Faculty Senate Governance Council Minutes
November 28, 2007

Present: Max Porter (chair), Clark Ford (CommComm), John Mayfield (LAS), Denise Vrchota (Gov & Doc), Dan Loy (CALS), Michael Martin (DES) Joe Haynes (VET), and Sedahlia Crase (Ex-officio, Senate President)

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM by chair Max Porter

The agenda was approved

The minutes of the November 1, 2007 meeting were approved as revised with non-substantive changes.

New Business:

Procedures on religious accommodation that are linked to in the Faculty Handbook were discussed. A motion was made and seconded (Ford/Mayfield) to accept new modified language at the end of the first paragraph of that procedure to delete “for the department” and substitute “for the instructor, supervisor, or department.” -- PASSED

There was a discussion about shared governance issues when policies and/or procedures are changed on campus. There was general agreement that some offices changing policy and procedure are insensitive to faculty concerns, or need for notification of the Faculty Senate when policy or procedure changes involve faculty. There was also discussion on how to track changes in Faculty Handbook links. There was general agreement not to make a resolution concerning this issue at this time. A motion was made and seconded (Martin/Mayfield) to encourage Sedahlia Crase, Faculty Senate President, to speak to the Provost about these concerns. – PASSED

There was a discussion about the open meetings policy that is currently before the Senate. A suggestion by one of the Faculty Senators, Bob Gregorac, to make changes to the policy was considered. A motion was made and seconded (Ford/Mayfield) for Max Porter to inform Bob Gregorac that the Governance Council considered his suggestions and decided not to change the proposed action before the Senate. – PASSED

There was a discussion about wording in the “Proposed ‘Governance and Documents’ Editing Procedure.” A motion was made and seconded (Mayfield/Martin) to make an editorial change in the wording of the first paragraph from “may be” to “is,” and to tell the senate that such an editorial change was made in the document. – PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

Minutes submitted by Clark Ford