

November 11, 2009

Faculty Senate Minutes

Present: Bob Holt, Wilda Walker, Allan Grant, Wanda Morris, Tony Belcher, Barb Connell, Randy McCall, Sheri Turk, Ron Poor, Kurt Berger, Elizabeth Haynes

The meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:00pm by President Bob Holt.

The first item of business was the recognition of Wanda Morris' years of service and her retirement in December 2009.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Wilda Walker, chair of a faculty senate sub-committee, reported that she had met with her committee members and had collectively come up with several ideas to improve participation and sense of purpose for the faculty senate.

The major idea: Discover the key reason why faculty do not participate and the perceived image of the senate.

After a lengthy discussion of the ideas presented, President Holt read the mission of the faculty senate and the question was posed, "What is the reason we gather as faculty?" The general consensus was to be a "recognized positive presence influencing faculty and students." A motion and second was heard to survey faculty on participation issues and to gather other ideas/suggestions to improve faculty senate. An amendment to the motion was heard to have Wilda Walker and the sub- committee develop a survey and pending approval of the executive committee distribute it to all full time faculty. A second was given and the motion carried.

The discussion of a faculty senate scholarship fund administered through the foundation was tabled for later. President Holt will meet with Sonja Haynes to discuss possibilities.

Having no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned, by motion and second, at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Faculty Senate Secretary