

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 2, 2005

Call to Order: Nancy Whitt, Chair of the Faculty Senate called the meeting to order.

Invocation: The invocation was led by **David Bains**.

Approval of Minutes: **Robin Snyder** motioned to approve the minutes. **Melissa Tate** seconded. The senate then approved the minutes as submitted and posted.

Administration Report: **Brad Creed** reported the following items:

1. The academic integrity review study is finished. We are letting groups review the recommendation (deans, quality council, and then the faculty). For faculty review, we will give the report to the academic affairs committee. Currently, training materials are under production for the recommended revised procedure.
2. SACS accreditation – we are making good progress. All deans should be finished reviewing credentials of all faculty by September 15.
3. A meeting with the senate executive committee was held for the first time *in late August*. These meetings will continue on a monthly basis.
4. The tuition discount for faculty with children at the CLC was researched, and it was discovered that the matter had been addressed by the Business & Faculty Welfare Committee and approved by the senate. The resolution then went missing between the then faculty chair and the office of the provost. **Brad** is going to meet with **Les Ennis** again and look into the recommendation that was previously made before putting it into action.
5. Hurricane concerns:
 - **Jim Barnette** sent out an email about what's currently being done by the university.
 - **John Carol** (Dean, Law School) is making room for students from Loyola law school
 - More of a challenge to accept students from Xavier b/c of the structure of our program
 - Working relationship with Dillard and Xavier does exist through the Lily grant. **James King** has connections to Xavier through his fraternity.
 - Recommend we accept 10-20 students at reduced or delayed payment tuition.
 - STRONGLY suggest to your students that they not go to New Orleans.
 - Something else official should be coming from the University on Monday

Nancy Whitt asked **Brad** to clarify why we did not receive a new faculty handbook this year. **Brad** answered that it is still under production awaiting additional information to be included in the handbook. This concluded the administration remarks.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: (Janie Kennedy)

Janie Kennedy reported that the 1st committee meeting will be held next week. She also indicated that the committee would be sending out information on faculty development grants.

Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom: (Mark Baggett)

Mark Baggett indicated that ad hoc committee had completed its study on academic freedom and made recommendations that are being passed onto the academic affairs committee. One recommendation is that academic freedom should be discussed with new faculty members at faculty workshop. Also there has been discussion of the Internet in relationship to academic freedom. The academic freedom survey results are now available online.

Athletics: (Ralph Gold)

Nancy Whitt reported for **Ralph Gold** that Ralph had sent us his meeting schedule for the year.

Business Affairs: (Les Ennis)

No report.

Curriculum: (Kathryn Fouse)

Kathryn Fouse indicated that there was no report, but the 1st meeting was scheduled for next Friday. She also indicated that proposals for review by the committee must be submitted by the first Friday of every month (14 copies) in order to be reviewed the following Friday at the committee meeting.

Diversity: (Andy Webster)

Andy Webster gave his report on their meeting. The committee continued to work on a diversity statement. After hearing comments from faculty members, version 2 of the draft is ready for review. This was distributed to senate members – but will also be distributed via faculty list serv. **Don Sandley** emphasized that we should take this up as quickly as possible so it can go before the board of trustees and be included in the new faculty handbook under production.

Elections: (Tina Duffey)

No report.

Student Affairs: (David Shipley)

David Shipley reported that it was becoming an annual duty to find faculty representation for the Values Council. You, your department chair, and/or dean will be asked for submittal of nominations by 9/15.

Roger Parker, the current chief justice presiding on Values Council is retiring. **Dean Sexton** is currently in the process of interviewing candidate to replace him. This appointment is not a lifetime appointment. Expect it to be made into a 2-3 year term soon.

Mark Baggett asked if the chief justice had to be a faculty member? **David** answered "yes".

Learning Resources: (Larry Harper)

Larry Harper reported the following two items:

1. Continued work on the investment in backoffice systems for the library (not aware of status)
2. Web page meetings are still in progress. Please encourage your school's representation in those meetings to attend.

Writing: (Charlotte Brammer)

Charlotte Brammer distributed and discussed a recommendation by the committee to formalize the current practice of leadership transition for the University Writing committee. The director of Writing Across the Curriculum will serve as *ex officio* Chair of the University Writing Committee. The director of the Communication Resource Center will serve as *ex officio* member of the University Writing Committee.

Nancy Whitt suggested that this policy be included in the faculty handbook.

Old Business

PARKING

Brad Creed reported that the President asked him to summarize responses to the Quality Committee report. An example item in the report (creating a process for parking appeal review that is separate for students and for faculty) was met positively and will probably be put into action.

Don Sandley asked about the proposed parking deck for the west side of the Wright Center.

Brad responded that the details were still be worked out, but that plans were definitely under way to prepare to break ground sometime in the future.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

This was covered during discussion of **Mark Baggett's** report.

New Business

ELECTION OF 2 SENATORS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nancy Whitt opened the floor for nominations for two positions on the senate executive committee to meeting monthly with the provost and associate provost to discuss faculty issues.

Melissa Tate asked if the position was for a 1 year appointment. **Nancy** answered "yes" and indicated that **Roger Lander** and **Melissa Tate** served on the committee last year. **Melissa Tate** then volunteered to serve on the committee again this year. **Mark Baggett** nominated **Robin Snyder** for the other position. **Don Sandley** made a motion to accept the nominations. **Raymond King** seconded. The motion was approved by oral vote.

FACULTY HANDBOOK AD HOC COMMITTEE

Nancy Whitt recommended that we should have an ad hoc committee that addresses issues related to faculty handbook. Nancy indicated that she had asked **Mark Baggett** if he will serve. Also, **Jennings Marshall** has had a long history of involvement. **Don Sandley** motioned to authorize **Nancy** to make a committee and seek out volunteers / appointees to serve on the committee. **Janice Lasseter** seconded. The motion was approved by oral vote.

Nancy commented that if a committee sees something that needs changing in handbook, please contact this new committee. **Don Sandley** noted that some items may require contacting appropriate people outside the committee as well – such as coming up with a definition for the role of the president, which is not currently included in the handbook.

Adjournment: Nancy Whitt adjourned the meeting.