

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
MINUTES

Members Present: Katrina Barron, William Berry, Mark Beudert, Seth Brown, Michael Brownstein, J. Randy Crist, Antonio Delgado, Morten Eskildsen, Judy Fox, John Gaski, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Timothy Gilbride, Thomas Gresik, John Griffin, Yih-Fang Huang, Maxwell Johnson, Anita Kelly, David Klein, Kristin Lewis, Tom Marullo, Joyelle McSweeney, Kevin Mongrain, Catherine Perry, Dianne Pinderhughes, J. Keith Rigby, Juan Rivera, Carolyn Rodak, Salma Saddawi, D. Katherine Spiess, Mark Suckow, Anthony Trozzolo, Julian Velasco, Richard Williams.

Members Excused: Philip Bess, Kevin Dreyer, Jessica Kayongo, Kwan Kim, David Ladouceur, J. Parker Ladwig, Robin Rhodes, Robert Schmuhl, Robert Schulz, Vikas Tomar.

Members Absent: Hugh Fogarty, Alan Johnson, Cynthia Mahmood, Joseph Venturini.

Departments without a Senator: Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering; Computer Science & Engineering; Engineering At Large; History; Philosophy.

Chair Thomas Gresik called the meeting to order. After the customary round of introductions the opening prayer was offered by Yih-Fang Huang.

Chair's Report (Thomas Gresik)

Tom Gresik welcomed new senators, and conveyed the following information:

- The Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Senate is Joyce Zurawski (jjurawski@nd.edu; facsen@nd.edu)
- The Senate holds meetings the first Tuesday of each month
- Senators expecting to be absent should notify Ms. Zurawski as a courtesy
- Senators should sign in upon arrival
- Approval of minutes is conducted by e-mail

Recent News

- Father Jenkins expressed appreciation for the Senate's thoughtful and balanced statement concerning the invitation to President Obama
- The Academic and Faculty Affairs Committee of the University Board of Trustees expressed to the Chair its appreciation for the constructive input of the Senate over the course of the year

Committee Agenda

- Each senator serves on one committee, senators are self-allocated, and self-reassigned
- Likely committee topics for 2009-10:
 - Academic Affairs – Monitoring CIF implementation; Academic honesty
 - Administrative Affairs – Workplace standards; post-tenure reviews
 - Benefits – Monthly HR meetings; salary improvement
 - Student Affairs – Regular interactions with student senate; integrate teaching and research

Treasurer's Report (Dave Klein)

- \$2541 Year Beginning Budget
- \$1576 Expenses (principal expense was a laser printer)
- \$965 Year End Balance (to be returned to Provost)
- No questions or comments were raised

Election of Officers

Nominees:

Chair – Thomas Gresik

Vice Chair – Morten Eskildsen

Treasurer – J. Parker Ladwig

Co-Secretary – Joyelle McSweeney

Co-Secretary – John Griffin

Traffic Appeals – Jessica Kayongo

Campus Life Council – Randy Crist

Bookstore Committee – Michael Brownstein

All elected by acclamation.

Committee Organizational Meetings

Committee Chair Elections

Chairs unopposed in Committee Organizational Meeting:

Administrative Affairs – Seth Brown

Benefits – Nasir Ghiaseddin

Student Affairs – John Gaski

Chairs selected by senate vote:

Academic Affairs – Keith Rigby (opposed by Julian Velasco); vote was 15-11 with 2 abstentions

Committee Agendas for 2009-10

Administrative Affairs

- Workplace standards

- Post-tenure reviews
- Mission hiring follow-up with Fr. Bob Sullivan
- SPF titles and definitions
- ACPET

Student Affairs

- Student classroom comportment

Benefits

- Faculty salaries
- Health insurance
- HMO plan
- Suggested agenda items from the floor:
 - Campus nursing rooms
 - Campus environmental quality (water, air, etc.)

Academic Affairs

- Monitor CIF implementation
- Academic calendar
- Academic honesty

New business (Thomas Gresik)

- Academic Council discussed a proposed change to the academic calendar in 2010-11 to account for Ash Wednesday falling during spring break. Gresik reported that the Council recommended the semester begin one week later than presently scheduled to address this issue.
- Griffin suggested that the Senate schedule a discussion concerning encouraging rank and file faculty to interact with their department's senator
- One senator expressed concern that some spouses of deceased faculty did not receive an invitation to this year's President's dinner.

Tom Gresik adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.