Regular Meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate
Monday April 16, 2012, 4:00 P.M.
104 Gore Hall
Minutes

Present: Ackerman, Allen, Ardis, Batchis, Broadnax, Boyer, Cleveland, Coulter, Cubillos, Doren, Evenson, Hanley, Haslett, Kaminski, McKenna, Montaño, Overby, Perez, Ridge, Schwartz, Selimov, Seraphin, Skeen, Young, Watson

Absent: Bellion, Bernhardt, Carlsen, Cassman, Cherrin, Cotsell, Criston, Gutman, Heinz, Lennon, Noble-Harvey, Oktopotor, Payne, Penix-Tadsen

Excused: Budani

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consent Agenda
   a. Adoption of agenda for the April 16, 2012 meeting – approved as presented.
   b. Approval of the minutes of the March, 2012 meeting – approved as written.

2. President's Remarks: Tony Seraphin

   Allan Carlsen will be contacting Senators and their colleagues about serving on committees. Please encourage colleagues to volunteer.

3. Special Information Session: Lawrence White, Vice President & General Counsel; Michael Vaughn, Senior Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs, College of Engineering; Margaret Andersen, Executive Director, President's Diversity Initiative (PDI).

   Mr. White's presentation focused on legal aspects of hiring and searches in the context of the Strict Scrutiny laws. Dean Vaughan informed Senators about the accomplishments of several initiatives and programs aimed at fostering recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups in science and engineering. Dr. Andersen described the major goals of the PDI, and the current initiatives, and collaborating units whose coordinated activities are working towards these goals.

4. Dean's Remarks: George Watson

   Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

5. Business arising from Standing Committees
   a. Diversity – Lynnette Overby informed the Senate that her committee serves as a liaison to the President's Diversity Initiative, and would be willing to assist faculty and departments with diversity issues.
6. **Unfinished business**

The resolution to establish a standing committee for rules was discussed. Senator Paul Evenson and John Morgan questioned an aspect of the resolution – that the Senate President-Elect (whose identity would change each year) would be the chair of the committee, and thus the Parliamentarian of the Senate. They invited discussion about whether the roles should be separate, and if it would be better to have a non-elected senator serve as parliamentarian. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting, since a quorum was no longer present.

7. **New business.**

John Morgan informed the Senate that the University Faculty Senate is rethinking its position on enlarging its membership. Additionally, he noted that the University Senate’s Promotion and Tenure Committee currently has a resolution on the floor to enlarge the committee from 6 to 8 members, and to include a CNTT faculty member who would be advisory and nonvoting. He raised issues related to how this change might affect CAS representation on the committee.

8. **Announcements - None**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.