nominations (or self nominations) to the Governance and Elections Committee who will be forming the slate for elections.

Those members interested in serving on the Faculty Council executive committee should send all nominations or self nominations to the chairperson of the council, Barry Umansky.

Agenda Items III. B., C., and D., were reviewed.

E. University Budget

The chairperson reported that changes to the budget were passed by the Board of Trustees and the changes will be implemented soon. The Salary and Benefits and Financial and Budgetary Affairs Committees under the senate system are to be commended for their work with the administration.

F. Policies for Online Graduate Courses and Programs (Senate Agenda, 3/25/10, Enclosure #1)

The chairperson informed the members that this is not a change to the handbook and that any item under announcements maybe brought to the floor as an action item. These policies are to be considered an internal document.

G. The chairperson reminded the senate that preference polls are due in the Senate Office on Monday, April 5.

4. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported that the committee met this morning and reviewed a proposal from the University Council concerning professional personnel representation.

B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported that the Faculty Council met last month and had a brief discussion concerning the budget as well as reports from committees represented on the GANTT chart. They passed the policies for online graduate programs and courses.

C. University Council – Laura Helms, Chairperson

Laura reported that the council did not meet last month but will meet in April to discuss unfinished business and conduct elections for 2010-11.

D. Campus Council – Matthew Whitlock, Chairperson

Matthew reported that the Campus Council met and discussed six student senate resolutions, of which two have been addressed and already in motion. They will review the Student Academic Ethics Policy at their next meeting as well as conduct elections for the next academic year.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Brien Smith (University Senate Agenda, 2/18/10, Enclosure #2)

7. Questions Directed to the President

The president reviewed the “high impact” projects that are currently in process:

- Current Strategic plan (2007-2012)
- Capital Campaign (2004-11)
New Strategic Plan (20012-17)
- NCAA Athletic Certification process –report due in February, 2012. Vice President Bales will be chairing the committee.
- North Central Accreditation – process will start at the beginning of the next academic year; they are currently working on data files and getting systems in place (visit expected by June, 2014).
- ERP implementation – this is an expensive but important process. It is in the implementation phase right now. (2009-2013)
- Geothermal Project Phase I to be completed by summer, 2011. Currently in bid process for energy stations for phase I; Phase I will be completed in summer, 2011 and two coal-fired boilers will close down. They are in the process of securing funding for Phase II, to close down the last two coal-fired boilers.

There were no questions to the President.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Compensation and Load Credit for Teaching Responsibilities

(Returned to Salary and Benefits Committee by President Gora – Senate Action #0809-06)

Salary and Benefits Committee 10/16/08
Faculty Council 2/26/09
Senate Agenda Committee 3/16/09
University Senate 3/26/09
Senate Agenda Committee 8/24/09
Faculty Council 9/10/09
Salary and Benefits Committee 11/4/09
Faculty Council 2/25/10
Senate Agenda Committee 3/15/10

Compensation and Load Credit for Teaching Responsibilities

- 4.13 Under normal circumstances, the direction of independent studies, master's theses, and doctoral dissertations shall be considered part of a faculty member's scholarly, creative, and teaching responsibilities during the academic year. Each college will establish a written policy to address load credit for teaching responsibilities beyond one's regular course load such as the direction of independent studies, master's theses, honor's theses, and doctoral dissertations. This policy is subject to the approval of the appropriate dean, provost, and the Board of Trustees.

Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook, p. 48

A motion was made and seconded (Shawger/Supa) to place on the floor for discussion.

The motion to approve the Compensation and Load Credit for Teaching Responsibilities carried, with abstentions.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Other Items

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

April 22, 2010