



Faculty Senate Minutes

December 4, 2000

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, December 4, at 3:15 pm in Balsam Center 234.

Members Attending: Ceretta Davis, Owen Gibby, Allan Grant, Danell Moses, Barbara Putman, Hilary Seagle, Roger Stephens, Kathie Wise.

Following is a list of agenda items and discussion:

- **Faculty Mail-** the senate continued to discuss issues relating to privacy of campus mail, particularly those concerning e-mail. The senate will request that the administration issue a memo that clarifies policies involving such issues of privacy.
- **Recognition of Adjunct Faculty-** The senate will sponsor a function that recognizes the contributions of part-time instructors. The tentative date and location for this event will be Thursday, February 1, 2001 in the Bradford Hall Conference Center. Information on additional plans will be forthcoming.
- **Faculty Advocacy-** the senate discussed the possibilities of a faculty advocacy system, a process that would allow for a representative during certain faculty/administrative grievances. The senate will continue to research this issue, as should the clusters/departments.
- **Faculty Senate Constitution-** a subcommittee reviewed the present faculty senate constitution and addressed articles of concern within the document, such as membership, election procedures, and representation. Clusters/departments should also review the document and make recommendations for amendment. Please contact your senators for copies of the constitution, or access the document on the S: drive at fsconstitution. Any comments or suggestions may also be sent to Allan Grant, Hilary Seagle, or Owen Gibby.
- **Excellence in Teaching Awards-** the senate recommended that the current process for recognizing excellence in teaching, which allows for an equal dispersal of funds among faculty who qualify and submit applications, be continued for the 2000-2001 academic year. The present system is imperfect, but the senate does not support a plan that recognizes an individual for this award. George Stanley will inform faculty of the status of funds for this year, so

the process could be conducted in January, 2001.

Next Meeting: January--time and location: TBA.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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