Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Steve Howard, Faculty Senate President. Motion made and seconded to approve September 26, 2007 minutes.

Treasures Report
- Income: $20.00 for late faculty dues; Expenditure of $150.00 for faculty contribution to the Centennial Committee. Current balance is $3,573.61.

Committee Reports
- Textbook Committee: Dick Frost reported that most of the book publishers attended the textbook committee meeting. Dr. Baser discussed House Bill 2103 and said that all book sellers will be off campus by November 1, 2007. Dr. Baser also said that, according to House Bill 2103, faculty are not to sell examination copies of texts. Also discussed during faculty senate meeting was the inclusion of an opt-in box on the book adoption form to automatically place textbooks on reserve in the library. A motion was made to change the adoption form to include an opt-in box. Motion was carried.

Old Business
- Gail Austin: Updated Faculty Senate about the web page. There is now a link on both the external and internal websites. The external website will contain only general information about Faculty Association such as Faculty Senate meeting dates. The internal website will include Faculty Senate officers, Faculty Senate Bylaws, Constitution, Attendees at Regents meetings, monthly agenda, Faculty Senate minutes, and Faculty Senate monthly agenda. Also discussed was including an “FYI” page to include information such as VPN instructions and a listing of all employee benefits. Gail Austin expressed concern that the website will not be kept current and it was suggested
that a change be made to Faculty Senate officer job descriptions or elect a liaison
between Faculty Senate and RSC webmaster.

- Steve Howard: Reported on the Foundation Membership Drive. The committee met
with Lisa Pitsiri and discussed having a competition between Faculty Association, PASA
and Classified staff to increase membership or a competition only between divisions. It
was recommended that the competition be between campus organizations which will
raise the overall membership. Lisa Pitsiri also said that payroll deduction is better than a
one time donation because payroll deductions automatically roll over every year.

New Business

- Sick Leave: Proposal to discuss with Dr. Britton a change in faculty sick leave to 6 hours
per sick day from 8 hours per sick day. Motion was made to table the discussion.
  Motion was carried.
- Dental Plan: Dianne Krob suggested that the maximum dental benefit be raised from
$1500.00 to $2000.00 with no increase in premium payment. Gail Austin agreed to write
up the proposal for Steve Howard to present to Dr. Britton. Motion was seconded and
  carried.
- Student vouchers for the book store: Steve Howard received a memorandum from Keith
Ogans that clarified the practice that is in place for textbook vouchers. Student vouchers
are only given to students who have been approved for financial aid and are awaiting
funding. Financial aid must include textbook purchases i.e. Pell Grants. Aid such as
student loans, and tuition waivers are not included for student vouchers.
- Security presentation by Superior Security and Investigation: The owner of the security
company has offered to give a brief presentation on changes made to security in light of
the Virginia Tech shootings. A motion was made to invite him to the November Faculty
Senate meeting. Motion seconded and carried. A motion was also made to invite PASA
and Classified Staff boards to the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Call to Adjourn
Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 4:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Theresa-Ann Walther, Faculty Senate Secretary

NOTE: Because of a lack of action items from the October meeting, the Senators did not meet
with Dr. Britton following this meeting.