
Not signed in but present: A. Karjala, D. Reigh, J.C. Casey, N. Osborn

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 11:08 pm by D. Reigh.

II. Minutes of previous meeting December 2nd approved (Loutsch/Johnson). Motion carries.

III. Treasurer’s Report – A. Karjala reports 30 people have paid dues and our current balance is $826.71.

IV. Regents Meeting Report – Darryel Reigh reports two things:

- The President’s House has been renamed the Jourdan House in honor of those who have contributed.

- 403b changes were made in December without any faculty input. J. Johnson shares his concerns about this. Extended discussion takes place. L. Hester asks if we should maybe pass a resolution of censure. J. Johnson recommends a letter from Faculty Association voicing our concerns. He will write a letter and bring it to our next meeting. We will then vote on it.

V. Committee Reports
HLC

- B. Brown reports that the commission will be on campus from Sunday, March 29th through Wednesday, April 1st. The report is 98% done. Various faculty members express great praise for the work done by Brenda and her committee. She also says that the commission will want one open meeting with faculty. They will be wandering and asking questions about five items – mission, financial and other resources, individual programs, general education (meaning IDS), and service. Brenda will send us a schedule of their visit as it gets closer.

Tenure/Promotion

- M. Mather reports that decisions will be made soon.

Handbook

- L. Hester will email out proposed changes to all faculty. These will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Curriculum

- S. MacDonald says nothing to report.

Resource

- D. Reigh reports that he will meet with President Feaver very soon on this matter.

Distinctiveness

- D. Reigh requests a vote on the statement that this committee has created. J. Mather suggests that all of our classes are interdisciplinary, not just IDS courses. D. Reigh agrees but says that IDS is packaged for making us distinctive. Motion is made to accept the recommendation of the Distinctiveness Committee (first?/N. Osborn). Motion carries – 33 votes for, 4 abstentions.
VI. Old Business

1. Curriculum Change Procedures – D. Reigh reports that he sent out an email with the new procedures included.

2. State Regent Appreciation Letter – President Feaver really like the idea of us doing this. I. Shafer offers to draft a letter and will present it at the next meeting.

3. Concealed Carry Resolution – D. Reigh reports that President Feaver says this issue is most likely dead for this legislative session. Some discussion ensues about whether or not we should take action anyways. Motion is made that our USAO Faculty Association is opposed to removing the exemption of colleges from the conceal and carry law (Shafer/Karjala). Motion approves unanimously, 37 votes for.

VII. New Business

1. N. Hector suggests that we honor the passing of former university president Roy Troutt by donating to the scholarship fund named in his honor. Motion is made for us to contribute $250 (Bohannon/Shafer). Motion carries.

VIII. Announcements

1. J. Loutsch shares that February 2nd is the celebration of Darwin’s 200th birthday. She reports that there will be a birthday celebration held in the cafeteria that day.

2. C. Walker reports that the Emerson-Wier Liberal Arts Symposium will be held on March 26th. A panel discussion is scheduled for 4:00, and the keynote address will be given by E.O. Wilson at 7:30.

3. J. Knapp announces that there is still room for the NYC trip.

4. K. Lamar announces that there will be a Sophomore Art Show next week.
5. K. Bohannon announces that Carol Sites is retiring from the university and individual contributions for her gift might be appropriate.

IX. Adjournment takes place at 11:54 am. K. Lamar so moved, no second necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Karjala