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ABSENT

D. Cardoza, P. Chin, S. Landsberger, N. McQueen, T. Omidasalar

EXCUSED ABSENCE

R. Garcia convened the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

1. 1.1 The Chair's Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 I am pleased to report that Jennifer Faust (Philosophy) and Nancy Hunt (Special Education and Counseling) have been elected to serve as Senators-at-Large for three-year terms ending Summer, 2009.

1.1.2 I am also pleased to report that Mitchell Eisen has been elected to serve on the Intercollegiate Athletics Board for a four-year term ending Summer, 2010.

1.1.3 Master's Commencement is scheduled for Friday evening, June 9, at 5:30 p.m., and the Undergraduate Commencement is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 10, at 8:00 a.m. We invite you to participate in academic regalia to honor our graduates. Participants assemble at 4:30 p.m. on Friday in Reeder Field and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday in Parking Lot J.

University policy states the following regarding attendance at Commencement:

"All full-time faculty members have a professional responsibility to support graduation and honors convocation through attendance in academic regalia. Each department/division/school shall arrange for attendance by each full-time member of the faculty."

Your attendance will be appreciated by our students who, with your mentorship over their academic careers, are participating in the graduation ceremonies.

1.2 The Vice Chair's Announcements:

The following faculty members have accepted appointment by the Nominations Committee to serve on the University committees indicated:

Valerie Talavera-Bustillos (Chicano Studies) will serve on the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee, term ending 2009;

Bridget Murnane (Communication Studies) and Stephen Mulherin (Geography & Urban Analysis) will serve on the Communications Board, as alternates;

Stephen Mulherin (Geography & Urban Analysis) will serve on the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee, term ending 2009;

Yongyi Song (Division of Administration, Library, and Student Affairs), Heidi Paul (Charter College of Education), and Elaine Kang (College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology) will serve on the Student Educational Equity Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs, terms ending 2009;

Robert Desharnais (Biological Sciences) will serve on the University Auxiliary Services, Inc. Board of Directors, term ending 2009;

Luis Bermudez (Art) will serve on the University Invention and Patent Evaluation Committee, term ending 2009; and

Bridget Murnane (Communication Studies) will serve on the University Student Union Board, term ending 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Continued*)

- 1.3 Senator Zepeda announced: The Distinguished Women Awards reception is today I believe - correct me if I am wrong - after the Senate in the Golden Eagle and there will be food.

The Chair indicated that the information was correct, the reception was to be held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. honoring: Dionne Espinoza, Gaithri Fernando, Judy Jenkins, M. Diane Klein, Rita Ledesma, Kelly Madison, Collette Rocha, Sandra Sharp, Melinda Vasquez, and Kayley Vernallis.

- 1.4 Senator Schaeffer announced: Last week you should have all received an email from my colleague, Catherine Haras, giving you a link from the Information Literacy Committee for a short on-line survey. I am asking you, and for you to encourage your colleagues, to fill out the survey. It will only take a few minutes and it will help us find out what you feel are your students research needs.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

2. Senator Baaske announced his intent to raise the following question of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

Earlier this month, the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters left the campus for another position, I believe he is FERPing. His office is now occupied by a different individual and the office of the Associate Dean is occupied by another individual. I have learned unofficially that these individuals are now serving this College as the Acting Dean and Acting Associate Dean, yet there has been no formal announcement. I have been told that the "official" announcement resides with the Office of Public Affairs where they are artfully crafting an official announcement. This is not a satisfactory answer. Unfortunately this delay in announcing administrative changes has happened time and time again. Delaying the official announcement is a disservice to the new occupants of these offices and a discourtesy to the faculty. Why aren't official announcements prepared prior to the assumption of new positions or, alternatively, why are not "unofficial" announcements shared with the faculty pending the "official announcement" from Public Affairs?

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. It was m/s/p (Koch) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2006 (ASM 05-20).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. It was m/s/p (Schaeffer) to approve the agenda.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: NOMINATIONS FOR ONE POSITION REPRESENTING THE CHARTER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND ONE POSITION REPRESENTING THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

5. 5.1 Lia Kamhi-Stein, Heidi Paul, Ambika Gopalakrishnan, and Robert Land were nominated for the Charter College Education position on the Nominations Committee.

5.2 Randolph Cooper, Steven LaDochy, Stephen Mulherin, Gretchen Peterson, Gregory Andranovich, Michael Hoffman and Michael McLendon were nominated for the College of Natural and Social Sciences position on the Nominations Committee.

5.3 It was m/s/p (Hunt) to close nominations.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: THE STUDENT OPINION SURVEY ON INSTRUCTION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V AND THE STUDENT STUDENT OPINION SURVEY, FACULTY HANDBOOK, APPENDIX L (05-11) *Second-Reading Forwarded to the President*

6. 6.1 It was m/s/ (Beer) to amend the proposed Student Opinion Survey instrument by reinstating question 11 from the current survey instrument inserting it in Part A: HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE INSTRUCTOR'S OVERALL TEACHING ABILITY?
- 6.2 Senator Dewey pointed out the inconsistency in the wording of question 11 and the rating scale if the question was inserted in Part A.
- 6.3 It was agreed by consensus to revise the language for question 11 to read: OVERALL THE INSTRUCTOR WAS AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER.

- 6.4 Debate ensued.
- 6.5 It was m/s/p (Cates) to close debate on the Beer amendment.
- 6.6 The Beer amendment was approved.
- 6.7 It was m/s/f (Cleman) to restore the original language for question 11 and separate it out into a different category.
- 6.8 It was m/s/f (Gutierrez) to substitute language for question 11 that would read: **OVER-ALL THE INSTRUCTOR TAUGHT THIS CLASS EFFECTIVELY.**
- 6.9 It was m/s/p (Hunt) to divide the issue and vote on the Student Opinion Survey instrument and the Student Opinion Survey on Instruction policy separately.
- 6.10 It was m/s/p (Dumitrescu) to amend Part A of the proposed Student Opinion Survey instrument by revising the order of the questions as follows: 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2 and 11.
- 6.11 It was m/s/p (Dewey) to close debate.
- 6.12 The Student Opinion Survey instrument was **APPROVED** as amended (05-11). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.
- 6.13 It was m/s/p (Klein) to amend the third sentence in the fifth paragraph of the Student Opinion Survey on Instruction policy by deleting the words Faculty Policy Committee and inserting the words **ACADEMIC SENATE**.
- 6.14 Senator Whitcomb suggested as an editorial amendment that the fourth sentence in the fifth paragraph should be amended by deleting the word committee and inserting the word **BODY**.
- 6.15 It was agreed by consensus to accept the suggestion made by Senator Whitcomb as editorial.
- 6.16 It was m/s/p (Gutierrez) to amend the first sentence in the fifth paragraph of the the Student Opinion Survey on Instruction policy by inserting the words **A FIELD THAT INCLUDES** after the word "with."
- 6.17 The Student Opinion Survey on Instruction policy was **APPROVED** as amended (05-11). Copies of the document are available in the Senate Office.
7. It was m/s/p (Anagnoson) to adjourn at 2:57 p.m.

PROPOSED POLICY MODIFICATION: THE STUDENT OPINION SURVEY ON INSTRUCTION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V AND THE STUDENT OPINION SURVEY ON INSTRUCTION, FACULTY HANDBOOK, APPENDIX L (*Continued*)

ADJOURNMENT