



Faculty Senate

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Friday, May 16, 2003

Lunch begins at 12:00

Meeting immediately follows (Approx. 1:00 PM)

*******Please note change in day & time*******

In UC Ballroom

AGENDA

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2003 Meeting

Guests

- James Votruba-President
- Rogers Redding-Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
- Robert Wilcox, FS Elections Chair

Officer Reports

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| • President | Steven Weiss |
| • Vice-President | Perilou Goddard |
| • Secretary | Carol Bredemeyer |
| • Parliamentarian | Ed Brewer |

Committee Reports -

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| • Professional Concerns | Phil McCartney |
| • Curriculum | Ron Shaw |
| • Benefits | Diane Gronefeld |
| ➢ Report on benefits for domestic partners—See the following links:
http://www.nku.edu/~senate/Domesticpartnerproposal.rtf
http://www.nku.edu/~senate/affidavit.rtf | |
| • Budget | Dennis Lye |

New Business
Announcements
Adjourn



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"There are two types of knowledge. One is knowing a thing. The other is knowing where to find it." -Samuel Johnson

PRESENT: Scottie Barty, Carol Bredemeyer (Sec'y), Ed Brewer (Parliamentarian), Patty Fairbanks, John Filaseta, Carrie McCoy for Mary Gers, Perilou Goddard (VP), Diane Gronefeld (Chair, Benefits), Eric Jackson, Vinay Kumar, Tom Leech, Alar Lipping, Phil McCartney (Chair, Prof. Concerns), Cyndi McDaniel, Ban Mittal, Kevin Muenta, Terry Pence, Holly Riffe, Michael Rose, Ron Shaw (Chair, Curriculum), Penny Summers, Steve Weiss (Pres.)

Guests: Jim Votruba, Rogers Redding, Bob Wilcox, Burhan Mohamedali, Wayde Shanks, Mary Lepper, Gail Wells

The meeting was preceded by the end of the year luncheon where outgoing Executive Committee members were recognized, as well as Dave Ellis, recipient of the Faculty Senate Scholarship.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by President Weiss. The minutes of the April 29, 2003 meeting were approved.

Before turning the floor over to President Votruba, President Weiss congratulated him on another great year at NKU.

President Votruba thanked President Weiss, the Executive Committee, and the Senate during the year. He noted that there would be 1200 graduates tomorrow – in Ohio. It has been a year of surprises and he noted that without a strong set of values, a university can lose direction. We should not lose sight of the role of academic freedom and responsibility and the role of the university in the community.

The Vice President for Administration and Finance search is in its final stages and he hopes to make an announcement next week. The Provost Search will be chaired by Gaut Ragsdale. The committee will have 10-12 members with broad representation. He hopes they will complete the process in November and have someone in place by January. Jerry Warner will serve as Interim Provost, beginning on or before June 1, and will not be a candidate for the position. President Votruba stressed the importance of the role of chairs and that Dr. Warner's experience as chair would be a great asset as Interim Provost.

President Votruba also recognized the service of outgoing Faculty Regent Prince Brown and his role as a teacher of the board.

Before turning the floor over to Provost Redding, President Weiss thanked him for his collegial work with the Senate.

Provost Redding thanked the Senate for all their cooperation, particularly the Senate presidents he had worked with, and the Professional Concerns Committee that he had worked closely with. He begins his new job in Colorado Springs on July 1; June 17 will be his last day here and he will be working closely with Jerry Warner for a smooth transition. He noted that he is going somewhere very much like NKU and that he greatly enjoyed his time here.

Bob Wilcox reported as Chair of the Elections Committee. He officially announced Carrie Mc Coy as the new Faculty Regent. He also provided the Senate with a written report. He mentioned some issues that came up during the regent election:

- Who is eligible to vote – administrators with faculty rank had to be provided with paper ballots
- Non tenured permanent lecturers – the current rules state tenured or tenure-track faculty may vote. The Senate would need to change the rules and he will propose such a change in the fall.
- The possibility of changing the rules for run-offs.
- There was also a question of addressing the nepotism issue in the eligibility requirements.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Weiss welcomed Carrie McCoy as the new Faculty Regent. She will have agenda privileges at Senate meetings. He expressed hope of seeing many faculty at the next day's commencement exercises.

Vice President – No Report

Secretary – Carol Bredemeyer reminded everyone about the joint COSFL/AAUP faculty governance conference this fall – all faculty recently received an e-mail notice about the conference.

Parliamentarian – Ed Brewer mentioned that he has received one comment about changes to Senate procedures since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Concerns (Phil McCartney): The committee has been collecting information from the Registrar concerning students who register and do not come to class or sign up for classes they intend to drop. In the first week of classes this semester, there were 4,117 drops, 3,884 adds, and 125 failed attempts to register for classes. A further breakdown by departments is coming and will be made available to chairs. The committee has lots of issues for the fall.

Curriculum (Ron Shaw): No voting items now, but be prepared for fall! The Curriculum Manual is being updated.

Benefits (Diane Gronefeld): The committee presented the Domestic Partner benefit proposal – it deals with same sex couples and soft (internal) benefits. Anthem does not do domestic partner policies – we would have to ask for an exception. After many questions and much discussion, there was a motion to postpone. Since there was no quorum by this time, the meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bredemeyer
Secretary