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Agenda and Minutes
of the Meeting of January 26, 2004

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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
AGENDA

MEETING
NOTICE
Monday, January 26, 2004

Room 107 CH, 3:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. Call of the Meeting to Order

II. Informal Statements and Proposals

III. Approval of the Minutes -- Monday, December 8, 2003 --

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IV. President's Report

V. Committee Reports
   A. Rules Committee -- Will Klunder, Chair

VI. Old Business
   A. General Education Task Force update -- Jackie Snyder, Chair

VII. New Business
   A. Performance Agreements update -- Ron Kopita, VP Student Affairs, & Donna Hawley, Dir. Institutional Research

VIII. As May Arise

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Potential Agenda Item for the Faculty Senate
Subject: Using both plus/minus grades AND straight grades

I would like the Faculty Senate to (eventually) discuss the idea of presenting faculty with the option of using both straight (A,B,C,D,F) and Plus/Minus grades. In the past, we have debated using EITHER straight OR plus/minus grades, but in this discussion we would envision a system where each faculty member would designate one of these grading systems. In this way, those who favor one system would not preclude those who favor the other from using it. The Course catalog would indicate which classes are to use which system, and a rule would make mandatory that course syllabi also designate a grading system. As in the past, this idea meets with divided opinions, but it would offer a choice that previous proposals have not.
Wichita State University Faculty Senate Minutes of the meeting Monday, January 26, 2004

Amended 2-23-04

MEMBERS PRESENT: Behrman, Brooks, Carroll, Cavarozzi, Celestin, Conlee, Decker, deSilva, Dooley, Eichhorn, Enns, Glenmaye, Goldy Hershfield, Hill, Hodson, Huxman, Johnson, Kear, Klunder, Lancaster, Loftus, Ma, Mau, May, Moore-Jansen, Myose, Ravigururajan, Riordan, Rokosz, Ross, Roussel, Russell, Wine, Withrow, Wolf, Yeager, Zhang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bakken, Chopra, Dudte, Gill-Hopple, Hendry, Herzog, Hiltner, Krishnan, LeZotte, McDonald, Teshome, Wimalesena

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Scherz, Swan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: VPAAR Kindrick

Summary of Action:

1. Accepted the following committee appointments:
   - Library: Robert Glassman (replacement for E. Bernstorf) -- appt. ends 2005
   - Undergraduate Research -- Harold Popp (replacement for C. Loveland) -- appt. ends 2005
   - University Curriculum -- William Richardson (replacement for D. Eichhorn) --appt. ends 2004

   University Committee appointments:
   - Library Appeals -- Joanne Levine (full), Tomasz Hrycak & Andrew Trechak, (alternates)
   - NCAA Self Study -- Steering Committee: John Conlee, Sub-Comm. - Governance & Commitment to Rules, William Vanderburgh, -- Academic Integrity, Judy Johnson, on Fiscal Integrity, Cindy Claycomb & on Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship, Stephen Hathaway

2. Accepted the Resolution from Senator Klunder --" the Faculty Senate of Wichita State University request that the use of Social Security numbers in their entirety do not appear on any Wichita State University correspondence or documents, including pay statements"

3. Accepted the following resolution: "The faculty of the University request that the 30 Hour rule be terminated as soon as possible"

   I. Call of the Meeting to Order: President Behrman called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

II. Informal Statements & Proposals:
   A. Senator Roussel, WSU AAUP Chair, announced the AAUP Higher Education Day will be February 10. It is a chance for faculty to share their concerns with legislators.

   B. Senator Brooks would like the Senate to revisit the plus/minus grading system and circulated information -- "I would like the Faculty Senate to (eventually) discuss the idea of presenting faculty with the option of using both straight (A,B,C,D,F,) AND Plus/Minus
grades. In the past we have debated using EITHER straight OR plus/minus grades, but in this discussion we would envision a system where each faculty member would designated one of these grading systems. In this way, those who favor one system would not preclude those who favor the other from using it. The Course catalog would indicate which classes are to use which system, and a rule would make mandatory that course syllabi also designated a grading system. As in the past, this idea meets with divided opinions, but it would offer a choice that previous proposals have not."

C. Senator Riordan announced that Senator Gill-Hopple had left the University and said Nursing would submit a replacement name to the Rules Committee for confirmation.

D. President Behrman announced that Senator Herzog had resigned from the Senate and from Executive Committee. She requested nominations for her replacement on the Executive Committee and announced the election will be held at the next meeting.

E. Senator Klunder expressed concern about the use of Social Security numbers being printed on pay information. VPAA&R Kindrick agreed with his concerns. Senator Klunder, Hershfield, 2nd. presented the following: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of Wichita State University request that the use of Social Security numbers in their entirety do not appear on any Wichita State University correspondence or documents, including pay statements. Accepted.

F. President Behrman announced that the Watkins Lecture for Physics speaker, Dr. Maria Spiropulu from Fermilab, will be presenting at Hubbard 211, at 5:30pm, 1/26/04 and Jabara 127, 1:00 on 1/27/04.

III. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of December 8, 2003, accepted.

IV. President’s Report: President Behrman mentioned the following:
   A. Election for the two Senator At Large nominations are due Feb. 2 and Committee Preference forms will be out soon.

   B. Data collected for the purpose of Senate elections shows a decrease in faculty.

   C. She voiced concerns about the "30 Hour Rule" which allows students to transfer courses from unaccredited institutions after they have successfully completed 30 hours with a 2.0 GPA. Senator Lancaster, Klunder, 2nd, presented the following resolution: Be it Resolved that: the Faculty of Wichita State University request that the use of the 30 Hour rule be terminated as quickly as possible. Accepted.

   D. President Behrman announced that the DRAFT of the BOR Faculty Morale survey is posted at: http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/Fac.Morale%20Survey.htm. Senator Hershfield remarked that questions asking us to compare ourselves to our peer institutions was difficult without lots of research. VPAA&R Kindrick said information is available. COFSP may revisit the language.

   E. Supplemental Merit Pay Task Force has been formed but a representative is needed from LAS Social Sciences. She requested that those Senators caucus after the meeting to suggest a representative.
F. President Behrman reported that the Academic Honesty Policy in the Undergraduate and the Graduate catalogs are not the same and that preference is to use the Undergraduate wording, because it is more comprehensive. Senator Lancaster moved, Goldy, 2nd., to refer the matter to the Graduate Council. Motion passed.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Rules Committee -- Will Klunder, Chair, presented several names for confirmation to committees (See Summary of Action)

VI. Old Business: none

A. General Education Task Force update: postponed

VII. New Business:

A. Performance Agreements update: VP, Student Affairs, Ron Kopita and Director, Office of Institutional Research, Donna Hawley presented a Power Point report. The report is available at: http://webs.wichita.edu/senate/WSU%20Performance%20agrmt%202-04.htm

VIII. As May Arise:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted
Scott Goldy
Secretary