Senate Steering Committee Minutes November 13, 2009

Attendees:
Ellis Greiner
Mary Ann Ferguson
Elizabeth Bolton
Frank Bova
Jack Mecholsky
Barbara Wingo
Scott Nygren
David Quillen
Jane Brockmann

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Council Reports:

Budget Council David Quillen, Chair

The council discussed the sick leave alternative proposal drafted by the budget council in order to close the program in 10 years, while still providing benefit to faculty who are already vested in the current program. The steering committee agreed that any changes should be phased out and should be compensation neutral to protect the benefit. The budget council will discuss the proposal more.

Infrastructure Council

Jane Brockmann, Chair

The council talked to Matt Fajack about RCM at their last meeting. They would like to receive quarterly reports on the shadow process and were concerned about the potential impact of RCM on classroom space. They were also concerned about the lack of benchmarks to evaluate the effectiveness of the system.

Research and Scholarship Council

Scott Nygren, Chair

The council is working on developing a recommendation to create a faculty advisory committee to work with RCM. They would also like to look at what other universities are doing. Frank Bova offered to talk about his role on the RCM committee at the next SCORS meeting and noted that he and Fajack will make a presentation on the RCM process at the December Senate meeting and provide a more complete report at the January Senate meeting.

Action Items:

Approval of the November Senate Agenda and development of topics for guided discussion

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM