Minutes 12/04/07

I. Called to order 11:08

Ken saves trees by not printing an agenda

Missing attendees from minutes claimed their attendance

Minutes approved (Karjala/Shafer)

II. Committee Reports

ii. Treasurers report: “Ten more dollars than last time.” Determined to be $652.24. Reigh anticipates expenses coming up on plaques. “I know we could use more money”

iii. Curriculum committee

Deadlines for proposed curriculum changes are discussed. Curriculum committee acknowledges they are holding a number of changes that have not yet been discussed.

Business changes appear to have been lost in change in command. T Winn plans to review their circuitous trail. English also vows to submit new and fresh curriculum before February.

iv. Handbook

Bruce states he is unaware of any business. Ken questions whether Bruce has any actual connection to the Handbook committee.
Vicki and Tina exchange ideas about how to find information about tenure file content—in other words, how to read the poorly organized Handbook.

v. Resources

No business, because no money. However, Reigh points out that accreditation requires that we have some means of making decisions, so maybe we should gather to try that system out.

Lamar suggests such a meeting might discuss questions of how we prioritize university spending.

vi. Tenure committee is down to 8, used to have librarian.

Discussion of tenure-track status of Kelly Brown; some comment about whether Brown should or should not, and could or could not apply for tenure.

The search for another potential committee member goes far and wide. The attempts to clarify numbers from each division and discipline are complicated by an uncertainty about home disciplines of Shafer and Osborn. Ideas about changing committee member status from division rep to officer rep, and some confusion about whether another member is needed, and why.

After this orderly and focused exchange of suggestions, Lamar announces that the extra member is “not important.”

Jeannie Mather gets added in absentia.

vii. Johnson speaks for committee on attendance for extra-curricular absences.

Some committee members were surprised to learn of meeting. Committee that met agreed there should probably be some limit on number of classes missed. Goal to return to a point of not giving as many excuses for missing. Meeting planned 1/10 at 11 am. Plan to invite staff and faculty, including adjuncts, who handle events requiring significant absences.

III. New Business
i. Shafer discusses an ESL student she enrolled with no English abilities. Many comment about personal experiences with such students, and make suggestions about potential language requirements to prevent such problems.

Reigh brings facts to the discussion by reading the entrance requirements already in place. Osborn suggests a student support group to help those students already in place, right or wrong.

Lamar says alternative admission allows this. Johnson concurs that this practice is possible and that we need to question how these policies affect students longterm. Karjala adds that the practice could be considered morally questionable, since she has the exemplary student in two classes, and believes she is unlikely to earn a degree.

ii. Plaques for distinguished graduates passed. Out. Ken questions whether there is a ceremony for distributing these, and Ferguson says that education does have one.

IV. Announcements

Warden: lunch on 10th

Music: Steve Sanders performance 12/11

Art has holiday art show and sale

Theatre: Joe Perryman starring in a production in OKC

Bussey admits ineptitude in distributing electronic invitations; puts party details on board. (Update: Same ineptitude makes it remarkably hard for Bussey to cancel party when ice storm takes out her power for three days).

V. Regents meeting report

Reigh went to Petroleum club in place of Ken.

Noting really interesting, except for good lunch at Petroleum Club.

Auditors said systems are clean.
Electronic sign going up on 4th, but where exactly, and whether that’s even legal, up for some debate.

This week’s trivia from Johnson, not disease related: new LED displays only 3 mm thick.

VI: Lamar.__adjourn