



Faculty Senate Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2008
3:35 p.m., Administration 366

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of January 10 meeting
2. Announcements
3. *Ad hoc* committee on special contract faculty
4. Assessment Day activities

Members Present: Bethany Andreasen, Kristi Berg, Alexandra Deufel, Warren Gamas, Ruth Kihm, Gary Rabe

Members Absent: Susan Podrygula

1. Approval of the minutes of March 13 meeting

Several minor typo corrections. The minutes were approved.

2. Announcements - none

3. *Ad hoc* committee on special contract faculty

President Andreasen stated that she was still working on members for the *ad hoc* committee. President Fuller believes that VPAA Gary Rabe should be a member of the committee, as well as, Wes Matthews. Both Selmer Moen and Draza Markovic volunteered to be on the committee. When asked, Lynne Rumney stated that she was willing to serve on the committee. Lynne suggested Nancy Pearsen and Susan Garness as possible candidates. ShaunAnne Tangney remains a possibility. President Andreasen stated that anyone should be allowed to speak to the committee. Gary Rabe and Warren Gamas suggested that there should be 5-7 people on the committee.

4. Assessment Day activities

President Andreasen began discussion by stating that she thought Assessment Day had become too repetitive and we need work time not just presentation time. Ruth Kihm stated that we needed time to apply some the techniques. Kristi Berg suggested that students need to be included in the event. Gary Rabe concurred, stating that students view it as a day off. He also

suggested that the day should include other aspects of student life. President Andreasen suggested that we should talk about reserving the afternoons for student focused activities. Perhaps this was something the Assessment Committee should plan. Warren Gamas asked the rhetorical question of how to engage more students in Assessment Day.

5. Additional Comments

President Andreasen stated that Doug Pfliger pointed out additional changes that needed to be made to the bylaws in light of the recent changes regarding appeals. Additional changes will be sent to the Senate.

President Andreasen stated that there was a rash of rumors floating about that the President was reversing promotion & tenure decisions. In fact, he had not reversed any promotion decisions and only one tenure decision with extenuating circumstances. However, the move prompted some concern about the reversing decision. Alex Deufel asked whether the Senate needs to supply better instructions to the promotion and tenure committees. President Andreasen stated that this action may be reason to consider revising the promotion guidelines since a number does not accurately represent the promotion package of a faculty member.

Ruth Kihm extended her gratitude to Bethany Andreasen for serving as Faculty President during the year. A round of applause followed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Lepp, Secretary