Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting  
November 30, 2010  
Minutes

Present:
Paul S. LaFollette (Pres.), Joan Shapiro (V. Pres.), Roberta Sloan (Secy.), Karen Turner (Past President), Adam Davey (CHPSW), Joan Delalic (Engr.), Margaret Devinney (CLA), Deborah Howe (SED), Michael Jackson (STHM), Tricia S. Jones (Educ.), Jim Korsh (CST), Laurie MacPhail (Dent.), Jay Sinha (FSBM), Jeffrey Solow (BCMD), David Waldstreicher (Fac. Herald), Douglas C. Wager (SCT), Cheryl Mack (Coord.)

Absent:
Nora Alter (SCT – on leave for 2010-2011), Luke Kahlich (BCMD – on leave for Fall, 2010), Charles Jungreis (Med.), Mark C. Rahdert (Law), Charles Ruchalski (Pharm.).

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the FSSC November 16, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

President’s Report
Having no specific report, President LaFollette deferred to the Vice President for her report.

Vice-President’s Report: Joan Shapiro
Vice President Shapiro passed out the results of the recent election and thanked Cheryl Mack for her wonderful work on preparing and following through on the election.

There was a discussion of whether or not the actual votes from the elections should be posted along with those who won positions. It was decided that this tradition should continue.

President LaFollette Continued the Meeting
There was a discussion of where the final FSSC meeting should be held and whether or not it should follow the tradition of being a lunch meeting. It was decided that the final FSSC meeting of the semester will begin with lunch at noon at the Diamond Club, with actual business not beginning until 12:30 pm or after. It will be the final meeting of the semester.

The final University Senate Meeting of the semester will take place on Thursday, December 9th beginning at 1:45 pm. Various possible topics for discussion were reviewed by the FSSC. A number of suggestions were made.

It was decided that the topics will be 1) a discussion of the matrix and 2) the SFF’s. Senior Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies, Peter Jones, will be invited as a resource person.

The FSSC went into Executive Session to discuss the draft bylaws template. A lively discussion ensued.

The Town Hall meeting on the 20/20 plan was discussed. Frustration and disappointment were expressed by a number of members. Many felt that it was a “dog and pony” show rather than a real interaction. It was more about “telling people what is happening,” rather than consulting with them. It was stated by one member that one of the problems with asking questions at these meetings is that they often do not get answered.
It was pointed out that President Hart never answered the question she was asked when she visited the FSSC at the beginning of the year. This question was about the genesis policies in certain schools/colleges regarding missing classes.

President LaFollette shared with the FSSC members that in a recent meeting, President Hart told President LaFollette that she had assigned this question to Interim Vice President and Provost Dick Englert.

One member brought up the fact that although there are many intelligent experts on campus amongst the faculty, the administration rarely, if ever, calls upon their expertise. It was felt that this is a great loss.

Various other topics that might be possible topics of discussion for future Senate Meetings were discussed. These include:

- the costs of on-campus entities using The Baptist Temple,
- the cost of phone lines and panic buttons,
- the necessity of having to use only the on-campus food service for any function,
- the fact that departments are charged by “Facilities” for something as small as moving a table,
- the fact that now Creative Services is charging for web site design,
- the difficulties inherent in the current purchasing policy, and
- in some departments, the forced use of copying services.

The overall conclusion was that there are many “givens” in procedures at the university that need to be challenged and perhaps the University Senate Meetings would be the appropriate forum.

President LaFollette was asked to find out who is in charge of “purchasing” at the university and invite him/her as a guest to speak with the FSSC at a future meeting.

Follow up on having input into the budget.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Sloan, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate Secretary