Faculty Senate Minutes November 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. All departments were in attendance.

I. Minutes

The draft of minutes from the November 2 meeting was approved as distributed by Blazer/Fenwick motion.

II. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

Chairperson Kerper presented an issue brought to him by faculty regarding the informal manner in which parliamentary procedure is used at some points in the meeting (e.g., courses stand approved if no objection is raised). The Senate did not choose to change existing practices. These procedures will be used until a motion to change Senate practices is introduced.

III. Report of the Student Senate President

Written report unavailable.

IV. Report of the Graduate Student Organization

No report.

V. Report of the Administrative Officers

No report.

VI Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

First Reading

UCPRC

New Course

EDFN 386, 387, 388 – Topics in Educational Foundations

Effective date: Summer 2005

Second Reading

GCPRC:

Academic Proposal

Addition of Nursing Education track and certificate in Nursing Education Approved.

UCPRC:

Academic Proposal

Add CSCI 161 as a required course in the BS in computer science. Approved.

VII. Reports of the Faculty Senate Special Committees

General Education Task Force

The General Education Task Force Proposal continued.

- Luek\Wismer motion to table the proposal was defeated. Discussion was continued.
- Most of the arguments against the proposal were related to the issue of complement. Dr. Prabhu expressed that when these courses become part of the general education curriculum, if they ever do, the issue of complement will be discussed and resolved.
- Frankum/Sciarretta motion was passed to vote for the four components of the proposal "ad seriatum." This motion was approved.
- Frankum/Sciarreta motion was passed for a vote to endorse the proposal to pilot test First Seminars. The motion was approved.
- Schaeffer/Rosenthal, Frankum/Sciarretta, Rosenthal/Frankum motions to postpone the vote on components of the proposal (#2 approve granting of GEN ED equivalence for First Seminars, #3 grant, and #4 respectively) were passed and approved.
- Foster-Clark/Piperberg motion to move special order meeting to further discuss this proposal from December 7 to January 18. This motion was passed and approved.

VIII. Faculty Emeritus

None

IX. Other/New Business

Incomplete Policy Discussion

Dr. William Smith, APSCUF-MU president, presented a contractual issue related to the administrative signatures required in the Undergraduate Incomplete Policy, passed previously by the Senate. A motion to return the proposal to the Academic Policies Committee was passed. Provost Prabhu indicated that the uncontested part of the policy would remain in effect. Administrative signatures will not be needed

X. Committee Elections

Dr. Lillie West volunteered and was nominated to chair the Academic Policies Committee for the remainder of the academic year. A Blazer/Piperberg motion to close nominations and to direct the secretary to cast one vote for the nominee was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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