

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 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:** President Penelope Kyle

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

1. Dr. Owen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
2. The minutes of the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

**II. Reports and Announcements**

1. Dr. Owen announced that owing to his absence next week Dr. Jordan will preside at the next senate meeting.
2. Dr. Owen reported that the rector will only be available right before the board meeting, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Dr. Owen reported that the economic future for the state is projected to remain dire. The Resource Allocation committee and the University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee are meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> to begin examining the budget. It expected that the Board of Visitors will be considering the budget at their next meeting.
4. Dr. Smith reported that the IG Faculty Task Force has met twice, determined that revision is needed, and is working to formulate a resolution for the senate that recommends a process for revision.
5. Dr. Owen reported that the Board of Visitors would like to see the university revisit the 7-17 Plan and the University Mission Statement. Dr. Owen proposed that the FSEC endorse this suggestion to the administration, and that it include significant faculty involvement and that the final product be reviewed by the Faculty Senate. The members concurred.

**III. Old Business**

1. Members discussed how to move forward in the relationship between the faculty and administration in light of the Vote of No Confidence in the Provost.

**IV. New Business**

1. Members met with President Kyle. She informed the members that on the advice of the board consultant, Tim Sullivan, she wants to meet with faculty members to hear first-hand the issues that informed the vote of no confidence. Dr. Jordan pointed out

that because it was a secret ballot it is problematic to provide names of faculty senators whose positions are known. President Kyle suggested that perhaps a faculty member who was outspoken could form the appropriate group. Long discussion ensued regarding the foundations for the vote of no confidence, and the president's need to hear from all sides. After the president departed the members agreed to ask Dr. Moira Baker and Dr. Gwen Brown to form a group to talk to the president, and Dr. Owen will identify and contact senators who were known to oppose the motion to meet with her as well.

#### **V. Announcements**

1. None.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

1. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.