

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
September 6, 2007
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Rick Yost
Carol Murphy
Al Wysocki
John Leavey
Jerry Cutler
Mary Ann Ferguson
Carol Kem
Chris Snodgrass
Saeed Khan
Frank Bova
Janie Fouke
Sandra Chance

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM and the minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting were approved.

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Rick Yost, Chair

Rick Yost announced that the AFTPRSC needs one additional person and nominations should be sent to the Senate office within one week. All nominees must be tenured full professors. A call for nominations will also go out to the Senate and the nominees will be reviewed by the nominating committee.

Dr. Yost reviewed the changes to the Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee and asked for 5 nominees for Curriculum and 3 nominees for General Education. The deadline for nominees is Sept. 11th.

Dr. Wubah is chairing a committee to look at the University Scholars Program and has requested the names of three people willing to serve on the committee. Dr. Yost will look at the University Scholars Web site for nominees, in order to find people who have served as mentors in the past.

CLAS is beginning a search for a new dean. The committee is chaired by Dean Khargonekar and has six faculty members, students and Dr. Frierson.

Nominations for Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus, Distinguished Achievement and Distinguished Service awards must be received by October 1.

A proposal to change Tuesday/Thursday classes to 75 minute classes has been put forward. The APC and Infrastructure council will look into the issue.

- **Provost's Report**

Janie Fouke, Provost

The Provost updated the Steering Committee on several issues including the kickoff for the capital campaign on September 28. The goal of this year's campaign is to earn \$1.5 billion. The \$2 million generated by the Academic Enhancement Program will go to hire 5 faculty members. Students will have input as to where the remaining faculty hires will be placed.

Information Items:

Constitution Committee

Mary Ann Ferguson, Constitution Committee Chair

Curriculum Committee, General Education Committee, Student members on councils

The constitutional language will go back to the Committee on Committees for clarification. A system for creating balance on the committees must be determined.

Council Reports:

- **Budget Council**

Allen Wysocki, Chair

The Budget Council will be featured in the September Faculty Senate newsletter. The council is posting information about the budget callbacks on the Web site.

- **Academic Policy Council**

Carol Murphy, Chair

The APC returned their concerns with the Gordon rule requirement to the general education committee. The council is looking at the Strategic Work Plan, the textbook affordability bill and faculty authored course materials.

- **Research and Scholarship Council**

Saeed Khan, Chair

- No report

- **Academic Infrastructure Council**

Jerry Cutler, Chair

The infrastructure council will look at campus security, major technology launches, the status of the master plan, libraries, student fee on sustainability and class and laboratory support.

- **Welfare Council**

Rebecca Pauly, Chair

- No report

Action Item

- **Approve Senate Agenda for September 20, 2007**

The September Senate agenda was approved with the removal of the constitution committee information item. Rick Yost will talk to the President about providing a Budget related information item. Dr. Yost will also give a BOT update.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM