

Faculty Senate Meeting July 10, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM
2. Minutes of June 26, 2009 meeting approved
3. September 11, 2009 for next meeting
4. Dr. Veres provided the Chancellor's report
 - a. Next week the way we are going to spend the stimulus money will be released.
 - b. 88% will be spent to save or create jobs
 - c. Looking for more efficient ways to do things to save money.
 - d. Tax revenues are down this year. The economy is not recovering
 - e. There will be a more specific announcement as to the jobs that are going to be cut in the next couple of days.
 - f. Brad Moody: Asked if January 2011 will be the date for proration. Dr. Veres said he could not predict when that will occur.
 - g. We are to get stimulus money for 2010 and 2011. We should be getting money around 10/01/09 and again in the next year.
 - h. Dr. Moody indicated that Gov. Riley will not have discretion in 2011 because the stimulus money should only last 2 years. Dr. Veres indicated that we did not get money in 2009 and for sure there is nothing in 2012.
 - i. Dr. Deravi indicated that the biggest fear would be next year's budget because we expect to have some difficulties.
 - j. Double digit unemployment will be announced. Likely 12 -14 percent which would require us to borrow from the federal government to pay the bills.
5. President's report
 - a. AU Board meets 25th of September and the Faculty Senate meeting would be on the 11th.
 - b. Donnie Nobles indicated that \$7670.61 is currently in the Senate budget. We spent less than \$700.00. It was suggested that we move some of the money to the lectures committee. \$17,026 plus roll over
 - c. The provost search is underway. Ad is on the website as well as requirements for the position. Ads will run as they can get in. Donnie asked for recommendations for ads be gotten to him quickly.
 - d. Teaching effectiveness committee recommendations have been made.
 - e. Roll call was taken: Blake Gerard substituted for Barbara Wiedemann, Marilyn Rhodes substituted for Diane Bilotta and Pia Kinigge substituted for Jill Rawlings.
6. Nelya McKenzie
 - a. Report was sent to Jackie regarding Welfare issues. We are including the report to the minutes.
7. Calendar, Scheduling, and Registration
 - a. Calendar matches that of Auburn's
 - b. Bob Gehling asked if the calendar was going to be shortened as he had heard.
 - c. Brad Moody asked if there would be any attempt to coordinate Spring Break with the Montgomery Schools, to that it was said it would not. Bob Gehling indicated that those who teach at both campuses would have a problem if the calendars are not coordinated with Auburn's. John Aho indicated the Montgomery schools still haven't decided

- d. Motion to receive recommendation; Dr. Aho moved and Dr. Moody seconded and it was approved. Accept or reject will be put on the next agenda.
8. Old Business – Academic Standards Dr. Willis
 - a. Senate was given the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the Academic Standards Proposal. No recommendation to turn non-credit courses into credit courses. Question was asked as how ACT scores would decide English placement. They are trying to broaden the range as to how foreign students can demonstrate English proficiency. It is sometimes difficult for foreign students to take the English proficiency test. English department indicated that they are pleased to accept the ACT and SAT test scores. Diane Bilotta asked if ACT and SAT are available in other languages and the answer is no. Brad Moody asked what process is followed to obtain credit for courses taken in foreign colleges. We do our own evaluations in-house. We are hoping to expand our ability to do this in-house. Which courses are eligible for transfer are reviewed on campus and our people make the determination. Melinda Kramer described how this process works. Motion to approve was made by Aho and seconded by Gilchrest. Unanimously approved.
 9. New Business
 - a. Resolution from Rules Committee – Donnie clarified the Resolution. Gilchrist asked if Senate should have clarification on persons added to the committee. No limited as to how many could be added. Marilyn Rhodes moved to approve and Gerard seconded. An amendment was requested that added members be approved by the Senate. It was recommended that the Senate be advised of the ex officio member. The amendment was withdrawn. Resolution passed unanimously.
 - b. Donnie stated a few corrections to be made to the committees, primarily correcting the spelling of names. Faculty Handbook specifies how long someone should serve as committee chair. Committee members are there for 3 years and the chair serves for 2. Pete Zacher recommended that we get recommendation from committee chairs because 2 years may not be enough and of course no one should serve permanently. Corrections and revisions will be accepted until Monday July 13th. Bob Gehling moved the motion and Brad Moody seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 10. Forty year celebration is being planned. Outreach described some of the plans that are being considered. The plans are not yet complete. David Granger is spearheading the project. Proposed alumni names are needed by Monday.
 11. Announcements
 - a. Donnie provided a reminder that the Guin Nance award is still open.
 - b. Motion to adjourn Aho and Gerard approved. Meeting adjourned.

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