

Faculty Council Minutes
February 27, 2008

Present: M. Miller (chair), D. Brown, D. Carusi, R. Kipp, R. Danford, M. Sibicky (recorder in turn), and J. Sullivan.

1. Minutes from the February 13, 2008 meeting approved.
2. Brown and Carusi raised some concerns by faculty members about the timing of fraternity and sorority rush. Council discussed how the timing of pledging might have an effect on first year students. Miller agreed to get input on the issue from the Campus Life and Athletics committee as well as Suzanne Walker.
3. Individual Council members gave brief reports on the Trustee committee meetings they attended.
4. Kipp reported on the results of the recent survey of faculty attitudes towards AQIP. She noted that 71% of faculty (n=72) reported being in favor of the AQIP process and most comments were positive.
5. Council discussed the Human Subject Committee processes. Kipp agreed to ask department chairs to solicit feedback from their department members about the human subject proposal process. Sibicky, Carusi, Brown agreed to meet with the Humans Subjects Committee to hear their concerns about handling the large number of proposals. Sibicky, Carusi, and Brown also agreed to collect and summarize any faculty concerns and/or suggestions and discuss them with the Human Subjects Committee. Sibicky, Carusi and Brown will report to Council at a later date.
6. Council discussed the nomination process for faculty awards. Discussion focused on the budget, purpose, and functions of the Faculty Development Committee and the Pedagogy Committee. Council and Provost Kipp agreed to begin working on the process of formalizing the purpose and function of the Pedagogy committee, so a written description of the Pedagogy committee can be included in the faculty manual. Council also discussed ways to increase the number of Harness applications.
7. Sibicky raised faculty concerns about the academic calendar, specifically the issue that in the past the calendar was reviewed by the curriculum committee. The Provost noted that any faculty member with concerns over the calendar should feel free to discuss them with her.
8. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.