

## **Faculty Senate Minutes February 17, 1997**

**Senators Present:** Bill Beardsley, Terry Cooney, Bill Haltom, Kathy Hummel-Berry, Grace Kirchner, Bruce Lind, Bob Matthews, Ili Nagy, Marta Robertson, Bryan Smith

**Visitor:** Shelby Clayson

**Minutes of 1/27/96:** With minor modifications on the description of the Ad Hoc Code Committee review process and subject to the attachment of the Budget Task Force report to the minutes, provisional approval was granted.

### **Announcements:**

- 1) The Senate will next meet on 3/3/97.
- 2) The Academic Standards Committee suggested that the Senate determine whether the ASC revisions to the plagiarism statement in the Logger require Senate discussion.
- 3) Senator Matthews, with great glee, wished the Senate and the University community a Happy St. David's Day (3/1/everyyear).

### **Chair's Report:**

(Will be covered in the discussion of subsequent items.)

### **Items for Discussion and Action:**

#### **1 - Status of the Library, Media, and Academic Computing Committee**

The Senate discussed the input provided by committee members (majority in favor of continuing the committee), and also considered the information provided by T. Cooney on the requirement by our accrediting agency for faculty oversight on the way in which library holdings support the curriculum. It was generally agreed that the meeting schedule of the committee should always reflect the immediate workload of the committee.

In response to a question, T. Cooney said he will determine whether other committees have tasks which directly impact our upcoming accreditation study and report. B. Matthews raised the issue of whether the LMAC is really one committee or two (including some blathering on whether committees should be like paragraphs). It was agreed that while there is some possible divergence on LMAC, there is also a growing tendency to have overlapping (or competing) responsibilities (reserve materials in digital format, for example). There was no sentiment to eliminate the committee. The following motion was tendered:

**M/S/P: The Faculty By-laws description for the Library, Media, and Academic Computing Committee shall be amended to read: The Committee shall consist of the Dean of the University (ex-officio), the Director of the Library (ex-officio), the Associate Vice President for Information Systems (ex-officio), no fewer than 5 appointed members of the Faculty, and one student.**

#### **2 - Discussion of membership on other committees which report to the Senate.**

A general discussion of membership of the Diversity Committee was undertaken; some issues raised were the need to have a fixed voting membership, to maintain an open and free meeting structure, to give the committee's work a high profile, and the inevitable overlap of the DC with other committees (such as Student Life). It was decided to postpone action until Kirchner had an opportunity to obtain further input from the current member of the DC.

In discussion of the membership for the Student Life Committee it was proposed the By-laws should be amended to read: The Committee shall consist of the Dean of the University (ex-officio), the Dean of Students (ex-officio), no fewer than four appointed Faculty members, and three student members.

In a general discussion Kirchner raised the question of how access to committee membership could be offered to graduate students. It was suggested that this may already be an option open through the ASUPS process by which student members of committees are appointed. Haltom agreed to confer with ASUPS officers on this point and on student representation in general.

It was observed that the Senate is nearing completion of the task of By-laws Revision. It was suggested that the members of the Senate prepare for discussion of Article II, Section 2 at the next meeting.

**M/S/P: Adjournment at 5:20pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

R. Bruce Lind