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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 3, 1989

The following members were present: Mr. Rick Mullen, Mr. Dale Ficken, Ms. Martha Holmes, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. Tom Wenke, Dr. Manton Gibbs, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Dr. James Hohman, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Bill Watt, Dr. Paul Phillips, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Mr. David Ison, Dr. Raymond Wilson (for Dr. John Klier), Dr. Merlene Lyman, Mr. Glenn Gintner, Mr. Marc Campbell, Dr. Ron Sandstrom, Dr. Carolyn Ehr (for Dr. Jeff Barnett), Mr. Kevin Schilling, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Ms. Dianna Koerner, Ms. Carolyn Gatschet (for Ms. Marcia Masters), Dr. Paul Faber, Dr. Maurice Witten, Dr. Jack Barbour, Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Phyllis Tiffany (for Dr. Richard Schellenberg), Mr. DeWayne Winterlin (for Ms. Leona Pfeifer), Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. John Zody, Dr. Jim Rucker.

Members absent: Dr. Bill Daley, Mr. Jack Logan, Dr. Bill Powers, Dr. Nevell Razak, Dr. Michael Kallam.

Also present: Colin McKinney, Mike Perrault, Dr. David Schmidt, Dr. Larry Gould.

The minutes of the March 7, 1989 meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Board of Regents has approved the M.S. in Nursing and the M.A.T in Mathematics.

2. There is a policy on graduate courses for short courses in the April 1989 La Communication. There needs to be a minimum of 15 clock hours of direct instruction together with the usual amount of out-of-class scholarly work. Direct instruction should extend over a period of at least three days per credit, with no more than one credit earned per week.

3. At the April BOR meeting on KU campus, the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents will meet specifically with the Council of Chief Academic Officers. The agenda includes: fringe benefits, phased early retirement, magnitude of faculty retirements in the next decade, and institutional reporting to the BOR on program review and assessment. Also, the Faculty Senate Presidents will be discussing the possibilities for using the libraries on the three major campuses and receiving compensation for this during the summer months.

4. On Friday, April 7, 1989 at 10:00 AM, there will be a meeting of the Regents' Special Committee on Tuition and Fees. This will include whether differential fees will be permitted at the KU campus.

5. The two recommendations passed at the March meeting of the FHSU Faculty Senate have been approved by Provost Murphy.

6. The Select Committee which is to examine the use, format, and administration of the documents being used in student evaluation of the faculty has been appointed. The members are: Robert Nicholson, Chair; Jerry Calais, John Durham, Martha Holmes, Rich Hughen, Steve Klien, Diane Koerner, Robert Masters, and Weldon Zenger. There will also be three student members appointed to this committee.

7. The Faculty/Staff will be offered a discount on 1989-90 Encore Series tickets. The individual ticket discount will be $2.00 and the season ticket discount will be $10.00. The discount does not apply to spouses.
8. The Health Benefits meeting has been scheduled for 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 1989 in the Black and Gold Room in the Union.

9. There will be a reception at the Farmers Bank and Trust after the General Spring Faculty Meeting on Friday, April 28.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: No report.

University Affairs: Report presented by Dr. Frerer.

Motion 1: To approve the following recommendation:
When a department is recommending faculty for promotion, the department chair, after consulting with the departmental faculty, will apprise the members of the school level promotion committee as to what constitutes scholarly activities in that department.

The motion carried.

Student Affairs: Report presented by Dr. Shapiro.

Motion 2: To approve the Academic Clemency Policy as contained in Attachment A [of the April 3, 1989 Faculty Senate Agenda].

Dr. Rickman stated that he philosophically favors an academic clemency policy, but asked how this policy would help the student and FHSU because it seems to have a punitive component since it requires a five year separation. Dr. Shapiro indicated that the student may change educational objectives and therefore need to have such a policy to help his academic record. Dr. Shapiro indicated that if a course is pertinent to the educational objectives, then he/she should repeat those courses. Why should a student have to retake those courses which are no longer relevant to his/her educational program. Dr. Frerer asked Dr. Rickman if he objected to the 5 year requirement. Dr. Rickman said yes. Although there may be several types of students that this would involve, Dr. Rickman reminded the senate that it is the motion that we are voting on.

The motion was defeated by hand-vote: 14 Yes; 15 No.

By-Laws and Standing Rules: No report. Dr. Sandstrom reminded senate that the time to elect new senate members was approaching and will be conducted by BLSR.

External Affairs: No report.

New Business

1. Dr. David Schmidt addressed the Faculty Senate about the Academic Computing Program on campus. He provided an overview of the available services and some of the planned changes.
2. Dr. Sandstrom referred the senate to the letter from Dr. Hammond about the proposed parking regulation revisions that were attached to the agenda. There will be two public hearings--April 14 and April 21 in Rarick Hall 301.

Dr. Gatschet presented a letter from Dr. Carl Singleton objecting to these regulations. Dr. Singleton’s objections were that there was a fee increase with no increase in services; the fee is too high; there is not a need to expand parking facilities; and the administration should find ways to eliminate the fee for faculty. Dr. Gatschet indicated that there must be a problem not understood by faculty and we should ask for clarifications. Ms. Holmes indicated that the SGA was upset about the fee increase, but the money is needed for repairs. Dr. Rickman asked if the senate took any position, would it have any effect. Dr. Sandstrom said that it could, but that the public hearings are a place for faculty to provide. Dr. Britten asked if anyone knew what the current map included, because the map available to senate seems to remove some of the reserved area in the Malloy and Stroup Halls parking lot. It seemed like some of these areas would remain reserved, but the reserved areas in the red zones will cost less. Dr. Gould stated that nothing is set in stone and it’s open for modification. Dr. Gatschet indicated that the $30.00 fee seemed unfair to the staff. What does the classified senate think? Dr. Gatschet said we should get more information before taking a stand as a senate. Dr. Sandstrom stated that the timeline does not allow us to get more information and take a stand as May 3 is the day it goes to the BOR. Mr. Ginter stated that no state funds are allocated to maintain streets, roads, and parking lots. Dr. Watt said that it seemed like the administration was trying to maintain the lots. Dr. Britten indicated a concern about the changes not guaranteeing parking for faculty that have off-campus commitments that require a faculty member to leave campus during the day and return. Those faculty in red zones could have their ‘reserved’ spaces taken by students who have purchased red zone permits. Dr. Markley stated that the issues seem to be who should park where and where are the zones and how much do you pay to park. Each of these need to be addressed separately.

LIAISON REPORTS

Student Government: Ms. Holmes indicated that the SGA has passed a resolution requiring all faculty to be computer literate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Fred Britten, Secretary
FHSU Faculty Senate