Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
August 31, 2010
Minutes

Present:
Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan P. Shapiro (V. Pres.), Roberta Sloan (Secy.), Karen M. Turner (Immed. Past Pres.), Nora Alter (SCT), Adam Davey (CHPSW), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Margaret Devinney (CLA), Deborah Howe (SED), Michael Jackson (STHM), Tricia S. Jones, (Educ.), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Stephanie Knopp (Tyl), Jim Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Mark C. Rahdert (Law), Charles Ruchalski (Pharm), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:
Jay Sinha (FSBM), Luke Kahlich (BCMD – on leave)

Call to Order:
The meeting began at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:
The May 4, 2010 minutes were approved with amendments.

President’s Report
The Executive Officers of the Faculty Senate met with Interim Senior Vice President and Provost Richard Englert over the summer and feel as if a number of items were accomplished.

There will be three Dean Searches this year. President Paul LaFolette began the discussion by outlining some of his goals. Other comments ensued during this discussion.

Redoing of college bylaws: Diane Maleson, Sr. V. Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs and Ginny Lederman, Associate University Counsel, are developing a template for new college/school bylaws. Paul emphasized that he feels it is important for the FSSC to review the template, before it is sent out, so that the FSSC can have input on it, Collegial Assemblies need to be informed that they need to wait to get the bylaw templates from Ginny rather than working on their bylaws ahead of time and perhaps having to redo them, thereby having worked on them for naught. Hopes to use the bylaws to help fostering shared governance in a meaningful way.

Paul will try to visit with as many committees as possible this year.

Paul addressed the issues of intellectual property – especially copyrights. If the Patents Committee that is being formed by Ken Blank does not address copyright issues, then a committee to do so should be organized.

An important goal is to begin to review the procedures of particular committees. One mentioned as needing to be addressed as soon as possible is the University Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee. Begin discussions of how to incorporate NTT’s into our academic family.
A conversation about how the university has become more corporate and how this has and will impact the university community was mentioned.

Paul has been issuing invitations for guests. He has invited Dick Englert, Istvan Varkonyi, Director of GenEd, Ken Blank, Sr. V. Provost for Research and Graduate Education, Betsy Leebron Tutelman, Sr. V. Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Communication, Tim O’Rourke, V. President of Computer Services, and Stephanie Ives, Dean of Students. He has also contacted the President of the Student Government, who is interested in meeting with the FSSC. Tony Wagner, CFO and Treasurer, David Unruh, Institutional Advancement and President Hart have also been invited. Ken Lawrence, Government, Communication and Public Affairs has mentioned that he would like to speak to the FSSC.

A suggestion was made to invite the president of the Board of Trustees, someone from Athletics (probably Eleanor Myers), and to ask someone to speak about the 20/20 plan. Bill Bergman, Chief of Staff, President’s Office was suggested as a likely candidate for that discussion. Also Peter Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and George Moore, University Counsel were suggested as possible guests.

**Vice President’s Report:**

Joan complimented Cheryl Mack on the job that she is doing and Cheryl received a warm round of applause. Madison was also mentioned as a wonderful assistant to Cheryl.

Joan is planning on bringing the Committee Chairs together with the FSSC for an occasion with food to find out what each committee does. The Chairs should know about the body of the FSSC, and how the interaction might take place. This probably won’t take place until December of the beginning or 2011.

Joan welcomed the new FSSC Members, Nora Alter (SCT), Deborah Howe (SED) and Jeff Solow (BCMD) and encouraged them to suggest committee members when they are needed.

There was a discussion whether or not NTT’s and Adjunct Professors can serve on university (Senate?) committees. Joan feels that it is not a straightforward matter, but needs consideration. Paul does not want NTT’s in a position, which would jeopardize their safety. Vigorous discussion ensued. It was decided that Adjunct Faculty could not serve on Senate Committees nor be recommended by the FSSC to serve on committees because the Senate bylaws do not allow for adjuncts to be on Senate Committees.

There was a discussion of the excellent candidates for the University Invention and Patent Committee. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to put forth seven names for the committee: Jan Fernback (SCT), Steve Jefferies (Dentistry), Gregory Mandall (Law), Feroze Mohamed (Medicine), Fayez Safadi (Medicine) John R. Williams, (CST), and Marvin Ziskin (Medicine). It was moved to reconsider, and seconded.

Subsequently a member of the Steering Committee voiced the opinion that not enough consideration had been given to the choices of candidates. There was a motion, which was seconded, to reopen the discussion. The motion was defeated.

It was decided to include a note with this recommendation that the committee choices be broad based from various schools and colleges.
**Old Business:**

Michael Jackson updated everyone on the Service Brunch that will take place in the spring. This brunch will be designed to recognize those people who are outstanding in service. The intention is to have both a junior and senior faculty member who receives an award.

**New Business**

Chip Jungreis updated everyone on the fact that there has been a Search Committee appointed to find a new Senior Executive VP – Health Science. There was consensus from the FSSC that CATA should have been involved, as well as the administration asking for more input from the Health Sciences Faculty. There is some concern that the person in the new position might not be a physician (which seems to be the faculty’s preference) but a health administrator instead.

Mark Rahdert pointed out that the Health Sciences Center is of primary importance to President Hart. Karen Turner suggested that this situation needs to be discussed with Dick Englert.

Paul LaFollette will speak to Provost Englert about this situation and as to CATA’s involvement.

Michael Jackson asked about a summary of the Deans’ Retreat with the FSSC. There was a short discussion.

Paul requested that every FSSC member let him know their preference as to whether the Retreat with Provost Englert should take place on November 17th or 18th, and members were asked to contact him directly about this.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting ended at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta R. Sloan, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate Secretary