

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2009
Library 147 A&B

Dr. Amoss called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The following members were present:

Dr. Jennifer Apperson	Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Gene Muto
Dr. Wendell Barbour	Dr. Jim Haug	Dr. Tim Pierson
Dr. Paul Barrett	Dr. Chene Heady	Dr. Keith Rider
Dr. Vonnie Colvin	Dr. Ryan Hebert	Dr. Charles Ross
Dr. Linwood Cousins	Dr. Chris Jones	Dr. David Shoenthal
Ms. Kerri Cushman	Dr. Deneese Jones	Dr. Pam Tracy
Dr. Roy Creasey	Dr. Ed Kinman	Ms. Kathy Worster
Dr. Larissa Ferguson	Dr. Rená Koesler	
Dr. Jackie Hall	Dr. Wayne McWee	

Not attending were Dr. Mikie Flanigan, Dr. Sue Hildebrandt, Dr. Evelyn Hume, Dr. Debra Kelley, Dr. Anthony Koyzis, Mr. Mark Lenker, Dr. Eric Moore, and Dr. Jim Riley.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as posted.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Kinman who called attention particularly to the changes in the liberal studies program and to the realignment in the chemistry program included in this month's EPC report.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. McWee who talked about possible changes in the academic calendar which would eliminate the current fall break and add those days to Thanksgiving week. Such a change would not occur before the 2010-11 academic year. He asked Senators to explain the potential changes to their department members and ask for feedback to their chairs and deans. The change would result in considerable savings from shutting the campus down. Senators expressed concern about the effects on teaching/learning, and the need to gather data that could inform such a decision in the future.

Dr. Amoss recognized Dr. Colvin who moved, on behalf of the Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures Committee, approval of the Tenure Clock Policy (posted on the web page). After some discussion the policy passed.

For the Executive Committee Dr. Creasey moved approval of a clarification of eligibility for the Connections Program (posted on the web page). His motion carried.

Dr. Amoss called on Dr. Webber who presented and explained the AAUP Salary Study (posted on the web page).

Under new business, Dr. Creasey gave a brief update on information on the budget and the stimulus money that can be spent over the coming two years. There will be limitations on its use, and it carries a prohibition against raising tuition beyond a certain percentage. No decisions will be made until after the Legislature's veto session in April.

Dr. Ferguson moved adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Susan May