Minutes - May 18, 2009 CAS Faculty Senate Meeting

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate
May 18, 2009
127 Memorial Hall
4:00-5:30

1. Approval of Agenda/Minutes. Both were approved.

2. President’s Remarks (John Brockmann) – President John Brockmann thanked the group for their hard work over the past year. He announced to the group that he was retiring. He introduced John Pelesko as the new president. Ted Davis will be the President Elect for 2009-2010.

3. Dean’s Remarks (George Watson) – Interim Dean Watson also thanked the group for their hard work and discussed the current status of RBB and the President’s Path to Prominence. He hopes to have a clearer financial picture for the college once the state announces their budget cuts in June/July.

4. Committee Reports
   a. COCAN (Ted Davis) - most of the positions on the various committees of the CAS Faculty Senate have been filled. He is still looking for nominations/volunteers from the Natural Sciences for the Promotion and Tenure Committee as well as a secretary for the senate. Membership for 2009-2010 can be found by clicking the link: Membership
   b. Ed Affairs – Tony Seraphin discussed the work being done by the committee on revising the breadth requirement wording. He said they are still discussing whether the college should adjust the wording in our D requirements to match the UD breadth requirement D.

5. Old Business
   a. change in bylaw wording in Section VI, Article 1 to include the word "move" in the second sentence:
      VI. Departments
      1. The department, as established by the Board of Trustees, shall be considered the basic organizational unit of the College. Proposals to add, abolish, combine, move, or split departments of the College shall, after full consultation of all the members of the groups directly concerned, be referred by the Dean to the Senate for review and recommendation.
      John Pelesko discussed the proposed change. The wording will ensure that the senate will have a vote when a departments move to another college. The vote was unanimous to approve the change to the bylaws.
   b. Update from Stan Owocki on his Travel Card research
      Professor Owocki followed up on last month’s discussion regarding the new travel card process. He has had discussions with Paul Pusecker as well as procurement. Many of the
issues have been addressed and the changes implemented. They continue to work to improve the procedure and still be in compliance with existing procedures.

6. New Business
   No new business

   The meeting adjourned at 5:00
   Respectfully submitted by Mary E. Cleveland