Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the USAO Faculty Association

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Signed in as present:


I. Call to order by President, Dr. Steve Weber at 11:12am.

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Minutes of the 2/02/10 regular meeting of the USAO Faculty Association were delivered electronically on 2/27/10. (On 2/05/10, minutes were posted on the Faculty Association page of the USAO website.) A correction to the minutes was noted, to indicate M. Vliet in attendance at the February meeting. With this correction, a motion to accept the minutes was passed without objection.

III. Treasurer’s Report

- C. Elder announces: the balance of account is $566.71.
- Treasurer’s report is accepted.

Special Report on the Work of “Committee 16”
- Vice President for Advancement, Dr. M. Nealeigh, visits to present an update on the process and status of the work of the committee. Recommendations will be given directly to the President when the committee completes its work.

IV. Regent’s Report

- S. Weber announces that on April 21st, our Regents will meet with OK State Regents. They will invite the state Regents to visit our campus.

V. Committee Reports

- Monday Meeting of The President’s Executive Council: No report
- Resources Committee: No report.
- Convocation/Commencement Committee: meeting this week.
- Tenure and Promotion: J. Miller reports that the committee has approved a proposal to confer an honorary degree on Lonnie Jourdan.
- Handbook Committee: No report.
- IDS Committee: No report.
- Distinctiveness/Academic Rigor: No report.
- Faculty Advisory Council: No report.
- Curriculum Committee: E. Guzik presents five proposals for curriculum changes. All were approved on a department and division level. All were approved by the curriculum committee.
  - Mathematics: General Physics Lab to be dropped as a required course; Life Science Lab to be adopted as a requirement. Approved. 0 opposed, 1 abstention, 42 voting to pass
o IDS: Four courses that have been counted as Artistic Expression electives are to be added formally to the list of approved courses. Approved. 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 43 voting to pass.

o History: Addition of a course: The Mediterranean World from Constantine to the Crusades. Approved. 0 opposed, 1 abstention, 42 voting to pass.

o Indian Studies: 5 proposed changes submitted. Committee votes to consider all changes as one item. Vote on the motion to consider all changes as a slate: 2 opposed, 3 abstentions, 37 voting to pass. Discussion. Slate Approved. 2 opposed, 2 abstentions, 38 voting to pass.

o Sociology: 7 changes affecting the program and the minor. Committee votes to consider all changes as one item. Vote on the motion to consider all changes as a slate: 2 opposed, 3 abstentions, 37 voting to pass. Discussion includes short debate over the creation of a BA track that does not require a course in Elementary Statistics. Slate Approved. 3 opposed, 4 abstentions, 35 voting to pass.

VI. Old Business

• S. Weber announces the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 Faculty Association. Discussion. Nominations from the floor are invited. A unanimous vote without objection sets the slate of officers for next year:
  ▪ Dr. Craig Elder – President
  ▪ Dr. J.C. Casey – Vice President/President Elect
  ▪ Dr. Jeanette Loutsch - Secretary

VII. New Business

• Dr. Ray Willis (Texas Tech) has been hired to begin as Assistant Professor of Biology in the fall trimester.
VIII. Announcements

- Innovations Art Show now open on the 3rd floor of Davis.
- Remember Droverstock/Academic Meet/Montmarte coming on April 1.
- Tuesday, March 30 – Hypatia Luncheon.
- Africa Symposium teams with the USAO Festival of Arts and Ideas on March 4 & 5.
- Emerson-weir Symposium on April 8th will feature Faculty Mixer. Pep Rally scheduled for Monday, April 5th.
- Dr. John Johnson invites everyone for chocolate at his home on March 6th at 6:30pm.

IX. The standing motion to adjourn by K. Lamar was adopted - adjournment at 12:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Davis