

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
January 4, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Danaya Wright
Chris Snodgrass
Rebecca Pauly
Janie Fouke
Frank Bova
Rick Yost
Kim Tanzer

Pradeep Kumar
Barbara Wingo

Guests:

Carol Kem
Ken Gerhardt
Marc Hoit

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM

The minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Dr. Wright reminded the Steering Committee about the January 11th Shared Governance workshop. She asked the council chairs to attend the workshop from 12:45-1:45 to discuss their council's role in the Senate.

Healthy Gators 2010 will begin a campus wide implementation of outside smoking restrictions outside of buildings on January 22, 2007. The group would like input from the Senate on implementation strategies.

The ACFS is meeting next week. Danaya Wright and Rick Yost will attend the meeting. The Steering Committee discussed presenting a resolution to the Senate in support of the Academic Enhancement Program. Dr. Wright will draft a resolution and present it to the Senate at the February meeting. Nominations for committees will open next week. They will close the last Friday in January. Dr. Wright spoke with John Boyles regarding student involvement on committees. They will put forward a request to add students to committees they would like to have more involvement in. The Committee on Committees will be charged with researching which Joint committees need ex officio members noted in the constitution. Currently, joint committees are functioning with several ex officio members who are not noted in the constitutional language that describes the committee structure. Dr. Wright also explained that the Honorary Degrees committee information item should have been removed from the December Senate agenda. It will not go forward as an action item in January. The President would like to give input into the committee structure. A meeting will be scheduled with Dr. Machen, Dr. Fouke, the Committee on Committees, Robin Frey and Saeed Khan. Barbara Wingo will send a memo to the Honorary Degrees committee regarding the Sunshine laws. Dr. Wright will send an email to the Senate asking for nominations for a person to serve on the DOCE working group. Carol Kem will forward the request to the nominating committee as well. Dr. Machen is working to schedule a meeting with the Welfare council to discuss IFAS extension agents and the APB. Dr. Wright will request that research council meet with the Graduate Dean Candidates.

Information Items:

- **Graduate Council Items** **Ken Gerhardt**, Interim Dean Graduate School
Migration of Nutritional Sciences concentration to PhD in Nutritional Sciences
Dr. Gerhardt presented the above information item. This item will be information in January.

- **Information Technology Update** **Marc Hoit**, Interim CIO
Dr. Hoit reviewed several Information Technology changes. The Senate will be informed of these changes at the January meeting.

Council Reports:

- **Faculty Welfare Council**

Dr. Pauly reported that the Welfare council reviewed the Climate Survey with Brian Beach. A letter outlining recent accomplishments will be sent with the survey. The council met with a representative from Baby Gator. The council will work to endorse the expansion of baby gator facilities. They also spoke with Dr. King about Sloan award implementation.

- **Budget Council**

Dr. Bova reported that the budget council is drafting a resolution top request that every college and center have a faculty elected budget group established to serve in an advisory capacity in the budget process. The budget council has met with the CLAS groups and is working with Marie Zeglen to get the FTE information on the Web site.

The Agenda for the January 18, 2007 meeting was approved with the addition of an information item on the Student Conduct Code Committee's Recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM