

Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of the November 4, 2008 Meeting

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, Athanase Gahungu, Kathleen McInerney, Paul Gomberg, Bart McSwine, Dan Hrozencik, N. Yakubu Ubangiji, Baba S. Ifatunji, Daniel Block, Sneha Baxi, Vincent Osaghae, Odesuyi Ajayi

Members Absent: Soo Kang (with prior notice), Tonya Hall (with notice), Felix Rivas, William Martin (ex-officio), Alonzo DeCarlo, Kelvin Gilchrist, Kathy Rosa, Ben C. Liu

Visitors: Dr. Deborah Jefferson, Provost Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Jaqueline Bryant, Margaret A. Kelly

Call to Order: President Searcy called the meeting to order at **12:39 pm**

- I. Visitors and members welcomed to meeting
- II. Review and Approval of corrected October minutes.
- III. Reports: CIUS meeting: IBHE discussed the role of the university foundation. The board is appointed by the president of the university and the state. It was noted that many university foundation boards are operating at 50% or less.
IBHE reported on dual enrollment in high school and community colleges for college credit. High schools are supposed to hire special faculty to teach these course. However, some high school teachers are teaching the courses and they are not qualified. Also, many students accumulate so many credits they only have one year of college left to obtain a degree. Also, there was some discussion of online degrees and non-accredited schools. SIU is planning to develop a list of preferred universities to decrease the number of students taking course at non-accredited universities. SIU also plans to re-visit the role of the faculty senate on campuses, asking if senates should take more of an activist role on campus.
Athletics: Dr. Henderson is resigning as faculty athletic representative as of January 30, 2009. He held the position for 9 years. This position is appointed by the President and the faculty senate can make recommendations.
University Budget Committee: Need new representatives on this committee by finals week. There can be a University wide election or the senate can identify faculty and hold elections through the senate.
Academic Affairs: discussed the number of different measures for admission to CSU and are studying those who have applied. Their findings will be presented at the December meeting.
Provost: requested to put together a resolution to the Board regarding looking at a number of different measures to admit students and develop

new criteria for admission that would not deny students admission based on one criteria, but based on multiple factors.

The presidential search group The Hollins Group met with various groups on campus to discuss the presidential search process they wanted to assess what we do well, what we do not do well and qualities we are seeking in a president. The provost noted this search firm has a notable record of identifying presidents that stay 5 years or longer.

There will be a crisis simulation day to prepare for an emergency situation on campus. Dr. Beverly reported there would be a mass casualty exercise on campus and would be forwarding information.

The commencement speaker committee has 20 or more possible speakers, the senate can forward names. The committee is seeking a theme for the university based on the expectations presented by President Pogue.

The Provost identified several events that senate members should attend November 10 IBHE will present information on Illinois public agenda.

November 13 Congressman Danny Davis will discuss a Black male initiative for college.

PEC- President Pogue suggested CSU adopt a high school and grade school to develop a study stream of students for CSU.

Administrations partnering with Kennedy King to have a dual admit to CSU for some of our graduate programs.

The university is working to improve their marketing and will change the current CSU logo.

Dr. Jefferson suggested the university needed to have a complaint system.

Buildings and Grounds: the committee needs new members, president Searcy asked faculty senate members to ask in their departments for faculty who could serve. It was noted that the parking lot is too dark at night and there is no formal recycling program on campus.

Pharmacy: They are moving to the 2nd floor of Douglas Hall as of Dec. 1. President Searcy announced a by-law change suggesting the senate change elections to the last meeting of the academic year from the first meeting of the year

- IV. New Business: Police abuse, discussed establishing a police review board comprised of students, faculty and police chief for adjudication and resolution of complaints. The committee would need to review what procedures already exist and not duplicate those. It was asked if the faculty senate could approve a university wide committee, or would the committee be ad-hoc? This was tabled until next meeting.

- V. Blackboard Elimination discussed due to the cost of blackboard the university is reviewing other online options such as Moodle. The Blackboard contract expires August 2009. The senate discussed lawsuits settled by the university out of court and the cost of these. The senate suggested an investigation of the number of lawsuits and the resolution of them.

UPASS: there was a vote in Temple were students voted 10 to 1 in favor of UPASS. The problem seems to be the upfront cost to the University of having UPASS

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09.

Respectfully Submitted.

Senator Alesia Williams Richardson, Secretary