

Minutes: December 4, 2003

Members Present: 43

Members Absent: 5

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Marilyn Buck, at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken by initialing the roster with the assistance of Tracy Wehr, junior elementary education student and student employee from the University College.

Present: Ralph Baker, Lisa Barnett, Melisa Beeson, Blaine Brownell, Marilyn Buck, Katherine Carlson, Clare Chatot, Kathy Church, Ronald Crosby, Ione DeOllos, John Emert, Joseph Flores, Richard Garcia, Judith Gray, David Haber, James Hammons, James Helton, Bruce Hozeski, Linda Huber, Renee Huffman, Lathrop Johnson, Stanley Keil, Lindsey Kirkpatrick, Robert Koester, Joseph Losco, Jayson Manship, William McCune, Marcy Meyer, Melissa Mitchell, Gerald Murray, Ifeolu Olowomeye, Beverley Pitts, Paul Reilly, Lori Rhoden, Lynne Richardson, Brien Smith, George Smith, Frederick Suppe, Enar Tunc, K. Renee Twibell, Thomas Weidner, Judy Yordon, William Zack

Substitutes: Paul Best for Adam Ittenbach, Philip Coehlo for James McClure, Barbara Rothlisberg for David McIntosh, Mark Masse' for Mark Popovich, Dale Hahn for Christine Shea, William Wrege for Lucinda Van Alst, Katie Wiese for Ben Tietz, Brian Siebenaler for Elizabeth Whittern, Meghan Newlund for Nick Zuniga

Absent: Arthur Hafner, Patricia Lang, Scott Popplewell, Raymond Scheele, Carolyn Walker

2. The Minutes dated November 6, 2003, were approved with the following revision:

- a. Page five, second motion, change "Motion carried" to "Motion failed".
- b. Change final motion/amendment on same page – delete "when possible" in the first line of the amended change. The amendment should read: "Faculty are expected to allow students to make up all missed course activities during their absence including, but not limited to, class activities, assignments, examinations, and final examinations. Students should not be penalized for their absence while representing the University. When possible, students are expected complete these activities before their absences."

3. Announcements

Marilyn Buck thanked Stacy Wehr, a junior elementary education student, for her assistance today.

a. Next scheduled meetings:

- Agenda Committee – January 12, 2004 8:00 a.m. SC Korina Room

- University Senate – January 22, 2004 4:00 p.m. TC 102 (Note Meeting Location)

b. Program Information – Academic Posting 2003-04, Volume XXXV-4

4. Council and Committee Reports

a. Governance Committee – Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

(1) A motion was made to approve the distributed list of additions and deletions to the University Senate Membership list. (Attachment #1)

The motion was seconded and carried.

(2) The Reorganization of Structural Units was sent back to the Committee for further work. The committee is also working on the "Definition of Schools".

b. Academic Policies Council – Stanley Keil, Chairperson

The APC met again without action items but had a question and answer period regarding the UCC Task Force proposal. The UEC had moved that the Task Force document be forwarded to the APC, which will meet again on 12/11/03. Another question and answer period with members of the Task Force will be conducted before the APC makes a decision to send the document on to the Senate.

c. Professional Affairs Council – Paul Reilly, Chairperson

The Professional Affairs Council will meet on 12/8/03. They have two action items for discussion.

d. Student and Campus Life Council – Katherine Carlson, Chairperson

The Student and Campus Life Council had to reschedule their 11/21/03 meeting and are scheduled to meet on 12/5/03.

e. Finance and Budgetary Affairs – Brien Smith, Chairperson

The Committee will work on legislative proposals and set an agenda for the Spring semester at their next meeting.

f. Master Planning and Facilities – George Smith, Chairperson

Nothing to report. The Committee will not meet until 1/04.

g. Governance System Task Force – Bruce Hozeski, Chairperson

The Task Force is meeting regularly and is making good progress. Student representation on the new Senate is being deliberated.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Marilyn Buck

(Addendum #1 – Issues in the Senate System)

a. The first reading of the new senate constitution is anticipated at the January, 2004 senate meeting. Discussion will occur at the February meeting. Any delay may adversely effect the time-line for approval. The BSU faculty will ultimately vote on the new constitution.

b. The UCC Task Force report has cleared the UEC and has been sent to the APC for consideration.

c. Task Force II is being formed; Julie Eflin has agreed to serve as chair. A letter from the Senate Chairperson seeking a college representative for each of the seven colleges has been sent to the college Deans. There will be ten members on the task force; Marilyn Buck will serve as an ex officio member. Subcommittees will be formed; each will report their work back to the Task Force. Members of UEC will not be on the task force due to a possible conflict of interest.

Jayson Manship, SGA President, asked the Chairperson if there would be student representation on Task Force II. Marilyn will speak with the Provost regarding this issue.

6. Questions Directed to the President

Joseph Flores asked the President his thoughts about the appropriateness of the two resolutions on the current senate agenda. President Brownell responded that he felt that the resolutions were appropriate. President Brownell stated that there will be an important update regarding the issues surrounding the death of Michael McKinney.

7. The floor was opened for the question and answer period. There were no questions.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. Agenda Item IX. Resolution #1 was placed on the floor for discussion

Remarks were made by Provost Beverley Pitts regarding the resolution. Passing the resolution will make it difficult for the Presidential search. She asked for the Senate to withdraw the resolution. A motion was made and seconded to withdraw Resolution #1. Motion carried.

10. Agenda Item IX. Resolution #2 was placed on the floor for discussion.

Discussion ensued. Points were made regarding:

* Balance of faculty and student representatives, the lack of correspondence that took place prior to the selection of the student representative, community representation, and the need for placing confidence in the Board regarding their decisions.

* Marilyn Buck read a letter from Board President, Tom DeWeese addressing the resolution.

* Michael Holmes, Acting Dean, College of Communication, Information, and Media, was introduced by Marilyn Buck as a member of the search committee. He wanted to inform the Senate that he was in pursuit of the missions of the University. He feels that he has a role on the academic side and a service role to colleagues and students. As an Acting Dean he feels his support is to faculty and that he will be representing faculty interests on the search committee. He is not a candidate for the position of Dean of CCIM.

A motion was made and seconded to pass Resolution #2. Motion carried.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Buck, Chairperson
Thomas G. Weidner, Secretary