

Doug Ramsey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2008

John Kras motioned to approve the minutes of January 7, 2008. Diane Calloway-Graham seconded the motion. With one minor correction suggested by Steve Burr, the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – Doug Ramsey

1. Doug Ramsey asked everyone to sign the roster.
2. Doug announced that the election process will begin for next year's senators and each college should think about who will replace those cycling out. At the March meeting, we will need to vote for a new president-elect to replace Mike Parent and two new Committee on Committees representatives.
3. Doug Ramsey clarified the discussion from last month on ways you can/cannot bring items forward to the Senate. Section 200 of the code states that anyone in the Senate can bring new items of business to be considered at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee, which subsequently can be brought forward to the full Senate. A faculty person who is not a member of the Senate would have to go through a senator to ask for consideration on an issue, and that senator would decide if it is important enough to bring forward. In the 400 code, it states that once the Senate makes a decision on a specific item, that decision can be revisited by a signed petition of a minimum of 25 Senators or 10% of the university faculty. Mike Parent added that in order to overturn a decision made by the Senate, it has to go through the entire faculty, with 51% of the faculty approving.

Consent Agenda Items

1. **EPC Business**

John Kras motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Steve Burr seconded the motion. Will Popendorf asked when the change in the general education requirements would take effect. Steve Hanks, chair of EPC, replied that it would be adopted as soon as this body approves it and it goes through the appropriate approval process. The new requirements would apply to new students only; current students would adhere to those requirements that were in place when they first enrolled. Motion passed unanimously.

Key Issues and Action Items

1. **PRPC Items**

- a. **Reasons for Non-Renewal 407.7.2** (2nd reading) – Ed Heath motioned to accept the code as written; John Kras seconded the motion. Discussion ensued whether the language should require written justification documenting reason(s) for nonrenewal in the context of the annual reviews. There was additional discussion about whether the reasons for nonrenewal are inclusive for both term appointment and tenure-eligible faculty, and whether justification is currently required and covered elsewhere in the code. Suggestions were also made to split the text into separate sections referring to term appointment and tenure eligible faculty and to consult legal counsel for advice. John Kras motioned to refer the issue back to PRPC to review whether this is addressed in another part of the code for the department heads (administration). Ed Heath seconded this motion; motion passed unanimously. For clarification, parliamentarian Rudy Tarpley stated that this issue will come back to the Senate where it leaves off today, as a second reading.
- b. **Membership; Alternates; Term; Vacancies 402.3** (1st reading) – Britt Fagerheim explained that this code determines that members of Regional Campuses and Distance Education will be represented in the RCDE unit and not in their academic unit as far as apportionment relates to election representation. Will Popendorf stated that apportionment is addressed in 402.10.1, and that perhaps this is where the code should be revised. Dallas Holmes motioned to accept

this code; Ronald Shook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. PRPC will consider the appropriate code to place this wording and bring it back for a second reading.

2. **LEED Resolution**

Doug Ramsey presented the resolution that was discussed in the last Senate meeting after formalizing it and added the word "equivalent" in reference to meeting the LEED certification. John Kras motioned to accept the resolution; Doug Jackson-Smith seconded the motion. Daren Cornforth asked for clarification on whether or not the term 'equivalent' was up for debate today. The answer was no, the term was discussed and approved at the last Senate meeting and the charge was to formalize the resolution and add the word 'equivalent'. Motion passed with one abstention.

New Business

1. Ronda Callister proposed that faculty up for tenure be allowed to name two individuals whom they did not want to be asked to write external letters. This item will be placed on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.
2. Sylvia Reed asked about the Course Evaluation forms. Doug stated that Mike Lyons, chair of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, is looking into this with his committee and he will bring this to the Senate once they have a proposed new form. Maria Cordero asked to see a question on critical thinking.. Doug referred her to Mike Lyons. Maria also stated that there is no system for peer review in respect to merit. Dean Frazer suggested research against other universities on validity of our forms and Dean Burnham suggested contacting AAA.

Adjournment

Mike Parent motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Kras seconded the motion; the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Andi McCabe, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1166