

Senate Steering Committee

Minutes

July 10, 2008

12:00-2:00 PM

226 Tigert Hall

Attendees:

Sue Percival
Ellis Greiner
Frank Bova
Amelia Bell
Joe Glover
Jacob Chung
Rick Yost
David Quillen
Danaya Wright
Chris Snodgrass
Jane Brockmann

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

The minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

Chair Report

Frank Bova updated the steering committee about the Senate workday on August 28. Bova also stated he would like to meet with each council chair individually before the academic year begins.

Provost Report

Joe Glover reported that the administration is working on developing the sabbatical policy and working on ways to enrich the structure currently in place in the bargaining unit. The office will also work on the faculty authored course materials issue and the textbook affordability bill.

Welfare Council report

Sue Percival stated she is arranging a meeting with Kyle Cavanaugh and Paula Fussell to discuss agenda items for the upcoming academic year.

Academic Policy Council report

Danaya Wright reported that the council will work to draft recommendations regarding the textbook affordability bill, will continue work on the Conflict of Interest policy and an academic plan.

Infrastructure Council

Jane Brockmann reported that the Infrastructure council will work on the master plan, Tuesday/Thursday classes, IT issues, the effects of the budget cuts on the Physical Plant Division,

and the online grants process in PeopleSoft. The council will also be involved in the search for a CIO when appropriate.

Research and Scholarship Policy Council

Jacob Chung reported that the council will follow up on the sabbatical policy and will work to determine how the quality of research might be evaluated.

The committee stated that making the tenure and promotion process paperless would help further the campus sustainability mission and reduce printing and photocopying costs.

Additionally, Ellis Greiner asked about the ability to see comments on course evaluations.

The committee discussed distance education and self funding and whether a uniform policy on the subject can be created.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM