

College Faculty Senate minutes, March 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Julie Dodd.

Members present were David Carlson, Johanna Cleary, Chair Julie Dodd, Mary Ann Ferguson, Bridget Grogan, Juan-Carlos Molleda, Cynthia Morton, Henri Pensis and Marilyn Roberts. Senior Associate Dean Linda Hon also attended.

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved as amended on a motion by Carlson and second by Grogan. Carlson volunteered to take minutes today.

Discussion of planning and budget committee

Senators reported on their departmental elections for seats on the new planning and budget committee. Those elected are: Advertising, Michael Weigold; Public relations, Belio Martinez; Telecommunication, Mark Leeps; Journalism, Ted Spiker. Unaffiliated faculty will meet Wednesday to elect their representative, Pensis reported.

Grogan was nominated by Ferguson to serve as the Senate representative on the committee. She was elected by acclamation. Bridget will consult with deans Wright and Hon, after the unaffiliated faculty representative is elected, to set an initial meeting.

Selecting representatives to UF Senate:

Ferguson reported that the process for electing UF senators will be different this year because elections will now be conducted through the UF Senate office. No more than two names per vacancy are to be sent forward. The change is because some units were taking until well into fall to hold their elections.

Three faculty have been nominated, Marilyn Roberts, Justin Brown and Youjin Choi. The elections are supposed to be held during an open meeting of the college faculty. That meeting needs to be held this week or the college may lose the senate seat for next year, Ferguson said.

An extensive discussion was held on how to conduct the election. Consensus was that a signed, paper ballot tallied during the open meeting is the most appropriate and legal method of conducting the election. Bridget volunteered to prepare the ballot. Pensis, Carlson and Morton will count the ballots during the meeting. A brief discussion of other agenda items was held. Hon was asked to ensure that a report from the facilities committee be made during the faculty meeting.

Planning for next meeting:

Next week's meeting will discuss a required report to the UF Senate on shared governance. That report is due April 9. We'll also discuss mentoring policy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. on a motion by Roberts and second by Morton.