

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
October 20, 2009

Present: Bahcall, Beyer, Carell, Dempsey, Dishaw, Garrison, Gunawardena, Heider, Jones, Kostman, Lattery, McCann, Meyerson, Neal, Pontynen, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz, Wurzbach

Absent: Bryan, Kaltcheva, Loewenstein, Mrotek

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Lynn Freeman - absent

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: David Litman

Guests: Chancellor Wells

#### Minutes in Brief

At the October 20, 2009 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Chancellor Wells gave a state of the University update on enrollments followed by a question and answer period. Reports from OSA and the Provost Administrative Staff were presented. The issue of a Program Suspension Process, which was discussed at the last Faculty Reps meeting, was presented. The formation of a collective bargaining task force was discussed and Senator Meyerson accepted the responsibility of collecting information and reporting back to the Senate. The Faculty Senate approved the following committee recommendations from the CoC: **Assessment Committee** - Victoria Beck (COLS).

President Robson called to order at 3:13 p.m.

#### I. Chancellor Wells

(1) The Chancellor distributed a handout with an article entitled, "UWO has largest enrolment in 139-year history" and with data on our enrolments since 1935. Chancellor Wells discussed the reasons for the fluctuations in our enrolment numbers. (2) Our new academic building, with many green enhancements, came in under budget. The money saved stays within System's allotment to distribute to other capital projects, which may, in turn, help us out with our future projects. (3) Chancellor Wells asked for feedback on the STEP program and the general consensus was very positive. It is hoped the program can continue. (4) The IT department met with ACUG to deal with issues that have surfaced regarding technology in the classrooms.

#### II. State of the University

##### A. Reports

1. SAS (Freeman)- absent

2. OSA (Litman) – (1) A resolution was passed requesting gender neutral bathrooms on campus. After questions and discussion it was decided to have an additional OSA representative come to our next meeting to respond to further questions. (2) OSA also passed a resolution to have more sharps disposal containers available across campus. (3) Vice President Alex Abendschein has been working with the College of Business on a 300,000 grant for textbook project.

3. PAS (Robson) –

(1) HLC will be on campus December 7 & 8; their visit will focus on our offsite programs and CON's Doctorate of Nursing. There may also be some questions pertaining to our progress on assessment.

(2) A workshop for department chairs on assessment is being October 20 and 21. (3) The STEP program is progressing well. (4) The FACT Book is now available online. (5) System will be combining the various learning conferences into one so they can save money. President Reilly is expected to attend the conference. (6) The new payroll program will not be able to provide faculty with a 12 month pay option. The faculty is encouraged to use the credit union's summer savings program.

III. Minutes of October 6, 2009

*MOTION: Moved approval by McCann/Kostman. Approved.*

IV. Old Business

A. Program Suspension Process

System is proposing a process for putting programs on suspension while they are being reevaluated. A program can be reinstated within 7 years by reporting the university's intention to system. After that, to be reinstated the program will have to go through the standard approval process. After 12 years, it would be terminated. Any input or suggestions should be addressed to President Robson.

V. New Business

A. Collective Bargaining Task Force

Senator Meyerson agreed to compile information, questions, names, and suggestions for an educational plan for faculty concerning collective bargaining. He will report his findings back to Faculty Senate.

B. CoC Appointments – The following CoC recommendation was added to the Agenda

1. Assessment Committee - Victoria Beck

*MOTION: Moved approval by Garrison/Bahcall. Approved.*

**FS0910-05 The Faculty Senate approved the following COC appointment: Assessment Committee – Victoria Beck (COLS).**

VI. Items from Members

President Robson asked if there were any issues she could bring to the Faculty Advocacy Committee. Senator Pontynen asked for them to promote increasing the percentage of tenure track faculty on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Bill Wacholtz  
Past-president

April Dutschek  
Recorder