

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Patricia Easterling, Dr. Kay K. Jordan, Dr. Judy Niehaus,
Dr. Stephen Owen, Dr. B. Sidney Smith

Members Absent: none

Guests Present: none

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Owen called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
2. The minutes of the Apr. 14th meeting were approved.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. Dr. Owen reported that the Academic Program Review Committee will be meeting to finalize the new process for the 5-year program review cycle. The committee has been working on a new set of criteria to reform the process. Dr. Owen drew our attention to the preliminary report of the APCR that is on the senate website. Dr. Jordan expressed her concern that the committee is moving towards greater reliance on a numbers game, and suggested that when internal governance is reviewed the membership of the APCR should be more representative of faculty. Dr. Owen noted that there is no guidance in IG concerning who has the authority to set review guidelines, and suggested that this is something on which the faculty senate (or the executive council this summer) could make a recommendation. After further discussion, Dr. Owen agreed to bring draft language for recommendations at our next meeting.
2. Dr. Owen reported that we will get a copy of the ESHE proposal on elevating Athletic Training to a major, and we will make a recommendation on the senate's behalf.
3. Dr. Owen will send an email asking new senators for preferences on open committee seats, so that we can make those assignments early this year.
4. Dr. Owen is also interested in crafting the committee objectives for next year.
5. The Campus Environment Committee is still working on the faculty survey, and reports that more than half of the faculty had already responded. The committee will be able to give us the numerical summary and the written comments in a matter of weeks.
6. The ad hoc investigative committee will have its first meeting tomorrow. The members are Dr. Stephen Owen, Dr. Clair Waldron (CHHS), Dr. Jim Lollar (COBE), William Flora (CEHD), Dr. William Hrezo (CHBS), Dr. Chester Watts (CSAT), and Roann Barriss (CVPA). Their goal tomorrow will be to review the motion that

established the committee, and Dr. Owen will recommend that they will act expeditiously. The committee will also elect a chair and a recorder.

7. Dr. Owen reported that the Technology Advisory Committee is preparing to make an offer on the contract for the new web page. Dr. Owen said that he is persuaded that subcontracting is the right option. He anticipates that it will be a 6 to 9 month process. Many university offices will be called upon to participate in that process.
8. Dr. Owen distributed copies of the motion the senate passed regarding incorporating the curriculum proposal path, a copy of which was also distributed. He reported that nowhere in the University Executive Council's minutes is there any indication that the senate's motion was forwarded to them for action. Dr. Owen asked that we review these for discussion at our next meeting.

III. Old Business

1. None.

IV. New Business

1. None.

V. Announcements

1. None.

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.