Faculty Senate Governance Council Minutes

November 1, 2007

Present: Max Porter (Chair), Clark Ford (CommComm), John Mayfield (LAS), Denise Vrchota (Gov & Doc), Dan Loy (Ag) and Sedahlia Crase (Ex-officio, Senate President)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 by President Max Porter

The agenda was approved

The minutes of the October 11, 2007 were approved as revised prior to the meeting by Vrchota. This followed a discussion and clarification of the second motion passed on religious accommodation. (Mayfield/Ford) –PASSED.

Open Meetings Policy (Porter)
A revised and simplified policy on open meetings (8.4.8) by the Gov & Doc Comm was reviewed by Vrchota and discussed by the committee. The motion to accept the policy was passed (Mayfield/Loy) -PASSED

Gov & Doc Comm (Vrchota)
Changes recommended in the Faculty Conduct Policy (Chapter 7) as suggested by Susan Carlson were presented by the Gov & Doc Comm. These were changes considered to be non-substantive and followed a 5-year review approved by the Faculty Senate on September 11. These changes, with one exception were recommended by the Gov & Doc Comm for approval. The exception related to a 30-day investigation period and 60-day reporting period of a Faculty Review Board. The Gov & Doc Comm viewed this change as substantive. A motion to approve the changes as recommended by the Gov & Documents Comm and pass those changes to the Executive Committee for Senate action was approved (Mayfield/Ford). PASSED

The Gov & Doc Comm presented a proposed editing procedure for the Faculty Handbook to facilitate the need to:
1. Correct inaccuracies
2. Result in correct use of mechanisms (verb tense, punctuation, etc.)
3. Format text to conform to FH style
4. Correct a linkage problem
The council added language that members attending the Gov & Doc Comm meeting must unanimously agree to the changes. A motion (Ford/Mayfield) was passed to accept the procedure.-PASSED

Comm Comm Report (Ford)
There was a discussion relative to the need to complete representation from Colleges on the Women and Minorities Committee.
The nomination form for the President-elect was discussed, revised and updated.

The meeting was adjourned (Mayfield/Loy) at 6 PM

The next meeting will be November 15, subject to the need for action on Gov Docs action.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Loy