

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
January 12, 2006
1:00 -3:00 P.M.
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Agenda:

Faculty/Student Summit
Electronic Voting
Council member election timeline
Council Reports

Attendees:

Kim Tanzer
Danaya Wright
Rick Yost
Sandra Chance
Robert Cousins
Frank Bova
Mike Katovich
Barbara Wingo

Absent:

Janie Fouke
Bernie Machen
Rick Regan
Joan Frosch
Bryan Weber
Pradeep Kumar
Pierre Ramond

Kim Tanzer called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

Kim Tanzer distributed a handout explaining the Faculty/Student summit to gain student support for tuition increases to increase University resources. She is working with Joe Goldberg, Student Government President and Jess Johnson. The meeting will be held on January 24th. The steering committee discussed which faculty members would make the most contribution to the summit.

Barbara Wingo presented her findings on electronic voting to the steering committee. In order to vote electronically senators must be electronically present at senate meetings.

The steering committee agreed that the council member elections should be held in the spring to coincide with elections for committees and the Senate. All current terms ending in the fall will be extended to the following spring.

Budget Council - Dr. Fouke asked the Deans to turn in Merit Pay plans by the end of March. The budget council is also researching IDC as a budgetary barrier for interdisciplinary work because the proposed IDC changes do not address the problems associated with work between centers. The council is also researching the building process to see where faculty can be involved in the building process to determine the best use of space to ensure the most effective use of funds. The council will meet with Dr. Fouke to determine how faculty can get involved in the budget process she is considering changing.

Welfare council- the Welfare council will send a letter to the Provost, the President the senior vice presidents regarding making a mandatory orientation course for new department chairs and a refresher course for old chairs. The council would also like improved websites for the University so information is easily accessible. The council will make a prioritized list of which websites need the most improvements. Barbara Wingo will send Kim Tanzer a written opinion on the current tenure issue.

Research council- Rick Yost will report on the IDC and 1 UF changes at the Senate meeting, Win Phillips will be available for questions. The council is also going to look at strategic initiatives at the university and determine where faculty involvement should be. They are also reviewing existing centers. The council is arranging a meeting with Mike Conlon to discuss PeopleSoft issues.

The meeting adjourned at: 3:13 P.M.