Faculty Senate Governance Council Meeting 4:10 pm, 2/7/08 in 388 Town Engineering Bld.

Present: Denise Vrchota, Michael Martin, Max Porter (Chair), John Mayfield, Clark Ford, Steve Porter, Sedahlia Crase, Dan Loy, Joe Haynes, Joel Geske, Paul Tanaka

Approved minutes of 12/13/07.
Approved minutes of 1/10/08.

Discussed meeting agenda to accommodate those that had to leave at 5:00 pm.

Discussed Open meeting policy:

- JG stated that the intent of the open meeting policy was to notify ISU Daily with date and time of meetings with agenda; whether the Daily publishes this information is up to them.
- Concluded that current open meeting policy (which is in the faculty handbook) is satisfactory but needs to be university wide and needs to be generally available.
- Discussed need for a task force to discuss a university wide open meeting policy.
- SP made a motion to withdraw a motion that is before the Senate pertaining to changing the open meeting policy; 2nd by JM, motion passed.
- SC will discuss open meeting policy with Provost Hoffman; PT will discuss possibility of university wide open meeting policy with President Geoffry: this was approved by consensus.

Discussed Religious Accommodation Policy proposed amendment:

- Discussed possible addition of language submitted by GSB which basically stated that each instructor should be aware that absence from class to attend religious practices may include travel to and from such practices
- JM moved to forward the proposed change of the Religious Accommodation policy, including the GSB language, to the faculty senate executive board; 2nd by DL; motion passed with no nay votes but 1 abstention

Discussed Clark Ford’s proposals from Committee on Committees:

- Proposals:
  - Action 1: Make the faculty Senate President Elect the chair of Comm Comm
  - Action 2: Creation of a new committee called the Representative Committee

- For Action 1, JM made a motion to adopt; 2nd by CF; motion passed (unanimously)
- For Action 2: Discussion; JM made a motion to adopt; 2nd by SP; motion passed (unanimously)

Meeting adjourned.
Minutes taken and submitted by Joe Haynes with assist from John Mayfield