

MINUTES/FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 17, 2011

The Senate met on Thursday, November 17th, 2011 at the Alumni House

Ralph Olliges, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Jef Awada, Glen Bauer, Maxine Bauermeister, Mary Bevel, Carla Colletti, Dan Hellinger, John Orr, Stephanie Schroeder, Marty Smith, Eileen Solomon, Roy Tamashiro, Keith Welsh, Gwyneth Williams

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 3rd Faculty Senate meeting minutes as amended. With the exception of one abstention, all were in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 8th Faculty Assembly minutes. With the exception of two abstentions, all were in favor; motion carried.

Announcements

Ralph is still working with the Faculty Development Center on moving to electronic elections for Faculty Senate. It is hoped that the FDC will have a finalized product by December 1st. They are still working on one suggested item - electronic audit trail. If FDC has the project finalized, this item will be taken to the February 14th Faculty Assembly for sharing. Electronic elections would be for Senate, School and College and Committee elections only at this point.

Ralph spoke to Sarah Tetley about coming to the December 1st Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the Honors Learning Community.

Committee Appointments

John Orr will be on leave for Spring 2012; A motion was made and seconded for J.P. Palmer-Schuyler to replace John on the Faculty Senate as the School of Business & Technology representative for the Spring 2012 term. All were in favor; motion carried.

Mary Bevel will be on sabbatical for Spring 2012; A motion was made and seconded for Andrea Rothbart to replace Mary on the Faculty Senate as the School of Education representative for the Spring 2012 term. All were in favor; motion carried.

Barb Wehling will be on leave for Spring 2012; A motion was made and seconded for Heather Mitchell to replace Barb on the Institutional Review Board for the Spring 2012 term. All were in favor; motion carried.

Fall Institute

Glen Bauer gave an update on the Fall 2011 Faculty Institute. He has spoken to Gary Linton in IT and will pick up technology items needed to take to Pere Marquette for presentations. The program has been sent out, the Wellness Committee will be sharing the registration table with Cynthia to hand out information, and carnations will be given to new faculty to distinguish them from other faculty.

GCP Clarification

Stephanie Schroeder requested clarification from the Senate with regard to high-credit majors based on the motion from the Faculty Assembly for the GCP program. The GCP Committee has received their first waiver request from the Department of Teacher Education for undergraduate education majors seeking certification. Students in this program are required to complete 32 hours in the major and an additional 59 to 66 hours of certification courses. Thus, certification-seeking students are required to take more than 75 credit hours of coursework to meet both major and state certification requirements. A motion was made and seconded to affirm the decision of the motion from the Faculty Assembly to allow the GCP

Committee to grant waivers for high-credit majors. All were in favor; motion carried. The GCP will notify the Senate of any high-credit hour waivers.

Faculty Governance at other Webster Campuses

Robin Assner joined the Senate meeting to discuss faculty governance on the European campuses, specifically Vienna. On her last visit to Vienna, Robin spoke to faculty about academic issues they were having. One main issue deals with control over curriculum. It was stated that the department chair and dean in St. Louis are in charge of overseeing and enforcing curriculum at the extended campuses. Other issues involve international law, and we need to proceed cautiously.

The faculty in Vienna may need some type of representation. In the University Handbook, under the section entitled Governance at the Sites, procedures are outline on how local governance may be formed. Any local governance at remote campuses needs to be brought to the St. Louis Webster University Faculty Senate for approval.

For a long time, the extended campuses had only adjunct faculty, but now with new accreditation rules in Europe they have to have full-time faculty.

The Vienna campus just recently formed a Worker's Council with 80 percent of people having voting rights.

It was suggested that faculty at the extended campuses concerned about governance issues should send a formal letter to Ralph to share with the Faculty Senate to see how to proceed.

Procedures for Obtaining Leaves and Sabbaticals

Deferred until the December 1st Faculty Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Proposal

Barrett Baebler and Jeffrey Carter were in attendance to request a change to the University Handbook to increase the number of Curriculum Committee members from eight to thirteen (two from each school/college and three at-large) and to increase the length of term from two to three years. Four of the five new positions would be elected Spring 2012 for a three-year term beginning Fall 2012. One of the new positions would be elected Spring 2012 for a two-year term beginning Fall 2012. This is necessary to bring the terms in line with the Handbook. Increasing the size of the committee will: 1) increase representation and provide for stronger discussion and consideration of curriculum matters; 2) provide assistance with the increased workload of the Curriculum Committee; 3) allow for more institutional and committee history and provide continuity.

It is felt that this is a needed change to the Curriculum Committee membership and is long overdue.

A motion was made and seconded to make the changes to the membership term limits and increase the membership of the Curriculum Committee from eight to thirteen members. All were in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.