

## **Senate-called Faculty Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Kim Walsh-Childers, Senate chair.

[17 faculty were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. A total of 28 attended the meeting.]

Approval of the minutes from the Fall 2010 Senate-called Faculty Meeting – motion by Spiro Kiouisis, seconded by Mindy McAdams. Passed.

### **Report from the Elections Committee – Julie Dodd**

Committee consisted of Lisa Duke Cornell, Deanna Pelfrey, Churchill Roberts. Titus Rush and Linda Hon. Dodd thanked Olivia Jeffries and Hon for collecting committee requests from faculty members and compiling the committee lists. Hon reported that almost all of the faculty received their first-choice request.

Motion to approve the slate from the Election Committee. Slate approved on a voice vote.

Dodd pointed out issues regarding committees based on the College Constitution:

- The term for Faculty Standing Committees is two years. So we do not need annual selection for all committees and members.
- Each committee is to notice its meetings, sending an email to the faculty at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and including an agenda for the meeting.
- Each committee is to submit a report of the committee's work for the year. That hasn't been happening.

The College has gone from three faculty representatives on the UF Faculty Senate to two representatives because the faculty has decreased from 69 to 51 faculty members. Such a decrease in size is of concern.

### **Report regarding the College Climate Survey – Kim Walsh-Childers**

This week, Jon Morris emailed the College Climate Survey to the faculty. The survey was developed by the College Senate. With the survey being completed online, the individual will not be identified with his/her answers. So far 17 have completed the survey. Walsh-Childers urged everyone to complete the survey to provide data for next year's Senate to use in knowing what issues were of concern to the faculty. The survey will continue to be open throughout the summer. Morris will send a reminder to the faculty after graduation to complete the survey.

### **New Business**

- Concern expressed about the temperatures in Weimer, especially how hot the labs and classrooms are. Linda Hon said that dealing with the building temperature is an on-going concern. She told faculty to let her know when

there are problems with room temperature and that would be reported. One suggestion was to purchase large fans to be used in the computer labs.

- Partitions for the Research Lab – An issue to be addressed by Sylvia Chan-Olmsted and the Research Committee.
- Annual committee reports – As the constitution requires annual reports, not having those reports would require a vote to suspend the constitution. Motion to require committee chairs to submit a committee report by Friday, May 13, to be in compliance with the College Constitution. Motion made by McAdams and seconded by Morris. Reports to be sent to Walsh-Childers, who will have them posted on the College website. Passed. Walsh-Childers will contact the chairs to send their reports.
- What issues would the faculty like next year's Senate to address? No immediate response from the faculty. Walsh-Childers asked faculty to contact her about issues of concern. She will compile the list and give it to Morris, the Senate chair for next year.
- Process for faculty search committees – Lack of clarity in what the process is for the search committees. Hon will review the university procedures regarding faculty search committees this summer and report to the faculty.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Carlson and seconded by Ron Rodgers. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie E. Dodd / April 21, 2011