

Faculty Senate Minutes #317

Thursday, October 25, 2007

3:20 PM

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Present (24): Myrna Archer, Simon Baatz, Adam Berlin, Marvie Brooks, Dara Byrne, Elise Champeil, Edward Davenport, Virginia Diaz, Kirk Dombrowski, Marcia Esparza, DeeDee Falkenbach, Konstantinos Georgatos, Karen Kaplowitz, Richard Kempter, Jinwoo Kim, Ma'at Coles Lewis, James Malone, John Matteson, Nicholas Petraco, Peter Romaniuk, Raul Romero, Nancy Ryba, Francis Sheehan, Thalia Vrachopoulos

Absent (13): Teresa Booker, Janice Dunham, Gail Garfield, P. J. Gibson, Amy Green, Heather Holtman, Tim Horohoe, Evan Mandery, Patrick O'Hara, Rick Richardson, Tanya Rodriguez, Shonna Trinch, Davidson Umeh

Guest: Professor Ned Benton

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Announcements
3. Adoption of Minutes #316 of the October 10, 2007, meeting
4. Consideration of the 9/26/07 Consensus proposals for amending the College Charter
5. Consideration of new proposals, not contained in the Consensus document
6. Report of the October 18 meeting of the College Council

1. Adoption of the agenda. Approved.

2. Announcements. Noted.

3. Adoption of Minutes #316 of the October 10, 2007, meeting. Approved.

4. Consideration of the 9/26/07 Consensus proposals for amending the College Charter

President Kaplowitz explained that if the Senate were to approve the proposed Charter revisions at today's meeting, we would be approving the proposals in principle; the actual language of the Charter revisions would be crafted during January intersession and then they would be reviewed and voted on during the spring semester.

She proposed that the Senate review each proposal, page by page and if any of the proposals are objected to, the Senate explain his or her objection within one minute; if three or more

other Senators agree with the objection, that proposal will be thus flagged and set aside for further discussion at the end of the meeting. All the proposals that are not flagged in this way will be voted on as a group; then the flagged items will be discussed. This was agreed to.

All the proposals for Charter revision included in the Consensus Document of September 26, 2007, were then approved by unanimous vote of the Senate – the vote was 24-0-0 -- except for the set of proposals flagged for further consideration.

One flagged item, a proposed reconfiguration of the Curriculum Committee, was rejected; instead, the Senate voted 22-0-2 to continue having a full-time faculty representative from every academic department; however, the Senate did approve the proposal that the five student members be changed to one student member, and the Senate also supported the inclusion of those administrators listed in the Consensus Document.

The proposed elimination of the Library Committee was rejected; instead, the Senate voted 22-2-0 to accept a revised proposal from the Library faculty, whereby a Library Committee would have 7 full-time faculty members elected at-large by the full-time faculty, one student member, and the Chief Librarian, who would serve as the committee chair.

The Senate flagged for further consideration the proposed reconfiguration of the Undergraduate Standards & Admissions Committee which calls for changing the current provision of one faculty member from each academic department to 7-full-time faculty members elected at large; many stated that seven is not a sufficiently large enough number of faculty to be elected at-large for such an important committee.

5. Consideration of new proposals, not contained in the Consensus Document

The Senate agreed to discuss the following newly introduced proposals: a proposal requiring that every academic department create department bylaws; a proposal providing for the method by which academic departments shall be created, divided, and merged; that language about the role of the department P&B committees be included either in the Charter or in the Bylaws; and that the administration of minors be included in the Charter.

6. Report of the October 18 meeting of the College Council

The proposal for dual majors was approved by a vote of 35-0-2. Two new literature courses were approved. The proposal for online withdrawal from courses was defeated by a vote of 15-17-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by Edward Davenport & Virginia Diaz
Recording Secretaries

