

**FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**FEB. 26, 2009**

**Present: Sibicky (Chair), Barnas, Bland, Carusi, Golden, Kipp, Pate (recorder-in-turn), Scott**

1. Minutes of Feb. 12 Council Meeting Approved.
2. Council welcomed Janet Bland back and thanked Matt Young for serving in her absence.
3. In a continuation from last week's committee membership reports, Carusi reported that the College Life & Athletics committee had suggested that they continue with the same number of faculty on their committee. The First Year Task force (which had shrunk from 6 to 4 faculty members this year) asked that Council maintain the current size of the committee, but Suzanne Walker suggested that the composition of the committee should be more representative of the campus community.
4. Council members reported on their Trustee Committee assignments. Kipp reported that three faculty members up for Tenure had been approved by the Trustees. Notice will go out to the campus this week. There were no other actionable items in any of the Trustee Committee meetings. Council members gave brief reports on the discussions that took place in each committee.
5. Council was made aware of a potential conflict for a member of RTP who is also an alternate for the Professional Review Board. After discussion, Council agreed that we would *watch* this and deal with it only if it became an issue.
6. Sibicky reported that insuring new faculty before Sept. 1 was apparently still a problem, although the exact nature of this problem was unclear. Sibicky will ask Vicki Ford to return to a future meeting and explain the problem and allow us to ask questions.
7. Tom Perry came to talk about the new Datatel system that will replace *mymc* in the near future. This new system *may* be up and running as early as July 1, but the target date is the beginning of the fall semester. Perry reported that:
  - Faculty/students could opt to sign up for a once a day email of all announcements/events (the email would contain links to specific announcements on the new Datatel site)
  - "Public" events/news/etc. will still be available on MC home page
  - Specific campus-only items would only be available through the new site.
  - Faculty/students will be encouraged to make the new site their home page in order to stay up-to-date about campus happenings.

On a separate note, Perry pointed out that faculty should be aware of their ability to 're-post' announcements using the current system. This would alleviate any problems with announcements that "disappear" prior to the event date.

8. Dan Bryant described a proposal from the Physician Assistant Program to add a new clinical coordinator. Since the Board of Trustees had approved expansion of the program (which will not only pay for the purchase and renovation of the Moose Lodge, but will also provide substantial revenue to the college), an additional coordinator was deemed necessary to handle the increased number of students in the program. Council voted to support the creation of the new position.
9. Some concerns about the new FYE model were raised, including whether the 'experimentation' with FYE could continue forward without full approval of the Curriculum Committee and/or the full faculty. A determination was made that experimentation with FYE 101/FYSE 101 changes were allowed, but a possible decision to drop FYSE 102 as a requirement for all freshmen did need to go before the full faculty (Note: 'At-risk' students will still be required to take FYSE 102). Thus, this motion will be brought to the faculty for discussion/vote at the March faculty meeting.

Kipp also reported that she has received strong support from faculty across the campus for changes to the program, and already has 23 confirmed sections of FYE/HONR for the fall 2009 schedule.

Council agreed that there seems to be significant interest in making changes to FYSE, but that many faculty members just lack details about the changes. An opportunity to discuss these changes at the March faculty meeting should help to clarify things.
10. The agenda for the March 16 faculty meeting was discussed.
  - a. President's Report: Scott reported that she could simply communicate via a campus email, rather than having a report at the upcoming meeting.
  - b. Provost's Report: Kipp reported that she will primarily just be focusing her attention on the FYSE/FYE change, which will be a discussion of the motion rather than a true report.
  - c. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee to raise minimum G.P.A. requirements
  - d. Motion to abolish the FYSE 102 requirement for all freshmen
  - e. Faculty Council Ballot (2009-2010 academic year)
11. Sibicky reported that Peter Thayer will take on role as Faculty Council secretary beginning next year.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.