

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 23, 2004

President Rayburn called the meeting to order at 3:50pm

Roll Call – Senator Carmen Reagan

- Present: Senators Blake, Christian, Clark, Eaves, Franks, Halbeck, Goldstone, Gupton, Hogan, Jator, Kenney, Kemmerly, King, Lane, Mauer, Menser, Newport, Perdew, Prescott, Rainey, Rayburn, Reagan, Rocheleau, Shephard, Snyder, Silverberg, Tracy, Vanarsdel; Ex Officio Member Winters.
- Absent: Filippo, Foote, Eaves, Franks, Henderson, Hodge, Magrans, Myers, Prescott, Robinson; Ex Officio Member Griffey

Approval of Agenda- motion moved and approved

Approval of Minutes of August 2- motion moved and approved (amended to include attendance Senators Blake and Tracy)

Reports

- Administrative - Mitch Robinson, Vice President of Finance
 - Reported on the following construction projects: signage, athletic facilities in Dunn Center, McCord renovation, and demolition of Armory for new recreational center.
 - Responded to questions about tennis courts, parking issues, & swimming pool.
 - Motion was made and approved to extend report for 10 minutes.
 - Continued to respond to questions and comments about Fort Campbell project 605, swimming pool and sink holes.
- President's Council Report - President Rayburn
 - President Hoppe has indicated that State revenue is less than projected
 - A new standing committee has been established – The Hope Lottery Appeal Committee
 - Consideration to take Veterans Day as a holiday will be made on an annual basis and will be allowed if it does not create disparity in number of class session.
 - Signage will be put up during October about designated smoking areas.
 - Responded to comments about Veteran's Day.
- Academic Subcouncil Report - no activity since August report
- Dean's Council report - Senator Sean Hogan
 - Indicated that Dean Council notes are available on the web
 - Reported on the following topics: change in entrance policy for Fort Campbell, phonaton for scholarships and special projects, Dr. Pinder to chair Institutional Review Board, policies related to overdue books in Library, fire code and classroom enrollment, and smoking, postponement of Education accreditation visit, need for scheduling of classes in afternoon hours.
 - Responded to questions related to 8 week courses on campus, Saturday courses, and time limit for grade changes.
- Committee reports - none

Old Business

- Emergency Preparedness Policy – President Rayburn

Senators Silverberg and Rayburn reviewed the policy which provides for university's response to serious emergencies and responded to questions about difference from old policy, development and philosophy of policy, compatibility with homeland security policies, faculty responsibilities during emergencies, small pox issues, safety orientations during first day of class, safety drills. **Motion was made and approved to recommend (14 for, 8 opposed, 2 abstained)**

New Business

- President Rayburn announced that Carlette Hardin and Larry Lawrence were elected as representatives to the Academic Council
- Senator Greg Lane discussed faculty involvement in Homecoming
 - During Homecoming Committee meeting students brought up faculty involvement; suggestions to increase involvement included the following: look at list of activities to see what is happening, go to alumni awards brunch, departments to decorate bulletin
 - Responded to questions about how date is set.
- President Rayburn announced that Omni Shephard will be looking at student evaluations in on-line courses. Volunteers from Faculty Senate are needed to assist with subcommittee
- Veterans Day – a motion was made and seconded for Faculty Senate to endorse cancellation of classes on the 11th, in honor of Veterans Day. Discussion involved the following: possibility of giving up fall break, holiday for staff, authority of administration to establish holiday, and past efforts to celebrate day. **Motion passed (25 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstained)** and reads: *Senate endorses the cancellation of classes on November 11, Veteran's Day to show respect for sacrifices made by military personnel and their families.*

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded; meeting ended at 5:13 pm