

Faculty Council Minutes (Amended)
September 4, 2008

Present: Scott, Kipp, Sibicky (chair), Barnas, Carusi, Danford,
Pate, and Bland (recorder-in-turn)

1. Minutes approved from meeting of 8/28/08

2. Sibicky opened discussion of Sept. 8 faculty meeting agenda. President Scott indicated that her report is likely to be the largest. Provost Kipp will be joined in her presentation by Ryan May concerning online course evaluations. Advancement, issues of academic space needs, and current NSSE data will likely appear on the agenda of future faculty meetings.

3. Sibicky presented a list of possible topics Council might concern itself with, and individual Council members mentioned a variety of issues/concerns that have been raised as possible additions to Faculty Council agenda this year—including but not limited to dental care, expectations for Chairs, capstone evaluation, availability of classrooms and technology, and the need for a master calendar and room inventory. Faculty Council members will be gathering possible topics of concern; Sibicky and Carusi will pursue the construction of a survey to assess faculty interest in specific issues using Survey Monkey. The President indicated that at times the Board asks Council to take up matters—such as clarifying guidelines for honorary degrees. Carusi noted that some issues have been revisited from one year to the next—such as the length of graduation and concerns about Jewett speakers going over their time limit.

4. Responding to Steve Spilatro’s request to develop care and research policies for animals, Provost Kipp suggested the formation of a task force. Sibicky suggested it be composed of faculty members in the appropriate disciplines and noted the possible addition of a community member/adjunct instructor. Appropriate possible members will be contacted.

5. Meeting adjourned