

Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting on August 30, 2007

College of Journalism and Communication

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Dodd at 8:35 a.m.

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

John Wright, interim dean, thanked the senators for their work to promote shared governance. (He was unable to stay for the meeting because of a dissertation defense.) Dodd listed accomplishments on shared governance in the college during the past year and thanked Wright and Hon for their part and thanked senators:

- Faculty elected a Shared Governance Committee.
- The Shared Governance Committee developed proposal for a College Faculty Senate.
- The faculty approved establishing a College Faculty Senate and elected senators. The senate began meeting.
- Planning and Budget Committee created and faculty representatives elected.
- Faculty voted to create a Constitution Committee. Representatives elected from each unit.
- Senate met with the Dean Search Committee and then with the faculty to provide input for the provost on how to proceed with the search in light of the university budget cuts. Agreement that the search should continue as planned.
- Worked with Hon in making decision about furniture and computer setup in four classrooms. Those rooms are now remodeled.
- Worked with Hon in having panel at the College Kick-Off on campus safety issues.

Senate meetings – Agreement that Senate will meet every other week, on Thursdays during second period (8:30 – 9:20 a.m.).

Senate photo – Will be taken Thursday, Sept. 5, at 8:45 a.m., in the Weimer courtyard. Photo will be used for the Communitigator.

Taking minutes at Senate meetings - Decision to have each member take minutes, rotating in alphabetical order. Senators can decide whether to send highlights from the meetings to their units. In sending the agenda for each Senate meeting to the faculty, note action items so faculty is aware when the faculty will be making a decision on a topic and not just discussing the topic.

Constitution Committee – Each unit has elected a representative – Cory Armstrong (Jou), Justin Brown (Telecomm), Robyn Goodman (Adv), Charles Harris (non-affiliated) and Janis Paige (PR). At-large representative must be elected. Senators reported some difference in opinion within the faculty on what the Constitution Committee will be doing. The range of views is from writing a new constitution to tweaking the current constitution. Senators agreed that the constitution must be rewritten in order to come into compliance with university issues and also to reflect the college operation. Senate needs to convey to the faculty its view about rewriting the constitution to make sure committee members understand their task and also to have the faculty in agreement about the process.

Senate expectations of the Constitution Committee

- Review the previous work of the Shared Governance Committee
- Examine the current committee structure and determine any changes in committees
- Determine voting process for elections
- Develop a flow chart for interactions among college committees, deans and chairs, the Senate, and the faculty.
- The committee would be an ad hoc committee rather than a standing committee.
- The committee will report to the Senate on their work. Should a senator serve as a liaison on the committee?

Dodd will send an e-mail to the faculty summarizing expectations about the Constitution Committee and calling for at-large candidates. She will send draft of the e-mail to the senators for their suggestions.

Dean Search – Carlson reported that Dean Search Committee hopes to have candidate interviews on campus, Oct. 8 to 20. The active list has changed since the list prior to the AEJMC convention. The search committee is interested in having the Senate's input on itinerary for the candidate visits that will help access the best candidates and also sell candidates on the job. That will be a topic for the next Senate meeting. If the search committee will be finalizing the itinerary prior to that, Carlson will alert the Senate.

Discussion of having more conversation with the faculty about what we are looking for in a dean. On one hand, the search committee should have autonomy in its work. On the other hand, faculty have not been involved in the kinds of conversations that the search committee has in considering qualities of a dean. Agreement that the discussion with the faculty should be about qualities of a dean and not about specific candidates.

Faculty meeting – The Senate will call a faculty meeting to:

- Elect the at-large representative for the Constitution Committee
- Elect the Sabbatical Selection Committee
- Discuss the dean search process

Other business items:

- Training for committee leaders – Ferguson attended a workshop for committee chairs and highly recommended the training for our college. She said the workshop leader had said he would be willing to conduct the training in our college. She was asked to make arrangements for such a workshop.
- Location of Senate meetings – Request to move the meeting location to a more visible room, such as 2066.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie E. Dodd

Approved – College Faculty Senate, Sept. 13, 2007 meeting