

Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting on April 24, 2007 College of Journalism and Communication

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Dodd at 9:04 a.m.

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

The Senate extended congratulations to Marilyn Roberts on her election to the University Faculty Senate.

Carlson suggested a resolution thanking the current administration for their leadership this year. Ferguson made a motion that the Senate commend the interim administration for an "excellent job" in their efforts for the faculty and shared governance during the past year. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed.

Dodd discussed the agenda for the Senate report during the upcoming faculty meeting. She suggested the following themes:

- Progress on the issue of shared governance in the College.
- Committees making accomplishments this year.
- Desire for shared governance to be a collegial experience.

In addition, the following items will appear on the agenda:

- Doug Jones to talk about the dean search process.
- Marilyn Roberts' election to the University Faculty Senate.
- Announcement about the first meeting of the Budget and Planning Committee.
- Clarification on the elections process for College Faculty Senators.
- Report on the College's accomplishments this year.
- Report on the new mentoring policy.
- Report on the Shared Governance committee.

Dodd asked Hon if there would be an announcement about how the committee assignment process would be carried out next year. Ferguson suggested an ad hoc committee to assist Hon with the decision-making process on committee assignments.

Ferguson suggested the Senate encourage all committees wishing to make a report be given the opportunity this year. There was a suggestion that the reports become mandatory next year.

Hon said that the administration is considering a combination College/department retreat structure this year. Under consideration is a plan in which the College would meet as a whole for a breakfast meeting then break into individual department units for the rest of the event.

Dodd posed the question of whether the College has an emergency response plan in place in the case of an event similar to the Virginia Tech shootings. Ferguson suggested the Faculty Diversity and Development Committee might want to take on this project. Morton suggested investigating strategies and guidelines for faculty in dealing with troubled students. Roberts suggested the College have a plan in place to deal with emergencies including security and notification issues. Hon said there has been some discussion of a crisis plan but no resolution on that issue.

There was a general discussion about the process by which measures are reviewed and approved by committees, the Senate and full faculty. It was agreed that this will be a key issue for the Constitutional Committee to consider. There was also a discussion of the appropriate role for the dean and/or associate dean in attending Senate meetings.

Ferguson reported on the Shared Governance Committee's annual report which will be distributed to the Faculty. She said she believed the College is in compliance on some of the directives of the University and out of compliance on others.

Carlson made a motion to support the recommendation of the Shared Governance Committee and that it be renamed as the Constitution Committee, with the current representatives. If any vacancies arise, replacements will be elected by the appropriate unit. Roberts seconded the motion which passed.

Dodd thanked the Senate for its work this semester. She mentioned the efforts of Carlson to post minutes on the College website and Ferguson to keep the Senate informed on University-level issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 on a motion by Ferguson which was seconded by Morton.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Cleary