Faculty Senate Minutes

3/26/2008

Senators Attending:
Business Division
  Eileen Dewey
  Key Dewey
  Dara Hays
Engineering and Technology
  Dick Frost
  Steve Howard
Health Sciences
  Sally Boyster
  Barbara Duer
  Robin Graham
Humanities
  Howard Koerth
Social Sciences
  Kathy Carey
  Pam Reynolds
  John Wood

Minutes – the minutes were not available at the time of the meeting, they were approved later by e-mail vote of the senators.

Treasurers Report – John Wood reported the checking account has $2923.62 after a $300 check was paid to the Operation Iraqi Children Fund.

Committee Reports – Steve Howard reported that the Professional Development Committee had met for the first time under the Chair of Dr. Baser. The committee discussed its mission and how to bring forward projects to provide for professional development of all employees. The committee is to meet again in two weeks and bring ideas on how to organize and what projects need to be forwarded to the Executive committee for consideration and what projects can be implemented by the Professional Development Committee. Committee representatives are:
  PASA - Connie Myrick & Stan Griel
  CASA - Kim Griel & Rachel Jones
  Faculty – Rob Winslow – BIT; Steve Howard – ET; Linda Whaley – HS; Suzanne Thomas – HU;
  Jerri Scot – SS
  Ex-Officio – Joy Rupp – Executive Dir. Human Resource Development; Jana Legako – Executive Director of Personnel Services

New Business:
  • HB 2513 – Lively discussion. No action taken.
  • Smoke Free Campus – Senate will express support to Dr. Britton to take the campus smoke free. Passed by split vote.
  • Recycling – Steve Howard reported that he had checked with two sources in Facilities Management – both reported that the paper in the green barrels is being recycled by the
company that picks it up. Comment – not all containers have locks. This makes some faculty reluctant to recycle old test material.

Other New Business:

- Election of officers – Ken Dewey discussed a slate of officers for next year. They are:
  - President Elect – John Wood
  - Secretary – Robin Graham
  - Treasurer – Sally Boyster
  - Parliamentarian – Dick Frost

- Report on Foundation Challenge – Steve Howard reported that the other two employee associations have accepted the Foundation Membership challenge and that it will continue until April 24, 2008. $500 will be donated by the Faculty Association to the association with the highest percentage of its members making a payroll deduction to the foundation. The Foundation will provide a special prize of a Brick Town Weekend to be drawn for by the members of the winning association who are making a payroll deduction to the foundation. A motion was made and passes to provide a special $100 prize to the academic division with the highest percentage of its members making a payroll deduction to the foundation.

- Steve Howard passed on a request from Christie Brown, a student senator, to support two pieces of legislation she has introduced into the student senate:
  - Enhance security by providing for e-mail and other electronic notification of any security problems on campus. This could include text messaging and phone mail similar to the OU system. A motion passed to notify the administration of Faculty support for this measure.
  - Improve appearance of the campus by painting the names on the buildings instead of using letters since the letters were frequently stolen or lost. This legislation has failed in the student senate. No motion of support was made.

No other business being before the Senate, a motion to adjourn was unanimously passed.