Faculty Association Minutes

October, 3rd 2006

Signed in as present:

Sean Kelley (President), Lee Hester (Secretary), Ken Bohannon (Treasurer), John Miller, John K. Johnson, Craig Elder, Jennifer Long, L. Crumb, Tina Winn, Nancy Hector, Katie Simmons, Alan Todd, Sean MacDonald, Erik Guzik, John Bruce, Steven Thomason, Kevin Crow, Nancy Osborn, Nancy Warden, Linda McElroy, Dan Hanson, Brenda Brown, Jacquelyn Knapp, Marcia Vliet, Annick Bellemain, Susan Bussey, Daisy Wan, Shawyi Kao, Mike Mather, Darryel Reigh, Roch Chan Yu King, Sharon Brickman, Frank Dorman

1. Called to order by President Kelley at approximately 1105am
2. Minutes of last meeting approved with amendment that Dr. Stephen Weber will do Dr. Brenda Brown’s work on accreditation (Bruce/Crow)
3. Treasurer’s Report: Deposited $125, with no expenditures. Dr. Ken Bohannon had no further report, but will compile one for future meetings.
4. Committee reports: None. Awaiting University Committees prior to assigning faculty committees.
5. Old Business
   a. Academic Integrity. Dr. Huguenin, Dr. Long, Mr. Evans and others continue discussions on the development of policy.
      i. According to Long there is a desire to ensure that lower levels of academic dishonesty do not result in a permanent record, while still tracking recidivism.
      ii. Several faculty spoke in favor of notifying the grantors of scholarships if recipients have acted dishonestly.
      iii. It was suggested that the student’s academic advisor also be notified.
      iv. Dr. Long stated that there would be a further report in November.
   b. New Business

      a. Michael Bendure introduced as new public relations writer, designer and News Bureau chief. Mr. Bendure encouraged faculty members to make use of the PR department to get the word out on special events and
described his strong commitment to ensure that information reached all interested parties.

b. Academic Plan: Faculty views concerning the new academic plan were solicited by Dr. Huguenin and an endorsement was requested. Specific discussion areas were mainly limited to foreign language requirements and increased faculty sabbaticals.

i. Foreign Language Requirements

1. The distinction between “competency” and a “requirement” were discussed without final result.

2. Teacher’s Education expressed a concern with adding any further requirements given the long list of state-mandated requirements in their area.

3. There was concern over the availability of faculty to meet the needs of a language requirement.

ii. Increased Faculty Sabbaticals

1. Concern expressed over availability of faculty to meet university needs while allowing for circa 14% to be on sabbatical at a time.

   a. Would Summer sabbaticals work for both increasing sabbaticals and ensuring availability of faculty?

2. It was suggested that COPLAC school policies be investigated on this issue.

iii. Faculty voted to “Endorse Plan in Principle” (Shafer/Todd) 22-6-2. Concern was voiced over this constituting a “Blank Check.” Faculty expressed a desire for a more concrete explanation of plan.

7. Announcements

   a. Hypatia: November 2nd.
   b. Music Faculty performing Monday 7:30 in Chapel.
   c. Drama Club weekly reader’s theater, 8pm Fridays. Adult audiences.

8. Adjourned 11:45 am without dissent.
Lee Hester

Faculty Association Secretary