

General Faculty Meeting

Wednesday 28 October 2009

4:00 pm in Kennedy Lounge

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of Agenda: Moved, seconded, approved without exception.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes, 22 October 2008, 22 April: Minutes approved w/o change, unanimously.**
- 3. NCA Visit: Information & Discussion:** Dr. Hill invited to answer questions, disseminate no additional information. She stood for questions, and a number of individuals asked what to expect from the process. The discussion centered on the previous and current self-studies, and the 2000 visit and the 2004 focused visit. Particular discussion touched on the eight benchmarks set out in 2000, and addressed in the focused visit in 2004. She provided a reminder that they are coming here a year early.
- 4. A quorum was reached at 4:53pm. The meeting was formally called to order.**
- 5. Faculty Senate Committee membership changes:** Dr. Romine reported that she had received some changes from two committees; the Faculty Research Committee is proposing changes in membership, and the Outcomes Assessment Committee is being transformed into an *ad hoc* committee. Dr. Romine then discussed the practice of having representatives from the Student, Graduate Student, and Staff Senates attend meetings of the Senate and some of the key Senate committees. Another lively discussion ensued, and a number of faculty spoke on the advisability of having student participation. A motion was made to approve changes to membership to the Library & Outcomes Assessment Committees. The motion was seconded, and approved without dissent. Dr. Sammeth moved to approve changes to Faculty Research Committee membership, seconded. The motion carried. A motion to approve changes to Faculty Senate (having a Staff Senate member) was made, and seconded. The motion passed, by a vote of

21 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention. A motion was made to approve the suggested change to Academic Affairs Committee membership, while keeping student member. The motion was seconded, and the question called. The vote was 19 for, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions. The motion carried.

6. Discussion of online voting: Dr. Sammeth noted the responsibility of Faculty members to attend, and noted also his belief that online voting would be a disaster. Another lively discussion ensued.

7. Announcements.

8. Adjournment: 5:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Peter S. Linder
Secretary, Faculty Senate**