

# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

February 5, 2009

## Present:

Tom McNeilis	Theda Wrede
Jerry Harris	Munir Mundil
Shane Prine	Jack Lounsbury
Dennis Martinez	Martha Talman
Costel Ionita	Chizu Jaret
Dennis Wignall	Vicky O'Neal (in for Betty Stokes)
Paul Abegg	

- **Approval of previous minutes**
- **Old Business:**
  - Adjunct Manual & web site
    - Web site to be modeled after similarly-themed SUNY web site
    - Web site needs to be designed & information inserted; Shane Prine offered to find a student to do this
  - Web site for syllabus information
    - Academic Council needs to approve entire set of information to be included (even though many individual items already approved)
  - Athletics – how does it contribute to the campus as a whole?
    - Increased spending on athletics can/should/ought to bring concomitant increase in enrollment (and therefore tuition), so spending on athletics is actually in faculty's best interest to support
      - Incoming athletes themselves may stabilize some majors (e.g., Communication)
      - Increased tuition money then spent on departments
    - Statistics of this being examined.
    - 3.5-4% of school budget going toward athletics is typical and does not detract from spending on academics
    - DSC's athletics currently *underfunded*
- **New Business:**
  - Is President Nadauld taking too much time when addressing full Faculty Senate?
    - Should he be allowed to do this if it detracts from Senate business or even just socializing?

- Benefits of interdepartmental socializing, even if Senate docket is empty, is valuable in and of itself
  - Who has been inviting the press to full Faculty Senate meetings when President Nadauld is addressing the Senate?
    - Senate meetings *not* open to the public
  - Donna and Pam will both be addressing the next full Faculty Senate meeting
    - Donna will discuss status of U of U affiliation
    - Pam will address concerns with RTP policy as it applies to those covered under the “old” policy during the transition period
      - Much animated discussion among Executive Committee members concerning different versions of information coming from Donna, Pam, and/or others
  - Freshman Experience class
    - 1 credit hour, 2 hours/week class work taught by a member of every department
    - Intended to encourage new students to choose a major
      - Not yet approved by Curriculum Committee
      - Will be discussed at next Academic Council
    - Some confusion exists whether the class is a G.E. elective or a college requirement (it’s both – the current class description phraseology makes this confusing)
    - Since someone in each department will be required to teach this, will a content course that that particular faculty member would otherwise be teaching have to be cancelled?
      - Will FE course be considered overload?
    - Will this course end up being used by individual departments for propagandistic purposes to attempt to convince incoming Freshman to declare a major in that department?
      - If so, is this fair? How can this be avoided so that students truly get the material for which the course is intended (e.g., how to read a textbook, how to talk to a professor, etc.)
  - Tabled New Business:
    - Diversity statement (Deneka Souberbielle)
    - Program review policy
      - Form subcommittee & new committee
    - Replacement for Susan Ertel in Best Practices
- Next Meeting: Full Faculty Senate, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at 12:00 P.M. in the Gardner Center