**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**May 6, 2009**

In attendance: Allison, Al-Omaishi, Alves, Bender, Benoit, Borland, Curtis, Didi-Ogren, Hernandez, Hunt, Jackson, Joshi, Kang, Karsnitz, Leake, Li, McCarty, McMahan, Meola, Michels, O’Brien, Petroff, Rao, Robertson, Ruscio, Steele, Tang, Vandegrift, Vivona, and Winston.

Excused: Alexy, Eberly, Heisler, Kamber, Morin, Norris, Norvell, O’Connell, SanPedro, Steinberg, and Tate.

Absent: Edelbach, Lovett, and Wickramasinghe.

MILDRED DAHNE AWARD

Pete Manetas of the Development office presented this year’s Mildred Dahne Award to Jo Carney, chair of the English Department, and Diane Bates, chair of Sociology and Anthropology.

OPEN FORUM: UNDERGRADUATE CLASS SCHEDULING GRID

Faculty provided feedback on the proposed policy to the Committee on Student and Campus Community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS POLICIES & OTHER POLICIES

A motion was made by Felicia Steele and seconded by Orlando Hernandez to accept the resolution. Discussion ensued, and a minor revision was made. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be forwarded to Provost Bresnahan, Vice-President Norfleet, CSCC, and the Steering Committee.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

A motion was made by Matt Bender and seconded by Cindy Curtis to accept the recommendation of appointments to committees. There being no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

COLLEGEWIDE STANDING COMMITTEES

* Academic Programs (CAP) – John Karsnitz reported that the committee is working on the undergraduate class scheduling grid and has approved a new B.A. degree in Music.
* Faculty Affairs (CFA) – Jeanine Vivona reported that CFA: 1) completed revisions to the policy on use of grade distributions in reappointment and promotion; 2) is completing its final recommendation on use of external review of scholarship for promotion and will send it to the Steering Committee; 3) is revising its preliminary recommendation on five-year review; 4) is considering revisions to the SOSA application; 5) will be discussing a charge from Steering to review reappointment, tenure and promotion policies in terms of the policies’ effect on faculty doing interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service.
* Planning & Priorities (CPP) – Michael Robertson reported that the committee is working on the Middle States midterm review. The Senate will be heavily involved in this process in 2009-10.
* Student & Campus Community (CSCC) – Michael reported for Wayne Heisler that this committee is currently 1) finishing a recommendation on the Involuntary Health or Safety Withdrawal policy; 2) finishing a recommendation on the student travel policy; 3) reviewing a recommendation on the College’s future strategies for commemorating Martin Luther King Day.

ELECTION OF 2009-10 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Carlos Alves and seconded by Orlando Hernandez to accept the slate as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The new board consists of:

 President – Cindy Curtis

 Vice President – Amanda Norvell

 Parliamentarian – Shri Rao

 Executive Board Members – Matt Bender, Arti Joshi, Jie Kang, John Karsnitz, and John McCarty

Cindy Curtis thanked Michael for his five years of service to the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette LaBar

Faculty Senate Staff Secretary