

College Faculty Senate – Draft Minutes for Oct. 27, 2009
College of Journalism and Communications

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Robyn Goodman.

Members in attendance: Jon Morris, Titus Rush, Bridget Grogan, Julie Dodd, Lauren Hertel, Kim Walsh-Childers, Mary Ann Ferguson, Robyn Goodman

Others in attendance: Linda Hon

Hon provided an update on new non-linear editing lab with teaching software in room 2138. Dodd suggested an announcement from Dean Wright and an open house.

Thank you to President Machen for restoring sick leave payouts

Ferguson offered to write a letter to University administration, citing that the change of proposed policy represents a good example of shared governance, suggested the letter show appreciation for listening to faculty input.

Summer course minimum payments

Discussion about proposed policy of offering minimum of \$5,000 to faculty for teaching summer courses. Questions about what the plan is and why this policy is being suggested. Walsh-Childers moved that faculty should send comments to their Faculty Senate departmental representatives to post on the University's budget blog. Motion approved. Ferguson offered to bring the issue up at the next steering committee meeting to get more information on the issue.

Advisory Councils and conflicts of interest

Discussion of proceedings at most recent Telecommunication Advisory Council meeting and continued membership of College consultants Mike Harding and Paul Gordon on the council. Dodd suggested asking department chairs for bylaws for councils within two weeks. Goodman suggested review of same and revisiting the issue at the next meeting to decide if Faculty Senate involvement is warranted.

Conducting survey for ACEJMC, shared governance

Ferguson explained the process of re-accreditation when a unit was judged to be in non-compliance previously on a standard. General agreement was reached that ACEJMC would focus on shared governance at their visit and that the self study next academic year should focus on the subject. Various methods of surveying the faculty on opinions of improvements in shared governance under current Dean were discussed, with concerns raised about anonymity, eliminating surprises, and communicating findings to the faculty. Concern expressed about initiatives already underway in college on which the faculty has not been consulted and potential for harm to perception and reality of shared governance. Goodman agreed to invite the Dean to the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the issue of the self study survey and shared governance in general.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Hertel