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Faculty Council Minutes, December 3, 2003

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Faculty Council Meeting
December 3, 2003
Recorder: E. Broughton

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of 11/19/03 were approved with changes.
- III. **Standing Committee Appointments.** No appointments.
- IV. **Action Item: Special Topics and MOU.** This Special Topics policy was reviewed last Winter. It was a contractual issue, and that the administration needed an MOU, which they secured, so it is back for approval. A discussion occurred about Continuing Education's approval process for courses. The Special Topics policy passed. 26 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.
- V. **Action Item: Sexual Harassment & Other Prohibited Conduct Policy.** The FC reviewed the draft FC response to the Provost addressing FC concerns along with Margaret Crouch's letter. A motion was made to attach the letter with the FC's response. Motion passed. 26 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. The FC voted to reject the proposed policy by a vote of 29 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.
- VI. The Faculty Council discussed the possibility of transitioning to a new president. Nominations were accepted for Daryl Barton and Henry Zot. The FC will meet December 10th at 3 p.m. in 217 Halle Library.
- VII. **Textbook Order Policy.** The FC reviewed the draft letter with suggested changes. The Council voted to reject the proposed policy by a vote of 27 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.
- VIII. **Announcement: University Diversity Council.** President Kirkpatrick has requested one faculty member representative to serve on the new University Diversity Council.
- IX. **Action Item: Calendars 2007-08 and 2008-09.** Why is commencement on Sunday and not Saturday, and what happened to alternating? One complex issue, Friday before Easter is Spring Recess. The clerical workers have it in their contract and have it off, therefore so do the administrators. Orientation over Labor Day is a problem for the Library faculty. Moved to accept 2007-08 calendar which passed, 27 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Moved to accept 2008-09 calendar which passed, 27 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.
- X. **Any Other Business.** This Fall there are Tuesday-Thursday courses that have exams on Wednesday, which creates a problem. What do faculty do when there is a snow day. General Education: send your department comments to FC President. Marty Shichtman has emailed all department heads to have a meeting. Continuing Education concern that decisions are being made without faculty consultation. The rules seem to be changing. How does CE work with Academic Affairs? A major issue is that the State will be making budget cuts. A Council member suggested that FC should be proactive and respond to the budget. The Council needs to provide suggestions for cost savings.

A Motion: To create a Task Force with Susan Moeller as chair, with Sharon Erenburg and Susan Haynes. This committee will examine the proposed budget cuts. The Task Force motion passed.

A motion to draft a letter for FC members to use for writing to state representatives regarding budget cuts was passed. Possibly a workshop on how to talk to legislative members could be scheduled in the future was suggested.

XI. Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

PRESENT: S. Moeller AACC, V. Okafor AFS, M. Ruggiero ART, S. Sonstein AHP, H. Zot BIOL, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, S. Haynes COSC, S. Erenburg ECON, J. Knapp ENGL, P. Sanchez CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, C. Mayda GEO/GEOL, J. Armstrong HPERD, K. Chamberlain HIS/PHIL, D. Silverman HECR, C. Haddad INDT, G. Mitchell IT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, D. Barton MKT, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, B. Grady PLS, A. Westman PSY, M. Ziefert SWK, R. Orrange SAC, L. Lee SPED, C. Burns TED, S. Norton WMST.

EX-OFFICIO: Robert VanDerVelde.

ABSENT: BTE, MGMT, MUSC, NURS, PHY/AST.