

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
July 9, 2009
3:15-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Jack Mecholsky
Henrietta Logan
Mary Ann Ferguson
Ellis Greiner
David Quillen
Jane Brockmann
Frank Bova
Barbara Wingo
Rick Yost

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM

The minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

Reports:

- **Chair's Report**

Jack Mecholsky, Chair

Jack Mecholsky reported that the Senate will review the budget model through the budget council as the shadow system is utilized. The Senate will work to create a definition of units in response to the regulation created to identify units. The Senate should have a voice in determining how units are identified and need to consider the issue before the regulation is finalized. Faculty also need input, preferably within the unit, into determining who defines programs.

Mecholsky reported that Andy McCollough is developing online course content and structure in order to create a uniform delivery system across campus. The structure should include quality, exams and criteria for success. The concern with online courses is infrastructure and support, what is technology, how to use it and whether it is available?

The committee discussed the identification of sustainability courses on campus. The Senate will request a report from the task force to identify courses.

The compensation committee report will be sent to the Welfare Council for review.

The Welfare council will also investigate the university wide pay plan and percent return from research grants.

Barbara Wingo is researching the double voting on tenure and promotion committees issue.

Frank Bova reported that he spoke with Matt Fajack regarding the budget models and he suggested that two reports be made to the senate. The first is a yearlong schedule for implementation to be reported in September or October. The second is a report on the budget model as a status update.

Council Reports:

Academic Policy Council

Representative

No report.

Tracy Rambo,

Budget Council

The Senate should consider a resolution regarding the importance of the Department of Continuing Education when competing to host conferences. The budget council has been working to draft a resolution.

David Quillen, Chair

Infrastructure Council

The Infrastructure council will continue to review course management systems, the master plan and the effect of RCM on infrastructure and classroom technology.

Jane Brockmann, Chair

Research and Scholarship Council

Representative

The Research council has created two resolutions: one on the budget resolution and the other on the RCM model. The council thought that inadequate consideration on the effects of research went into deliberations about the model.

Henrietta Logan,

Welfare Council

Jack Mecholsky discussed nonmonetary benefits for faculty. These are based on concerns he has heard from faculty including access to basketball and racquet ball courts, locker room facility access, pool hours and living well hours and access.

Susan Percival, Chair

The Senate could review benefits that can help to boost morale and consider what it would cost to expand hours and the possibility that these benefits could come out of HR instead of HHP.

Mecholsky also reported that Bernard Mair is heading a task force on the Academic calendar.

The committee discussed the campus fee structure and who has the authority to establish fees. Barbara Wingo stated that any fees charged to students must be approved by the BOT, BOG and Legislature.

Fees charged to outside users go through the regulation process.

Internal fees are approved depending on who has the delegated authority from the President or BOG to charge fees.

Ellis Greiner was particularly concerned with new fees for select agents and the new VoIP initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.