

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 4/8/2008

Senators Present: Ajootian, Albritton, Conlon, Davis, Ewing, Foulkes-Levy, Green, Gussow, King, Kroeger, Lambert, Minihan, Mullen, Quinney, Sheppardson, Steel, Sufka, Van Ness, Vorhies, Watson, Wicker, Williamson, Wrobel, and Zuefle.

Senators Absent: Bing, Bounds, Brown, Cassidy, Cavaglia, Chen, Evans, Hamman, Kuszmaul, Melear, Payne, Percy, Plants, Raines, Raspet, Ritchie, Shaw, Song, Tobert, Wickham, and Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (unanimous, with reminder from several senators that we need to take attendance)

CHAIRS REPORT

1. Interdisciplinary Standing Committee

Williamson presented an overview of the newly formed University standing committee. There was some discussion as to the creation of new standing committees.

2. IHL Selection Method for Chancellors and Presidents

Follow-up: IHL has reconfirmed its commitment to its existing selection processes; however, we can rest assured that our Chancellor has no immediate plans for retirement.

3. Parking on the Circle

Follow-up: The Chancellor agreed that parking regulations should be strongly enforced on the Circle.

4. Administrators Ignoring Protocol

Follow-up: The Chancellor was concerned about this and promised to take care of it.

5. OSRP and University Relations

Follow-up: Provost agreed that it would be a good idea to these divisions to have a five-year plan.

6. Day-Care Resolution

Follow-up: As per the resolution, it will be presented to the University's strategic planning committee

7. Shared Governance Resolution

Follow-up: Currently this is on the Chancellor's desk

8. Meeting with Karen Shiferl, Academic Coordinator for Athletics

Shiferl would be interested in working with other University student support systems to work on retention concerns.

9. UM will Co-Chair of the upcoming SEC Faculty Chairs meeting

The 2008 meeting of faculty senate chairs will be held April 25-26 at the University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. The 2009 SEC FS chairs meeting will be sponsored by the University of Mississippi.

10. Extraordinary Meeting with the Chancellor

An extraordinary meeting of the Senate with the Chancellor will be scheduled as quickly as possible following the IHL budget meeting in mid April. There will be no faculty senate business discussed at this meeting.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Grace Week Presentation Student presentation of Grace week resolution from the ASB

Discussion: Details of Grace week, legal requirements for contact hours, negotiating with the registrar, and concerns about constraints on final week assignments all came up.

Action: The senate consensus was to refer the students to the senate's Academic Affairs Committee for consideration of a joint faculty senate/ASB resolution.

2. ASB Student Forum Presentation

An ASB representative presented a proposal for the creation of Student forums, seeking support and input from the Faculty Senate.

Discussion: General agreement by senators that the concept of the Forums was exciting was tempered by some concerns about faculty roles in the forum. Using the faculty expert search to identify potential faculty participants was one suggestion.

Action: With a vote through acclamation, the Senate endorsed the concept of the forums.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, 9:00 (unanimous)