

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** Dr. Judy Niehaus

**Guests Present:** none

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

1. Dr. Owen called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.
2. The minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**II. Reports and Announcements**

1. Dr. Owen reported that RU's contract with Barnes & Noble is expiring, and the university is receiving bids for a new bookstore contract to begin in the fall. A faculty representative will be needed for the RFP committee, so Dr. Owen will contact the Bookstore Advisory Committee for a volunteer.
2. The RFP committee for the web page has made a recommendation to the administration, and the company recommended will be making a presentation to the president's cabinet.
3. Dr. Lerch is working with the provost and president on a message to the IG committees to give them guidelines for complying with the recent motion calling for a report on internal governance. Dr. Lerch asked which committees the motion applies to, and the members of the faculty senate executive council agreed to advise him that the sense of the motion is that the request is limited to standing IG committees.
4. The proposal for the Exercise, Sport, and Health Education major in Athletic Training will be coming soon. The provost is evaluating it for resource requirements.
5. An email will be sent soon indicating that Susan Van Patten is being named as an acting coordinator of the Core Curriculum, helping to pick up some administrative duties for which Dr. Lerch has been responsible. This position will be regularized with a position announcement and search in the fall.
6. There will be a proposal soon to rename the General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee.
7. Dr. Owen reported that the president would like to be more visible on campus at academic events. She also wants to explore the idea of having a faculty member working in the president's office in some capacity, perhaps as a position that would be filled by a different faculty member each year.

8. Dr. Owen reported that the ad hoc investigative committee has met and has thus far conducted no business other than that reported in Dr. Hrezo's email to faculty. Dr. Jordan's proposal to recommend to the ad hoc committee that it extend its deadline for reports was debated. The members agreed to recommend to the committee that it extend its deadline for submission of materials. Dr. Owen will report this recommendation to the committee.

### **III. Old Business**

1. None.

### **IV. New Business**

1. The members reviewed the Statement of Philosophy and Statement of Procedure for the new Core Curriculum forwarded by the General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee. The members agreed to endorse the statements with one minor edit.

### **V. Announcements**

1. None.

### **VI. Adjournment**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.