

Faculty Council Minutes
April 23, 2009

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

1. Minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Council went into executive session to discuss Delta Upsilon Good Citizenship Award candidates and selected Megan McCrone.
3. Council discussed and accepted the TAG committee's proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook sections on description, composition, and procedures. Approved changes will be sent to the faculty secretary.
4. Dan Bryant discussed the new "Conflict of Interest Policy" with council. In the past the college's policy applied only to trustees and cabinet officers. The new policy applies to all employees of the college. Every employee must complete a "Conflict of Interest" disclosure statement each year. Council suggested that faculty members should complete theirs and submit them to the provost. For the 2009 – 2010 academic year, faculty will complete their forms at convocation. After that, forms will be mailed along with yearly employment contracts.
5. Council reviewed RTP's recommendations for changes to their section of the Faculty Handbook. Council decided to have next year's council review this matter to further discuss the advising portion of the recommendations and possibly bring the revisions to the faculty for a vote. Other RTP revisions that were clerical in nature were approved and will be sent to the faculty secretary.
6. Council reviewed changes to the Academic Standards Committee and accepted their suggestions. Changes will be sent to the faculty secretary.
7. Council requested that the chair of faculty development committee submit a revised document to council next year that includes changes to the "Policies and Practices" document and also includes a section on the Innovative Teaching Award.
8. Council members from 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 will meet at 9:30 a.m. August 14, 2009, in the Legacy Library to make committee assignments for the 2009-2010 academic year.