Faculty Senate Welfare Council November 12, 2009 Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ferguson Rebecca Jordi Kathy Light Kathy Long Heather McAuslane

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 AM

The minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting were approved.

The council discussed student evaluations of teaching. The sub-committee met and Shawn Kneipp is working on obtaining the data needed for analysis. The council will broaden the scope of this topic to include a look at mentoring and the development of teaching skills.

The group will meet with the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars to talk about mentoring possibilities.

The council will discuss recommending training for tenure and promotion committee members.

The council will also discuss recommending that each unit develop supplemental questions to include on teaching evaluations in order to improve teaching evaluations.

The council discussed recommending a university sponsored workshop series on the best practices of peer review of teaching?

The council will discuss the tenure and promotion requirements of faculty who are in departments that have merged, after the council reviews the drafted recommendations that Tony Offerle created.

Amelia Bell shared the layoff unit regulation language proposal, created by the constitution committee, with the Welfare Council. The language will be presented as an information item at the November Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM