

## Faculty Senate Attendance and Minutes January 23, 2009

### FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Louella Moore-Chair	P
Shivan Haran-Vice-Chair of the Senate	P
Beverly Boals Gilbert-President Elect	P
Lillie Fears-Secretary Faculty Association	P
Amy Claxton- Secretary of the Senate	A

### AGRICULTURE (1)

Bill Humphrey	Spring 10	P
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### BUSINESS (3)

Johnny Van Horn	Spring 10	P
Richard Segall	Spring 10	P
Ahmad Syamil	Spring 10	P

### COMMUNICATIONS (2)

Pradeep Mishra	Spring 10	P
Jack Zibluk	Spring 10	P

### EDUCATION(5)

Andy Mooneyham	Spring 09	P
Daniel Cline	Spring 09	A
Tom Fiala	Spring 09	P
Mark McJunkin	Spring 10	A
Amy Claxton	Spring 09	A

### ENGINEERING (1)

Shivan Haran	Spring 09	P
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### FINE ARTS (3)

Brent Foland	Spring 10	P
Ron Horton	Spring 09	A
Bill Rowe	Spring 09	P

### HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)

Robert Baum	Spring 10	A
Win Bridges	Spring 10	A
Richard Burns	Spring 09	P
Peggy Robinson-Wright	Spring 09	P
Alex Sydorenko	Spring 09	P
Richard Wang	Spring 09	P

### LIBRARY (1)

Myron Flugstad	Spring 09	P
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### MILITARY SCIENCE (1)

Jeffery Helms	Spring 09	P
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### NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)

Donna Caldwell	Spring 10	A
Richard Freer	Spring 10	A
Mike McDaniel	Spring 09	P
Judith Pfriemer	Spring 09	P

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)

Richard Grippo	Spring 10	P
Hung-chi Su	Spring 10	P
J. Mike Hall	Spring 10	A

Open Seat

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)

Vickie Stripling	Spring 10	
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**Members Present**

**Proxy**

MARGARET MCCLAIN

## Faculty Senate Minutes January 23, 2009

Call to Order by Louella Moore at 3pm

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 1) Minutes Presented for Correction and/or Approval if any

None presented

#### 2) Update on December Board of Trustees meeting

New shared governance oversight committee was approved by Board at December meeting. Documents noted Staff Senate descent. Approved deletion of Senate Calendar and Library standing committees from Bylaws of Faculty Association as previously approved by Association membership April 2008. Not time to get on May Agenda so just now getting passed by Board. BOTs modified the amount of nonrefundable deposit to international recruiting agency to \$5000 from \$10000. Dr. Dan Howard explained why this was done to still have deposit to assure reasonable enrollment period without being prohibitive. BOTs approved university scholarship program for highly qualified international students to be funded from other international student tuition.

#### 3) Update on Church Bulletin Issues from December 5, 2008 meeting.

Senate concerns were forwarded to Dean Lee and Lucinda McDaniel Tuesday December 9, 2008. Received a short reply within a week from both– “Thank you, we value your input.”

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1) SHARED GOVERNANCE - Art in Public Places proposal from Buildings Grounds & Facilities Committee:

Motion to consider was made by Bill Humphrey, second by Shivan Haran. Committee Chair Curtis Steele was invited to discuss the background. Issue originated in February 2008 with email concerning recommending artist for sculpture to be placed in front of Lab Sciences Building on campus. Name was recommended, they provided a design which was displayed at the meeting. Proposal has been in limbo ever since because we do not have a policy on approving public sculptures.

Discussion – Burns asked why a policy is needed. Glen Jones explained why policy was drafted. He explained that current draft was not the final word. Discussion followed that since it is a draft, not necessary for to vote as such but just to comment. Much discussion occurred regarding this issue concerning legalities of pre-approval and freedom of speech including a document by Senator Zibluk. Other issues on who gets final approval, etc. Curtis Steel indicated he did have concerns that the final acceptance is beyond the committee level. Bill Rowe’s suggestion was that the Chairs of Music, Theater, Art, serve as a selection committee.

Proxy McClain note the definition of art in the document was vague. Some art faculty noted it is difficult to define art. Other issues discussed include free speech; the need, or lack of need, for a committee; questions about which items on campus should be addressed by this committee were raised; Chair reiterated that it is only our job to send back comments on the process, not to rewrite it. Motion to approved in current form failed unanimously.

Senator Humphrey made a motion directing Curtis Steele to head up redraft and to make a decision on Biology piece / seconded by Senator Grippo. There was some discussion as to whether it was Senate’s job to direct the inner workings of the committee. Some suggestions were given for modifying the motion. The motion was withdrawn. There was still some sentiment expressed suggesting Curtis Steele use comments received in the Senate discussion as input when working with the committee or a subcommittee to redraft the proposal. Some sentiment was expressed that the current item has been help up too long and some members would favor moving on with the Biology item in advance of formal policy but the group stopped short of official recommendation for the details for Buildings and Grounds procedure.

#### 2) Discussion of New Shared Governance Structure: The Senate has been asked to provide appointees to the new Shared Governance Oversight by February 6, 2009. Committee on Committee members William Rowe, Beverly Gilbert, Bill Humphrey, Myron Flugstad, Jack Zibluk, Lillie Fears have received the new structure (Faculty Senate Chair, Faculty Handbook Chair, and 3 more tenured faculty). in comparison to existing representatives on the existing AGOC/IGOC. Existing Individuals on AGOC/IGOC (Academic

Governance Oversight Organization / Institutional Governance Oversight Committee) include Louella Moore as Faculty Senate Chair; Julie Issacson 2010; Mike McDaniel 2011; Bill Humphrey 2009 AGOC/ 2011 IGOC; Mitch Holifield 2009. The committee recommended rolling over current appointees other than Mitch Holifield because of his status as a Chair given that Chairs gets their own representative. Motion was made and seconded to appoint the following for the noted terms: Louella Moore/Beverly Boals after April 20, 2009; Julie Isaacson (as long as still Fac HBook chair); Bill Humphrey 2011; Mike McDaniel 2011 with the fifth representative to be presented by the Committee on Committees for approval at next meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Alex Sydorenko noted that it would be important to have full complement of committee members for first meeting even if one was a temporary appointment. He recommended Dr. William Rowe. Bill Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3) **Committee Reports if any.** Faculty Senate Finance Committee working on report for a February meeting. Judy Pfriemer reported briefly that requiring lapse before insurance takes effect apparently did not go into effect in January and that she would report status of possible new retirement option at later meeting. Richard Grippo noted a Senate subcommittee has been working on some handbook issues and would report in more detail later.
- 4) **Discussion of Legislative Issues Impacting Higher Education.** William Rowe discussed examples of bills making their way through the legislature including one on immigrant status for college enrollment. Information was given on how to track the progress of bills on the legislative website.
- 5) **Other Concerns.** Mike McDaniel expressed concern that additional responsibilities are constantly being redirected to faculty that in the past were completed by staff in so-called service areas. Additional duties given by the Registrar's Office, for example, were discussed. Some agree with Senator McDaniel. Some noted there may be some benefits to Web extender. Senator Wang noted that departments have always made the determination on non-gen ed courses. Dr. Moore noted part of the purpose of the discussion was to share experiences across the campus because the burden falls unevenly on those colleges that have a centralized advising center to help with graduation check out and transcript evaluation.

Senator Burns suggested adjournment. The meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 4:15.