

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
August 7, 2008
12:00-2:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Amelia Bell
Elizabeth Bolton
Frank Bova
Jane Brockmann
Jack Mecholsky
Sue Percival
David Quillen
Barbara Wingo
Ken Gerhardt

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM and the minutes of the July 10, 2008 meeting were approved.

Reports:

• **Chair's Report**

Frank Bova, Chair

The Steering committee discussed the use of the approval system. Amelia will update the approval site as councils define their agendas for the year. Bova noted that off site Senators will be notified of the procedures for utilizing the streaming video conferencing interface.

Bova mentioned that the nominating committee was interested in determining how faculty can be appointed to committees in a more timely manner and with increased transparency. He will discuss this issue with the Provost.

The committee discussed adding more information about discussions during the Steering committee meeting in the minutes.

Council Reports:

Budget Council

David Quillen, Chair

David Quillen reviewed the council's proposed agenda for the upcoming year.

Research and Scholarship Council

Jacob Chung, Chair

No report.

Welfare Council

Susan Percival, Chair

Sue Percival reviewed the council's proposed agenda for the upcoming year.

Infrastructure Council

Jane Brockmann, Chair

Jane Brockmann reviewed the council's proposed agenda for the upcoming year.

Academic Policy Council

Danaya Wright, Chair

No report.

Information Item:

- **Senate Workday and New Senator Orientation** **Frank Bova**, Chair
Bova updated the steering Committee on the Senate workday and new senator orientation. New Senator orientation will occur on August 28 during lunchtime. Bernie Machen will attend to talk to the Senators, Bova will give the Senators an overview of the Senate and Barbara Wingo will give a presentation on parliamentary procedure and the sunshine laws.

- **Agricultural and Life Sciences Graduate Degree Programs**
Ken Gerhardt, Associate Dean Graduate School
 - Sunset the Master of Agriculture degree with a major in Botany
 - Sunset the Master of Agriculture degree with a major in Soil and Water Science
 - Sunset the Master of Agriculture degree with a major in Food and Resource Economics
 - Sunset Master of Agriculture Degree with a major in Agricultural Education and Communication

These items will be presented as information items at the August Senate meeting.

The august Senate agenda was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM