

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, January 30, 2008  
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Colin Jessop called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Nasir Ghiaseddin offered the opening prayer.

**1. Chair's report – Colin Jessop**

- Colin Jessop provided an update on the progress of the revision of Academic Articles. A full report will be given to the Senate when the revisions are complete. In general, the recommendations of the Faculty Senate have been accepted.
- The first Faculty Senate Newsletter will be sent next week. The report will include a Chair's Report and information from each standing committee of the Senate.
- Keith Rigby was elected by acclamation to replace Jill Godmillow on the Campus Life Committee Election.

**2. Benefits Committee – Nasir Ghiaseddin**

- Nasir Ghiaseddin reported on the efforts of the Benefits Committee to address falling faculty salaries relative to AAUP members. In the last 7 years, Notre Dame has fallen from 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> in faculty salaries.
- The Committee met with Chris Maziar and she confirmed that the goal was to bring salaries up to the median faculty salaries among AAU universities within the next four to five years. The Benefits Committee will continue to follow the issue and work towards this goal.
- The first target will be to increase salaries at the Assistant Professor level, and then moving up the Associate and Full faculty ranks. Tom Gresik reported that Maziar indicated that raises would have a merit-based component, not simply moving the median. Judy Fox reminded the Committee of the importance of considering the salaries of Special Professional Faculty as well.
- Colin Jessop stated that the Trustees had already committed to increase the salary pool, but there still discussion about how the money will be allocated.

**3. Irish Rover – Colin Jessop**

- Colin Jessop provided an update on the attendance of an Irish Rover member at the previous closed meeting of the Senate. Irish Rover is a conservative group/publication, and is supported by Project Sycamore.
- The Irish Rover member took a copy of Senate documents from the last meeting, and had distributed this information via a blog and other methods. The student in question made a formal apology and removed his blog posts.

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- Sarah McKibben reported that the organization has been involved in targeted disruptions of classes taught by non-tenured women and faculty of color.
- Jessop discussed the possibility of issuing formal press passes to student journalists. This would provide an opportunity to stress ethical and professional journalistic standards.

The Faculty Senate began Executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.