

Faculty Council Minutes  
April 16, 2009  
Sibicky

Attendees: Barnas, Carusi (recorder in turn), Golden, Hogue, McManus, Pate, Sibicky, Scott, Smith-Kipp

- I. Minutes Approval:
  - a. Minutes approved from April 2, 2009
  - b. Minutes approved from April 9, 2009
- II. Committee appointments:
  - a. Sibicky announced that Faculty Council will meet in August to appoint new committees. Specific dates in August will be forthcoming.
  - b. Peter Thayer will be submitting the committee preference list to faculty council members. FC members will note any corrections by Monday (4/20/09). If no corrections are needed, Thayer will submit the ballots to the faculty.
- III. Faculty handbook and manual:
  - a. Sibicky reported several changes that need to be made to the faculty handbook. These changes include: new grammar for RTP, Academic Dishonesty policy, Faculty Development changes, and committee descriptions.
  - b. Over the summer, Thayer will be working to make the hardcopy handbook consistent with the electronic copy.
  - c. Golden suggested Thayer include a notice on the website telling readers that when in conflict, the electronic version of the handbook is the official, most recent version. Council agreed.
  - d. Sibicky suggested that electronic "blue pages" should also be blue.
  - e. Thayer will be invited to the next faculty council meeting to discuss changes.
- IV. Commencement awards. Council went into executive session to select commencement awards recipients. The recipients will be as follows:
  - a. The Adair Prize: Because of confusion regarding the nominations received, the Adair Prize selection took place over email. The recipient is Nicolette Kynkor.
  - b. The Alumni Association Community Service Award: Gwen Chamberlain.
  - c. Asa Shinn McCoy Award: The award will be shared by Diana Hackenberg and Paul Bodager.
  - d. The Schmidt Prize: Sean Nelson.
  - e. The Delta Upsilon Good Citizenship Award will be decided at the next faculty council meeting.
- V. Human Subjects:
  - a. Barnas reported on a meeting she had with Gloria Steward, Chair of Human Subjects. The meeting resulted in several recommendations for the future of the committee. (See attachment to this set of minutes.)

VI. New Business:

- a. Bibles on the Mall: McManus reported a faculty complaint regarding the Gideon Bibles being passed out on the Mall. Council discussed that since the distributors are not aggressive in their approach, the Mall is a free speech zone, and we have not yet deselected particular groups, we should allow the bible distribution to continue.
- b. Scott will investigate if there is a current policy about use of the Mall for such purposes.

Meeting adjourned.