

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2009**

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

Members Absent: Dr. Kay K. Jordan

Guests Present: none

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Owen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. The minutes of the June 24th meeting were approved.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. Dr. Owen reported that the new Vice President for Finance and Administration will arrive soon.
2. Dr. Owen talked with Dr. Nape, the Vice Provost for Admissions, and Dr. Owen has expressed an interest giving a presentation to the faculty in the fall. Dr. Owen also shared the concerns that faculty had expressed about the models used for student admissions, and Dr. Nape is interested in addressing those concerns.
3. Dr. Owen reported that the search for a new registrar will start soon, and we need to find two faculty members who would like to serve on that committee.
4. Dr. Owen reported that the Academic Program Review Committee has sent its draft proposal for future program reviews to the provost. Many changes were made to the proposal in response to faculty concerns communicated to the committee by the faculty senate executive council. In particular, there will be no set numerical requirements for majors or for credit hours taught. Each year the data for programs will be updated, and a narrative will be provided by the department regarding the data. The issue of assessment has been addressed, and there will be efforts to ensure that assessment is used for program enhancement rather than for setting learning-outcome metrics.
5. The members decided to recommend to the president that the faculty dinner be held September 19th, with backup dates the 18th and 11th. Members also debated the appropriateness of such an event during the current budget crisis. Members decided to suggest *hors d'oeuvres* in place of a meal as a cost-cutting measure.
6. The members reviewed the draft catalog copy forwarded by Dean Rogers. Dr. Owen will report back to him that the descriptions for Anthropology and Geology should reflect the currently approved programs, and be written by the respective departments.

7. Dr. Owen reported that the ad hoc committee is now reviewing the submissions, and has requested numerous documents from members of the university community.

III. Old Business

1. The members reviewed a new draft of an Academic Affairs IG Decision Matrix as a working document to discuss with the provost. After much deliberation a draft was agreed to and Dr. Owen will arrange our meeting with the provost.

IV. New Business

1. Members examined the calendar for fall senate meetings. All meetings are expected to be in the (former) Commonwealth Room in Heth Hall. The first meeting will on Sept. 10th at 3:30. Subsequent Thursday 3:30pm meetings will be scheduled for 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, and 4/29.

V. Announcements

1. Aside from the to-be-scheduled meeting with the provost, the members do not anticipate another faculty senate executive council meeting before August.

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.