

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**September 4, 2013**

Senators Present: Lea Ann Alexander, Stephanie Barron, Marck Beggs, Kristen Benjamin, Beverly Buys, Nathan Campbell, Steven Carter, Carolyn Eoff, David Evans, Daniel Fitzroy, John Greene, Megan Hickerson, Jana Jones, Patricia Loy, Beth Maxfield, Carolyn McClure, Lonnie McDonald, Janice O'Donnell, Malcolm Rigsby, Ingo Schranz, R. C. Smith, Patrick Wempe, Penny Whelchel, Fred Worth.

Senators Absent: Richard Miller, Richard Schmid, Paul Williamson.

1. Call to Order: President David Evans 3:15
2. Approval of May 2013 Minutes by Acclamation.
3. President's Report
  - A. Enrollment and retention are still down, despite record numbers of applicants; these facts are in part attributable to changes in the Challenge Scholarships. Other state 4-year institutions also appear to have had similar declines in enrollment.
  - B. Recruiting process has impressive faculty involvement.
  - C. Repackaging of scholarships is one measure being considered to address recruitment, as will other measures such as admissions standards, stronger marketing of programs, and student housing options. Administration is looking at ways to ameliorate the negative effects of the dorms.
  - D. The numbers of high school students are declining; all state institutions will be affected by the subsequent decline in higher education populations.
  - E. Issues with the web continue to be acknowledged but no decisions have been made.
  - F. President Jones wants to move away from our image of being "the school of last resort."
  - G. Bobby Jones reports budget is right on target and he is optimistic about President Jones's commitment to ongoing efforts. He cites as an example the President's raising of \$3.2 million for construction, library resources, and maintenance--\$750,000 directly from the Governor's budget.
4. Reports of Committees
  - A. Executive Committee: Fred and David represent faculty on the VP Advancement search and report that 7 interviews will be conducted Saturday (9/7) and 3-4 finalists will be chosen from that field of candidates.
  - B. Academics Committee: Nothing to report.
  - C. Buildings and Grounds Committee:
    - i. The committee is attempting to have hot water piped into every building on campus; please notify Megan Hickerson if your building has no hot water.
    - ii. Bike racks, specifically at Arkansas Hall, have been requested and should be added soon.
    - iii. The committee suggested that Senators should perhaps consider ways to encourage more sustainability efforts on campus. Much discussion ensued.

- iv. In general, the campus looks much better this year.
  - D. Finance Committee: The committee reported that it is compiling files regarding c compensation and will soon begin analysis of the data.
  - E. Operations Committee: Nothing new.
  - F. Procedures Committee: The survey ballot for Faculty Hearing Committee is being finished and will prove a good testing ground for the new format.
5. Old Business: None.
- A. The Senate President has selected faculty representatives to the IRB and the Committee on Committees.
  - B. The Garrison Center continues to undergo remodeling, including the renovation of the Day Gym to a Ballroom for conventions.
  - C. Someone asked about the Faculty Enhancement project and it was reported that work is supposedly being done on it.
6. New Business:
- A. Keep in contact with your constituents so that they know what we do. Communicate with constituents, Senators, and President of Senate. Much discussion ensued.
  - B. Let's develop our Reddie Pride. Discussion ensued.
7. Adjourn 4:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Maxfield