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Committee: **Academic Affairs**

Date: **November 15, 2001**

Place: **Divinity North 308**

Time: **3:00 PM**

Members attending: Professors Greg Jeane (A&S), Jane Martin (Nursing), Roger Parker (Pharmacy), Sue Peterson (Library), Marlene Reed (Business), Perry Tompkins (A&S), Eric Olson (Performing Arts), and Steven Epley (A&S), presiding as chair.

Members absent: Patricia Hart (Education and Professional Studies), W. James Ellison (Law), Patricia Outlaw (Divinity)

Ex-Officio Members attending: Brad Creed (Associate Provost)

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM. Opened with prayer by Roger Parker.

Minutes approved as submitted. No corrections. Passed unanimously.

Meeting agenda approved.

Old Business:

Jane Martin commented regarding Nursing policy about distractions in the classroom. Issue was over cell phones, and other similar disruptions. She will craft a statement for the committee's review.

Faculty development leave policy- consensus was it was well-crafted, fair, and sound. Steven Epley will write Dr. Joe Lewis a letter indicating AAC endorsement for interim use until a formal policy is crafted by a faculty committee.

Student petition for retroactive withdrawal from the university – current status indicating punitive withdrawal is affecting graduate school application. Student has completed a degree at another university with high GPA, but GPA is dramatically affected when 9 hrs. of failing credit from SU factored in. Committee feels precedent set for support of her petition. Motion to approve seconded and passed.

Student petition to have a D+ replaced by a transfer grade of B – asking for D repeat policy to be retroactive to eliminate a D+ made prior to the passage of the current policy. Motion made and seconded that the petition be denied on basis that a D repeat petition should not be retroactive to cover courses taken prior to passage of the policy. Motion to deny passed.

Considerable discussion on the Administration's reduction of funds for faculty development. Brad Creed discussed what he understood about origin of funds, will seek additional information to share at next meeting. Downturn in the stock market is basis for the reduction. Consensus is that funding needs to be on a sounder footing. Perry Tompkins currently working on ad hoc committee on the faculty development grant process.

Lengthy discussion of the faculty development grant applications. The group went through the applications to determine if funding should be full, partial, or none. Several applications require additional information before a determination can be finalized. Additional information will be sent via e-mail. Each member asked to give a qualitative ranking of 1-15. Steven Epley will e-mail committee specifying the form he wants, when he wants it, and to whom the info should be sent.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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