

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes from Meeting on Friday, September 2, 2011

Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Dr. Waid, Chair, at 2:25 pm

Members present: James McCrimmon, Amy Williams, Chrissy Dent, Becky Arnold, Jimmy Ballenger, Brian Ray, Shawn Seat, Amanda Urquhart, James Galt-Brown, and Doug Waid

Minutes were unanimously accepted as amended to correct the date of the meeting and to add James Galt-Brown to the list of attendees.

Newly elected members in attendance were introduced.

Former senator and outgoing vice-chair of the Faculty Senate, Kathy Moreno, addressed the members about the role of the Faculty Senate vice-chair in the assignment of faculty members to college-wide committee assignments.

Old Business was as follows:

- Election of new Faculty Senate Chair
 - Nominations: Sen. Waid nominated James Galt-Brown
 - Motion to close nominations made Sen. Seat/second Sen. McCrimmon
 - James Galt-Brown elected unanimously as Faculty Senate Chair for AY 2011-2012

New Faculty Senate Chair, James Galt-Brown assumed the chair from outgoing Faculty Senate Chair, Doug Waid, and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

- Election of new Faculty Senate Vice-chair
 - Nominations:
 - Sen. McCrimmon nominated Amy Williams, who declined nomination
 - Sen. Galt-Brown nominated Amanda Urquhart
 - Motion to close nominations made Sen. Seat/second Sen. McCrimmon
 - Amanda Urquhart elected unanimously as Faculty Senate Vice-chair for AY 2011-2012
- Election of new Faculty Senate Parliamentarian
 - Nominations: Sen. Ray nominated Susan Roe
 - Motion to close nominations made Sen. Dent/second Sen. Seat
 - Susan Roe elected unanimously as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian for AY 2011-2012
- Election of new Faculty Senate Recording Secretary
 - Nominations: Sen. Ballenger nominated Donna Sledge; Sen. Ray nominated Brian Ray
 - Motion to close nominations made Sen. Waid/second Sen. McCrimmon
 - Brian Ray elected unanimously as Faculty Senate recording Secretary for AY 2011-2012

New Business was as follows:

- Discussion of Scheduling of Freshman Convocation
 - Discussion about the Sunday afternoon scheduling of the Fall 2011 Freshman Convocation was entertained with the following major items discussed:
 - Faculty role in deciding college-wide events impacting faculty
 - Status of Calendar Committee
 - Faculty input on this decision specifically
 - Concerns over high heat's impact on faculty standing outside in black robes, despite a statement to the effect that this would not be the situation
 - A review of the perceived arguments for the particular choice in scheduling which seemed generally unsupported in the view of the faculty
 - Resolution: The senate agreed to send a letter to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs to address the sense of the Senate regarding this issue. Said letter to address the following:
 - Make faculty concerns about this particular event known officially to the administration
 - Address scheduling concerns about recruiting/orientation events that require faculty participation but that have not had faculty input on the scheduling decisions
 - Offer/request faculty involvement in future decisions concerning faculty participation in such events
 - Sen. Waid was selected to draft a letter for review by the senate at its next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 3:29 pm

The date of the next Faculty Senate meeting is Oct. 7, 2011