

Minutes for Faculty Senate meeting for March 4, 2008

I. Call to order at 7:00.

II. Approval of minutes. (Approved unanimously)

III. Chair's Report

John Williamson delivered a report that addressed the following issues:

A. Conversation with Provost:

Conversation with the Provost, Morris Stocks indicated that he was interested in the resolutions before the Senate tonight; however, he wanted to indicate that resources were limited and that any new spending might have to come from doing away with something else.

B. Concerns from the Chair:

1. Parking in the Circle.

The Circle should be kept clear of all parked cars.

2. Administrators ignoring administrative protocol.

Recently administrators were reported to be harassing faculty directly. If faculty must use channels, so must administrators.

3. Offices apparently outside of long-term planning process.

The Research Office (OSRP) and the University Relations Office should be integrated into the University's five year plan.

C. Grace Week:

After introducing the issue of Grace Week, Williamson opened the floor for discussion. After some discussion, senators agreed that students should come to the Faculty Senate meeting in April and present on Grace Week for 1/2 hour during the first half of the meeting.

IV. Overview of SACS status

Williamson turned the meeting over to Maurice Eftink who gave an excellent extended presentation on the status of the SACS review.

V. Daycare Resolution (passed 19 to 1 with 1 abstention)

Though it had been previously reviewed and came to the floor endorsed by the University Services Committee, Williamson called for further discussion of the resolution. After discussion closed, the resolution passed. See Senate web-site for resolution.

VI. Shared Governance Resolution (passed 18 to 2 with 1 abstention)

As it had been previously reviewed and came to the floor endorsed by the Faculty Governance Committee, the resolution went straight to a vote. See Senate web-site for resolution.

VII. OSAAS Report and Review

Williamson then handed the meeting over to Jason Ritchie. Ritchie chaired the athletics committee that recently completed a review of the Office of Student Athlete Academic Support (OSAAS). He and Laurel Lambert both participated in this review. As part of the NCAA re-accreditation process, an overview of the OSAAS review must be presented to the Faculty Senate. Ritchie presented the overview and answered questions. See the Senate web-site for the report.

VIII. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:00.