

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held October 30, 2008

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

- 1) Approval of minutes from meeting of October 9, 2008.
- 2) Update on Faculty Development and Pedagogy Committees: FDC will continue with duties as at present regarding load reductions for teaching and selection of the recipient of the Innovative Teaching Award. Pedagogy Committee will also continue with its current responsibilities, in addition to assuming advisory capacity to director of the Worthington Center for Teaching Excellence.
- 3) Update on Worthington Center search: decision has been made to hire an instructional technologist, and a director for the Center will be hired as a faculty appointment with part-time administrative responsibilities. Sibicky suggested the possibility of a fixed-term rotation for the director's position, with regular representation from each of the academic divisions.
- 4) Curriculum Committee intends to propose three changes to the Catalog: elimination of the 48-hour rule for majors; shortening the add/drop period to 1 week; shortening the withdrawal period to 9 weeks. Sibicky indicated the need to schedule a December faculty meeting to address the proposed changes.
- 5) Agenda for faculty meeting of November 10 will include: President's report on Trustee meetings held in October; Provost's report on NSSE.
- 6) Members of Council reported back on the Trustee meetings they attended.
- 7) Graduate Council requested input from Faculty Council regarding a proposed 5-year BA/MA program in International Corporate Media. The main question is whether such a proposal should go straight to the full faculty for approval, or if it needs to go through Curriculum Committee first. Council agreed that if the BA degree component is one of the options already on offer by the College, the proposal can go directly to the full faculty for a vote. Danford suggested that the MA curriculum be developed into two separate tracks, one for native speakers of English and another for non-native speakers of English, similar to the current undergraduate majors in International Business Management and International Leadership Studies.
- 8) Faculty survey results provided by Carusi, to be examined prior to next Council meeting for discussion at that time and to determine best manner for disseminating information to faculty.
- 9) Items tabled for next meeting include discussion of the number of sabbaticals awarded each year (need to increase as number of faculty increases?) and starting date of insurance coverage and first pay date for new faculty hires.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.