

Faculty Council Minutes October 2, 2008

Present: Barnas (recorder-in-turn), Carusi, Danford, Kipp, Pate, Sibicky (chair), Noel Harness (student representative)

1. Minutes from the September 25 meeting were approved.
 2. Council discussed the honorary degree criteria presented by President Scott. Council discussed some issues regarding the implementation of the criteria. The criteria were approved.
 3. Sibicky made council aware of a new faculty member who had contacted him regarding a committee assignment. She had not been assigned to a committee and felt she should have been. Council decided against a committee assignment. This is standard with first year faculty.
 4. Council approved the assignment of Kathy Skouzes and Jeff Cordell to the History search committee.
 5. Council discussed the agenda for the October 20th faculty meeting. Carusi suggested that council needs to announce the date for the meeting soon since it is not the second Monday of the month due to break. Sibicky decides the first 15 minutes will be reserved for announcements. Provost Kipp will give a report on the current NSSE findings. Sibicky asked council to consider whether the faculty needed to vote on the removal of Load Reductions for teaching from the work of the Faculty Development Committee. Council decided this was necessary and put the issue on the agenda. Tong (chair of FDC) will prepare and present this motion.
 6. Sibicky presented to council a mistake in the faculty manual regarding the voting rights of visiting faculty. Sibicky will make Peter Thayer aware of this mistake so it can be corrected.
 7. Council considered revisions of a draft of the faculty survey presented by Carusi. Council thanked Carusi for her work on the survey. Council members will take the survey as a practice run before it is available to the faculty at large.
- **J. Bland took over as recorder at 5:00 p.m.**
8. Sibicky suggested updating the wording of the description of the pedagogy committee under “other committees” in the faculty handbook. Council discussed and agreed upon the changes.
 9. Provost Kipp gave an update on the increase in faculty salaries. The increase should bring all assistant and associate professors close to the 40th percentile using AAUP standards. Full professors are already in that range. The provost

clarified that we will be following AAUP calculation standards from this point forward. She also mentioned the 9% budget cuts for this year. Dan Bryant will be giving council a “big picture” update on the budget.

10. Carusi addressed the detail in the faculty council minutes. She noted that last year’s minutes were more sparse. There was general agreement that the detail level we are currently practicing is acceptable.
11. Sibicky introduced the issue of Sue DeWine’s gift. A tree is dependent upon the tree plan and there was a feeling that a bench would not be attractive. Bland handed out copies of Sue’s favorite quote and the text of the Larry Wilson plaque. Bland will contact Lori Lewis and Doug Anderson ASAP to discuss the possibility of a plaque with the quote and a picture of Sue somewhere in the library.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.