

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2008

Members Present: Alesia Richardson, Virginia Shen, Phillip Beverly, Felix Rivas, Asare Nkansah, Sarah Buck, Lixing Jia, Lorraine Lazouskas, Robert Meeker, Devi Potluri, Sabita Busch, Elizabeth Wittbrodt, Jane Florine, Marian E. Perkins, Barbara Price, Sharon O'Donnell, Soo Kang, Athanase Gahungu, Kathleen McInerney, Paul Gomberg, Tonya Hall, Bart McSwine, Dan Hrozencik, N. Yakubu Ugangiji, Baba S. Ifatunji, Daniel Block, Alonzo DeCarlo, Kelvin Gilchrist, Kathy Rosa, Sneha Baxi

Members Absent: Linnae Bryant, Leslie Ajayi, William Martin (ex-officio)

Visitors Present: R. Benny, J. Price, S. Wesbrooks, D. Jefferson, President Pogue, J. Henderson., Anitra Ward, Ben C. Liu

Call to order: President Searcy called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

- I. Visitors and members welcomed to meeting
- II. Review and approval of September minutes. Motion approved to accept minutes with minor changes.  
President Searcy announced he would search for a bigger room for Faculty Senate meetings.
- III. Reports: Provost announced 1) that graduation is set for May 21st at 6pm. Faculty are strongly encouraged to attend. It was noted that final grades are due on the same day as graduation and that it is Memorial Day weekend. Also, effective 2009 there will be two commencement ceremonies with the 2nd being sometime in December. 2) Enrollment at CSU continues to be flat, even with 87 new pharmacy students. The enrollment of transfer students has decreased. Dr. Meary is currently writing a report to show changes across all majors. In addition, Dr. Pogue and the provost have signed an articulation agreement designed to help increase enrollment of transfer students.
- IV. President Pogue introduced himself to the faculty senate and reported that he was a member of the faculty senate in the past at other universities. He reported viewing the senate as an important and necessary part of the university and looked forward to working with it.
- V. UPC announced they had filled all three openings from the College of Business, Resource Professionals and Arts and Sciences. Individuals who have or had personnel actions were encouraged to pick up their portfolios ASAP.
- VI. Discussion: lowering of required GPA and ACT scores resulted in the majority of senators reporting that their departments strongly disagreed with this proposal. Faculty senate voted unanimously to waive the proficiency

exams for students who have completed an associate's degree from a college with an Illinois general education curriculum or equivalent.

- VII. Academic Affairs report: A study is needed of admitted CSU students and non- admitted to help understand the retention of those students who are admitted. There is a need to review both the GPA's and test scores for these students. The faculty senate voted to accept the report from Academic Affairs and voted to reject the CSU proposal requirements to reduce the GPA and SAT scores for incoming freshman. There were two abstentions.
- VIII. Athletics: announced new chair, Dr. Price, and athletic director appointed by President Pogue, Susie Davis. The goal is for the athletics department to meet and maintain guidelines set by the NCAA and gain accreditation.
- IX. Faculty senate discussed the need to come up with a formula for deciding who would be grand marshal at commencement. The senate voted to allow the senate executive committee to decide the procedure for this.
- X. Presidential search- two search firms have been interviewed. The CSU board will decide what step to take next. The advisory council will advice which search firm to hire.
- XI. The move of the school of pharmacy has been tabled. There was discussion of whether the school would move to the 4th floor of the NLB; however, there is low faculty support for this.
- XII. President Searcy announced there will be a meeting of the Council of Illinois University Senates hosted at CSU on Oct. 24 in the NLB 4th floor from 9-3:30pm.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Alesia Richardson