

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: March 4 2008
 Time: 2:18 p.m.
 Location: Binnion 126
 Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Copeland (Wickersham), von Duvillard, Rankin, Seminet, Odom, Dorsett, Druhan, Herndon, Schroeder, Openshaw, Singh, Crenshaw (President), Hammack (Secretary)

| Issue/Topic | Summary of Discussion | Decision/Action |
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| Motion to Approve Minutes | February 5, 2008 as distributed. | Moved by Serge von Duvillard. Seconded. Motion passed. |
| Communications from Senate President Crenshaw | <p>President Crenshaw made the following announcements:</p> <p>The Office of Institutional Research conducted several studies concerning student success and retention. Based on their findings, two recommendations were made to the Provost regarding criteria for Admission to the university:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept students who graduate in the top 25% of their high school class. 2. Raise the SAT requirement to 950 and keep the ACT requirement at 20. <p>Faculty Senate encourages increasing standards through the implementation of the Admissions standards adopted by the Senate last year. Our recommendations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept students who graduate in the top 10% of their high school class. 2. Raise the ACT requirement to 21. <p>IDEA faculty evaluations will not be administered spring semester except by individual faculty request. These requests should be made directly to the Provost Office.</p> | |

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| <p>Committee Reports</p> | <p>Curriculum: Senator Jennifer Schroeder reported all curriculum changes submitted to date are complete and have been sent to the Dean’s Council for their approval</p> <p>Faculty Awards: Senator Serge von Duvillard reported all faculty members nominated for the various university awards have been notified. The Awards deadline for portfolio submission is March 15th. This year’s Faculty Awards luncheon is scheduled on April 15th. The first Research Symposium will be held April 24th. Announcements for both events will be sent via e-mail.</p> | |
| <p>Unfinished Business</p> | <p>None.</p> | |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>Faculty Senate requests clarification of the established Tenure and Promotion policies. Recent decisions regarding faculty tenure and promotions appear not to follow current university policy. For example, the university administration seems to have decided, without any consultation or advisory opinion from Faculty Senate, that no promotions may be given to a faculty member before he/she has been granted tenure. We believe that we need to first change our tenure and promotion procedures through due process before developing rules that contradict those procedures and seriously confuse new faculty members.</p> | <p>.</p> |