Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Minutes
November 07, 2011

Members Present: Dr. Rick Roth, Dr. Rhett Herman, Dr. Pamela Jackson, Dr. Jerry Kopf, Dr. Joe Chase, Dr. Kay K. Jordan
Members Absent: None.
Guests: None.

I. Call to Order
   a. Dr. Roth called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. The minutes from the FSEC meeting on October 31, 2011 were approved.

III. Reports and Announcements
   a. The FSEC discussed ways to “market” RU to get RU more “on the map.” Comments about this topic included:
      i. The current atmosphere in the state is either lowered or stagnant funding for resources.
      ii. How can we get faculty involved in any change that matches to the goals of the 6-year plan?
      iii. The FSEC agreed that too much administrative infrastructure currently exists and this is sapping funding from academics. The differences in percentiles of faculty salaries versus those of people in the RU administration were discussed.
      iv. Ideas on this topic thrown up for consideration included limiting students’ ability to borrow for their schooling based on their GPA; limiting students’ abilities to choose certain majors might be limited; students should have mandatory career counseling early in their time at RU, and this should be done by someone other than the faculty in their majors; consideration of RU as a “liberal arts school” vs. a “comprehensive school” versus a “professional school”; the possibility of emphasizing programs based on job placement. It was emphasized that these were ideas only, and they were all thrown out for general discussion.
   b. The FSEC discussed the two motions upcoming from the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.

IV. Old Business
   a. None.

V. New Business
   a. None.

VI. Adjournment
   a. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.