



Faculty **S**enate

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

February 24, 2003

UC Ballroom 3:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2002 Meeting

Guests

- James Votruba-President
- Tom Zaniello-Honors Program

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 |
| ➤ Informational Item: The web-based course guidelines | |
| | http://access.nku.edu/ucc/UCC_2002/Agenda/Web_Based_Course_Guidelines.pdf |
| • Benefits | Diane Gronefeld |
| • Budget | Dennis Lye |

New Business

Announcements

- Faculty Senate Scholarship Applications available from the FS Office. Due back April 1, 2003.
- Benevolent Association Chili Cook-Off Monday March 3rd 11:30-1:30 in UC Ballroom.

Adjourn



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FACULTY SENATE MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2003

"An election is coming. Universal peace is declared, and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry." -George Eliot

PRESENT: Scottie Barty, Carol Bredemeyer (Sec'y), Ed Brewer (Parliamentarian), Sudesh Duggal, Patty Fairbanks, John Filaseta, Perilou Goddard (VP), Diane Gronefeld (Chair, Benefits), Tom Leech, Alar Lipping, Dennis Lye (Chair, Budget), Phil McCartney (Chair, Prof. Concerns), Cyndi McDaniel, Maggie McGatha, John Metz, Ban Mittal, Melissa Moon, Terry Pence, Holly Riffe, Michael Rose, Michele Roszmann-Millican, Ron Shaw (Chair, Curriculum), Penny Summers, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss (Pres.), Claudia Zaher

GUESTS: Mary Huening, Jim Votruba, Jessica Donn, Burhan Mohamedali, Annie Dollins

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm. The minutes of the January 27 meeting were approved with the following corrections: 1) Under Curriculum report, Ant 245 should be cross-listed as Ant/Soc 245. 2) Sudesh Duggal was present at the special election meeting.

President Weiss introduced President Votruba who wanted to speak on two topics – Frankfort and VV.

FRANKFORT: At worst, the current House budget bill contains a 2.6% cut for post secondary education, which would translate to @1.85% (1.8% = @\$730,000) for NKU. There is no base adjustment for 2003/04, but the Senate is trying to restore some of that. This could result in NKU having to raise tuition up to 19%. There may be a budget by the end of next week.

VV: A review of the process is being prepared for the Board of Regents. Recommendations will cluster around several goals and the focus will be on measurable goals.

President Votruba also made some general comments about the current faculty misconduct situation. We have a responsibility as a profession to police ourselves. He praised the peer review processes that have taken place so far and will continue to progress according to the Faculty Handbook.

In response to a question, he said that faculty salaries were being considered a fixed cost by the university presidents and that salaries would continue to be a priority. Some conversions of non-tenure track positions to full time tenure track may be funded from summer school income.

In response to another question, he said that some of the restrictions imposed in his January 23 memo might be lifted before the end of the semester.

President Weiss introduced Tom Zaniello, Director of the Honors Program. He invited faculty to consider teaching an honors course or mentoring an honors student project and distributed literature about the program and courses.

There is now an Honors minor, a charge from President Votruba. They have had to become selective in the number of students admitted to the program – they now maintain a waiting list. Faculty interested in becoming part of the Honors Program should contact him.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: President Weiss introduced Burhan Mohamedali from Student Government. He passed out ribbons to symbolize a commitment for higher education funding and reminded everyone that students will be rallying in Frankfort this Thursday. He encouraged everyone to contact northern Kentucky legislators to express their support for funding.

President Weiss distributed a flyer about tuition benefits for family members and asked faculty to post in their departments. He thanked everyone for their condolences on the recent death of his father and to Perilou Goddard for filling in for him on several occasions. He commented briefly on the misconduct cases, stating that the Faculty Senate was here to make sure that grievances are heard and that due process is maintained.

Vice President: Perilou Goddard stated that the annual evaluation of administrators will take place soon. This year's evaluatees are President Votruba, Associate Provost Arne Almquist (Steely Library), and Chase Dean St. Amand.

Secretary: Carol Bredemeyer reported that she had attended a COSFL meeting. Merl Hackbart, a faculty member at UK and member of the Revenue Consensus Forecasting Group, talked about the state budget. Faculty at some campuses expressed concern about "veep creep", a growing number of vice presidents.

Parliamentarian: Ed Brewer reported that things are in good order!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Concerns (Phil McCartney): The committee is discussing two issues, 1) students on class rolls who never appear in class – can they be dropped? (some departments do this in labs); 2) the pressure to raise class size and the rise in the minimum number of students necessary for upper level classes.

Curriculum (Ron Shaw): Web based guidelines are now available on the committee's web site (http://access.nku.edu/ucc/UCC_2002/Agenda/Web_Based_Course_Guidelines.pdf).

A question about the general studies model passed at the last meeting and sophomore standing as a prerequisite was referred back to the committee to review.

Terry Pence noted that he had created a bootleg manual for handling recertification forms and would make it available to interested parties.

Benefits (Diane Gronefeld): They are still working on the domestic partner issue. They are also looking at criteria for evaluating development proposals.

Budget (Dennis Lye): The committee is looking at the budgetary process, benefit package costs, the effect of tuition increases on low-income students, and the summer school policy from 2002.

There was no new business.

Announcements:

Applications for the Faculty Senate Scholarship are due April 1.

The Benevolent Association Chili Cook off is March 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Bredemeyer, Secretary