Faculty Association Minutes

March, 6th 2007

Signed in as present:

Sean Kelley (President), Lee Hester (secretary), Annick Bellemain, Erik Guzik, Ingrid Shafer, Tim Sullivan, John Bruce, Leah Oxenford, Mike Mather, Frank Dorman, Daisy Wan, Darryel Reigh, John K. Johnson, Shawyi Kao, John Miller, Jennifer McMahon, Susan Bussey, Marcia Vliet, Jennifer Long, Linda Crumb, Jan Hanson, Nancy Hector, Craig D. Elder, Dan Hanson, Alan Todd, Ken Bohannon, Vicki Ferguson, Sean MacDonald, Linda McElroy.

1. Called to order by President Kelley at approximately 11am
2. Minutes of last meeting approved (Shafer/D. Hanson)
3. Treasury: $506.24
4. Committee Reports
   a. Resource: No report
   b. Tenure and Promotion: Dr. J.C. Casey now chair.
   c. Faculty Handbook: Bringing forward recommended change.
      i. Proposed change under “Academic Tenure,” subsection “Criteria for Tenure,” Part B. after “Board of Regents” add a third sentence to read: “The minimum probationary period for a previously university tenured faculty member would be two years.”
      ii. Discussion of the proposed change centered on the desire to be able to immediately grant tenure to particularly distinguished individuals.
      iii. Motion to accept recommendation to be voted on at next meeting. (Reigh, Dorman) passed without objection.
5. Curriculum Changes
   a. Geography and Political Science changes.
      i. Add Political Geography of the Modern World, Geog3__3 (crosslisted as PSCI 3__3)
ii. Allow Social Studies certification students to fulfill their Geography requirement by passing the course created in “I” immediately above.

iii. Drop HIST 2233 Latin America Through the Revolutions and HIST 2243 Latin America Since the Revolutions.

iv. Motion to accept all changes in “i”-“iii” above (Reigh/Todd) approved 30/0/2.

b. History change.

i. Drop HIST 1113 Ancient and Medieval Civilizations and HIST 1123 Reformation and Modern Civilizations.

ii. Create HIST 1__3 Ancient Civilizations, HIST 1__3 Medieval and Early Modern Civilizations and HIST 1__3 Modern Civilizations.

iii. All courses created in “ii” immediately above to become part of the required core in History, replacing those dropped in “i” above.

iv. Motion to accept all changes in “i”-“iii” above (Reigh/?) approved 30/0/2

6. Old Business

   a. State Regents have determined that the grades from transfer classes may appear in the transcript but will not be calculated into home institution GPA.

   b. Repeat and clarify from last meeting that Dr. Eloy Chavez is the new Dean of Students as of November 2006 and that he has proposed

      i. Lunch hour symposia for critical dialogues.

      ii. “Final Lecture” series

      iii. Faculty sponsors for residence hall floors, et cetera.

7. New Business

   a. Where should Spring Commencement be held?

      i. Discussion centered on the desire to seat as many guests as students want with the fact that none of our existing facilities can
accommodate them. The cost and undesirability of off-campus facilities as well as the cost and potential weather problems associated with holding it outdoors on campus were also discussed.

ii. Motion to hold Spring 2007 Commencement outside (Todd/Shafer) approved 15/9/5.

b. Discussion of the passing of Dr. Larry MaGrath

i. It was the sense of the faculty that a permanent memorial was appropriate. Possibilities discussed included:

1. Memorial Plaza

2. Additional/larger Scholarship(s) in his name

3. Herbarium to be endowed and named after him.

ii. 3pm Saturday services in the Ballroom with reception and scattering of ashes afterward.

8. Announcements

a. Scholastic Meet April 5th

b. Emerson Wier Symposium with Jared Diamond.

i. Need good students for breakfast meeting in conjunction with symposium.

c. Visit by Dr. Daniel Gargola from University of Kentucky who will talk on world rule and the Roman Empire.

9. Adjourned 12:02pm without objection

Lee Hester
Faculty Association Secretary