Faculty Senate Governance Council Meeting 9/27/07

Location: 380 Town Engineering Bld.

Meeting was called to order @ 4:00pm.

Members in attendance were Max Porter (chair), Michael Martin, Joe Haynes (recorded and submitted minutes), Clark Ford, John Mayfield, Dan Loy, Steve Porter, Sedahlia Crase, Tom Chacko, and Denise Vrchota.

Approved minutes from previous meeting (9/18/07); Dan Loy made motion to approve and J. Haynes seconded).

Discussed letter from Greenlee School concerning faculty voting status for lecturers and senior lecturers.

Announcement: Paul Tanaka will attend the 10/11/07 meeting to discus the ISU open meeting policy.

Report from Comm-Comm: Clark Ford shared that the predominant idea for the spring conference was to discuss how improve the research environment at ISU, especially how to better help research faculty.

2 Council items discussed at the last meeting have been forwarded to the FS Executive Board and placed on their agenda for the next meeting (10/2/07). These are:

1. Faculty handbook class attendance policy
2. Non-discrimination/affirmative action policy

Denise will attend the next EB meeting to discuss these.

Discussed agenda item #8: Report of Task force on Governance Documents. Discussion focused on bullet #2 of recommended actions section, i.e. produce a standing committee to periodically review college and department governance documents. Discussed committee makeup and name. Decided that the committee should have 5 members including a chair and that its name best reflect the nature of its charge. (See attached document for specific language of changes.) A motion was made John Mayfield to accept the proposed changes and send them to the EB; seconded by Clark Ford. Discussion ensued which suggested that the name of other committees, which contain the word “governance,” be reconsidered in view of their charges.

Discussed PLAC committee’s role in making policy for hiring employees. PLAC committee’s role is to collect policies and not make them.

Adjourned at 5:20 pm.