

Faculty Senate
University of Notre Dame
Meeting of November 7, 2006
(Revised)

The meeting opened at 7 pm with the introduction of the senators present and with a prayer.

1. The minutes from the October 4, 2006, meeting were approved, with one correction to the attendance roster.

2. Chair's report.

A. The chair briefly described potential "problem spots" that Senators identified in the Academic Articles, which are up for their regular review, and he handed out copies of the resulting memo to Jean Ann Linney. Charles Barber is on the relevant University committee and should be informed of any additional concerns.

B. John Affleck-Graves will be coming to the December meeting: Senators should contact Nasir Ghiaseddin with any issues they would like to see raised.

3. Proposal for electronic approval of minutes from monthly meetings.

The chair explained that the proposal is designed to streamline and expedite approval of the minutes, so that it will not take a month or more for them to be approved. Any member would be entitled to call for discussion and approval to be deferred until the next Senate meeting in case of any substantive concerns.

Brief discussion followed, and a motion in favor was made and unanimously approved.

The Senate then broke for committee meetings and reassembled at 7:45.

4. Benefits Committee report.

The committee met to generate questions for John Affleck-Graves, and it will solicit questions by e-mail from the Senate as a whole. The committee will put together a list to be sent to Affleck-Graves before the meeting.

A question was raised about possible lowered participation by local dentists disadvantaged by the "preferred" dental plan. Another senator's dentist apparently had found the "preferred" plan to offer better compensation.

Another issue: how to seek increased participation and time for the committee to respond to proposed benefit changes in the future.

5. Student Affairs Committee report.

Honor Code test: the committee saw some samples of scenarios included on the test. It wondered if the students should take the test every year instead of once in their careers, and if faculty might find it helpful to take the test as well, since it raises issues that may not be familiar to them, given the pace of changes in technology. Another question: that of graduate students, who are not subject to the Honor Code.

Health care for graduate students: graduate students are not included in the discussions; the cost of health care, especially for families, is a recruitment issue, and it may be appropriate to bring a resolution forward on the matter.

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6. Academic Affairs Committee report.

SPF standards for renewal and promotion: Judy Fox from the Law School provided a list of issues, among which are those of titles and codification of standards. Chris Maziar met with Colin Jessop, and there will be a larger meeting to discuss the issues further.

President's and Provost's fall speeches: copies are not yet available. The committee will have a separate meeting to discuss the speeches and feedback on them from faculty, in hopes of formulating a list of issues to which to respond.

Use of TCES: Question 17 has taken on inordinate importance. Committee will meet with Dennis Jacobs to find out about the status of TCE reform before taking further measures.

7. Administrative Affairs Committee

The Administrative Affairs committee did not meet or give a report.

No old or new business was raised, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Marvin
Co-Secretary

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Present

1. Anthony Trozzolo
2. Christine Becker
3. Colin Jessop
4. Don Sporleder
5. James Rakowski
6. John Adams
7. John Gaski
8. John Robinson
9. John Stamper
10. Julia Marvin
11. Kevin Misiewicz
12. Lei Li
13. Mark Dehmlow
14. Michael
Brownstein
15. Mike Etzel
16. Nasir Ghiaseddin
17. Noreen Deane-
Moran
18. Orlando Menes

19. Philippe Collon
20. Salma Saddawi
21. Timothy Ovaert
22. Tom Gresik
23. Robert Howland
24. Seth Brown

Excused

25. Charles Barber
26. Claudia Polini
27. Collin Meissner
28. David Klein
29. David Ladouceur
30. Judy Fox
31. Kelly Jordan
32. Linda Sharp
33. Mary Prorok
34. Meredith Chesson
35. Robert Norton
36. Susan Youens

Absent

37. Al Miller
38. Barry Keating
39. Carlos Jerez-
Farran
40. Chris Beesley
41. Gail Bederman
42. Jeff Talley
43. Peter McQuillin
44. Richard Pierce
45. Vaughn McKim

**Departments without
Representatives**

46. Political Science
47. Psychology
48. Theology
49. Computer Science
and Engineering
50. Electrical Engr