

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
August 9, 2007
12:00-2:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Rick Yost
Frank Bova
Danaya Wright
Barbara Wingo
Jerry Cutler
Chris Snodgrass
Carol Murphy
Saeed Kahn

Allen Wysocki
Amelia Bell
Rebecca Pauly

Guests:

John Leavey
Carol Kem
David Denslow
Daniel Wubah

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 and the minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Rick Yost, Chair

Dr. Yost notified the committee about the creation of the cost reduction and efficiency task force. The task force is chaired by Kyle Cavanaugh. The task force will work to find ways to trim costs and operate more efficiently.

The textbook affordability bill will be reviewed by the APC.

The student government forwarded a sustainability resolution to the Senate. The resolution will be reviewed by the sustainability committee and the infrastructure council.

Kim Tanzer is discussing the possibility of having a Faculty Club Happy Hour at the Harn.

Information Items:

▪ **Senate Workday and New Senator Orientation- August 21**

Rick Yost, Chair

The Senate workday agenda is on the Senate Web site and all council chairs should attend the appropriate sessions.

▪ **Curriculum Committee**

Daniel Wubah, Associate Provost Undergraduate Affairs

- Elimination of BS in Engineering Science

Dr. Wubah presented the proposal to eliminate the BS in Engineering Science. This item will be an information item at the August Senate meeting.

▪ **Honorary Degrees Committee Report**

Dave Denslow, Honorary Degrees Committee Chair

The Steering Committee offered recommendations on the presentation to the Senate and requested clarification on several points of the report.

The Steering committees feels the ideas in the report should be written into resolutions for the Senate to vote on. Barbara Wingo noted that the Honorary Degrees committee can establish their own criteria and can act on the new criteria without a Senate vote to approve the criteria. The Senate will need to vote if the recommendations are to remove the Senate vote.

- **Graduate Council Items**

- LL.M in Environmental & Land Use Law
- Elimination of graduate degrees in Engineering Mechanics and Engineering Sciences

Dr. Yost presented two items from the Graduate Council. These items will be on the Senate agenda in August as an information item.

- **Faculty Authored Course Materials** **Carol Murphy, APC Chair**

Dr. Murphy updated the committee on the APC's progress on the faculty authored course materials charge. Rick Yost will notify the Senate of the council's work during his address at the August Senate meeting.

- **Gordon Rule Proposal** **Carol Murphy, APC Chair**

Anita Spring was working on a document to send to the General Education Committee, outlining the APC's concerns about this proposal. Dr. Murphy will report back when the concerns have been forwarded to the General Education Committee.

- **Facilitation of on campus speakers and seminars** **Ellis Greiner, Member**

Dr. Greiner would like to find a place for departments to enter information on speakers and seminars on campus. He will discuss the issue with Jane Adams and Marc Hoit.

Council Reports:

- **Academic Policy Council** **Carol Murphy, Chair**

No report

- **Research and Scholarship Council** **Saeed Khan, Chair**

The council will look into technology transfer.

- **Academic Infrastructure Council** **Jerry Cutler, Chair**

The infrastructure council will review the master plan and will work with the sustainability committee on issues brought forward by the student government.

- **Budget Council** **Allen Wysocki, Chair**

The Budget council will look for ways to assist in the budget process and create a FAQ about the budget situation.

- **Welfare Council** **Rebecca Pauly, Chair**

The Welfare council will continue to look into child care, a faculty club and equity in salary.

Action Item

- **Approve Senate Agenda for August 23, 2007** **Rick Yost, Chair**

The Senate Agenda for August 23 has been approved with the removal of the Honorary Degrees committee report and the Course Materials report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM