Minutes of the USAO Faculty Association  
October 5th, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Breerwood, Steve; Brickman, Sharon; Brown, Brenda; Brown, Kelly; Bruce, John; Casey, J.C.; Chan-Yu-King, Roch; Crow, Kevin; Davis, Katie; Dorman, Frank; Elder, Craig; Ferguson, Vicki; Ferrell, Wendi; Guzik, Erik; Hanson, Dan; Hanson, Jan; Hector, Nancy; Hester, Lee; Johnson, John; Kandeh, Stephen; Kao, Shawyi; Karjala, Aleisha; Kelley, Sean; Knapp, Jacquelyn; Lamar, Kent; Long, Jennifer; Loutsch, Jeannette; MacDonald, Sean; McElroy, Linda; Miller, John; Osborn, Nancy; Rees, Shelley; Reigh, Darryel; Rodgers, Meagan; Sherman, Jason; Simpson, Zachary; Thrift, Layne; Vliet, Marcia; Walker, Christopher; Warden, Nancy; Weber, Stephen; Willis, Ray

Members Absent:

Bellemain, Annick; Bohannon, Kenneth; Brawner, Judy; Brown, Steven; Daniel, Cylathia; Gower, Donna; Holland, Diane; Mather, Jeanne; McCoy, Linda; Metcalf, Vinson; Newbrough, Robert; Oxenford, Leah; Rickman, Melissa; Tan, Richard; Thomas, Peter;

I. Called to order by JC Casey at 11:07 am

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of the Sept 7, 2010 meeting were emailed to the Faculty listserv. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brenda Brown and seconded. Motion passed to accept the minutes

III. Committee Reports

a. Changes made to the Committee List sent out by JC Casey:
   i. Jackie Knapp on Curriculum Committee until 2012 and not 2011
   ii. Apology to Donna Gower for not using married name
   iii. Erik Guzik on Resource Committee until 2012 and not 2011
   iv. Katie Davis on IDS Committee until 2012 and not 2011
   v. Darryel Reigh to the Academic Personnel Committee
b. Cultural Committee is a University Committee that has Jackie Knapp, Marcia Vliet and Katie Davis as our go-to people – Money to spend as it is paid by students to expand culture and arts on campus

c. Urge Committees to meet and elect chairs

IV. Old Business

a. Letter to Dr Feaver was sent asking for a salary letter. JC will email you a copy if you would like for your files.

b. On-Line Course Evaluations – Gina Drechsler is working on the software program and should be ready in November for use. We can write additional questions if we so choose to get a better idea of the students opinion of the class.
   i. Additional discussion of the cost and methods for implementation occurred but it was brought up that the vote to move to an on-line evaluation form was done and we are now committed to the switch.
   ii. Recommendation made to make an ad hoc committee to write a new survey but tables as we are having Gina look at the forms used by other COPLAC schools and we may follow said examples.

c. Voted on the Treasure position that was vacated when JC Casey moved to President. Nancy Osborne was approved by 39 for votes, 0 against votes and 2 abstention votes

d. Treasure’s Report - $572.71 in the account. Please pay your dues.

V. New Business

a. Looking for antidotal information on graduates – please email stories to Dex Marble

b. Graduation rates are available from Lynn Boyce. Not in the Fact book on the ITS website. JC Casey has a copy and will forward to faculty.

c. Concern has been expressed about pushing the idea of the 3 year graduation time when students take summer classes. For most departments, especially the 1 man departments, this is not true. Lee Hester suggested having only 30 required hours and then 30 hours of electives. Our unique piece is that we have 3 trimesters with the summer being a full trimester.

d. Idea of the money not being available to faculty going up for promotion needs to be addressed. Good question to ask Mike Coponiti when he addresses the Faculty Association.

e. Dex’s IDS committee has written a document of what the ideal USAO student is and can do when done here. Please refer comments to that committee.

f. Future Issues
   i. Possibility of a “real” homecoming and not just class reunions.
ii. Advising issues – faculty not well prepared to do and the need of a form that students sign when they go against the judgment of the advisor.

iii. On-line enrollment

VI. Announcements

a. Steve Breerwood art show in the gallery
b. Giles-Symposium – Oct 8th; Pep Rally Oct 5th
c. Museum trip 10-14
d. Voter registration in the Student Union
e. Oct 18th – Responsible Government will be on campus at 3 pm in Davis amphitheater

VII. Motion made to adjourn by Lamar and seconded by Knapp. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

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