

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
November 5, 2009
3:00-5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:
Barbara Wingo
David Quillen
Tony Offerle
Tracy Rambo
Scott Nygren
Jane Brockmann
Ellis Greiner
Jim Maruniak

Joe Glover
Bernie Machen
Mike Katovich

Guests:
Mark Bishop
Harry Daniels
Jim Seale
Margaret Temple Smith
Brian Beach

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM

The minutes of the October meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Jack Mecholsky, Chair

Dr. Mecholsky reported that there is an initiative to provide open source textbooks to students. Information on the initiative will be presented to the Senate at a future meeting. Mecholsky also announced that he would like to meet regularly with the various faculty councils within each unit in order to discuss shared governance processes at the unit level.

President's Report

Bernie Machen, President

Dr. Machen reported that the university is still working on the budget situation to reduce the budget by \$6 million without making program or personnel changes.

Scott Nygren stated that the Research and Scholarship policy council would like to recommend the creation of a faculty group to look at academic consequences of RCM at the university level. Mecholsky stated that the faculty councils in each unit should be working with their respective deans to understand how RCM works in their college.

Information Items:

Constitution Committee Definition of a layoff unit and regulations update

Constitution and Bylaw language to change officer and chair start from May 15 to June 1

Jim Seale, Constitution Committee Chair

These issues will be information items at the November Senate meeting.

Resolution Concerning the Reorganization of the College of Education

Harry Daniels, Faculty Council chair

The resolution will be forwarded to the Academic Policy Council for review.

Compensation Committee Report

James Maruniak, Compensation Committee Chair

This report will be given as an information item at the November Senate meeting.

Creative Campus Committee Update

Lucinda Lavelli, Dean College of Fine Arts

This presentation will be given as an information item at the November Senate meeting.

Blog change to general blog

Jack Mecholsky, Faculty Senate Chair

Jack Mecholsky announced that he would like to have the budget blog be turned into a general blog for university issues. The Steering Committee agreed this is a good idea.

Finance and Accounting Error Correction Charges

Jack Mecholsky, Faculty Senate Chair

This item was referred to the Infrastructure Council for consideration.

Termination of M.S. in Poultry Science and Termination of M.S. in Dairy Science College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

This item will be given as an information item at the November Senate meeting.

Council Reports:

Council reports will be given at a special steering committee meeting to be convened on November 13, 2009.

Action Items:

Approval of the November Senate Agenda and development of topics for guided discussion.

The agenda will be approved at the special steering committee meeting to be held on November 13, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM