The Faculty Senate was called to order by Mike Swan, Chair, Thursday, January 28, 2010, in FSHN, T101 at 3:30 p.m. Fifty-seven (57) members were present, twenty (20) were absent with eight (8) vacancies. Six (6) non-voting members were present.

Minutes of December 3, 2009 Meeting (Exhibit A).

Announcements Information Items

1. Senate officers met with the President and Provost on January 13.

2. Senate officers met with Provost Bayly, Vice Provost McSweeney and Executive Associate Vice President Larry James on January 19.


Reports.

Remarks by the Chair.—M. Swan

The Senate officers have meet with both the President and Provost since our last meeting. The group discussed budget procedures and how reductions will be handled this spring. A new budget committee will be developed and the procedures the Senate outlined this fall will be followed. The President has asked each Dean to develop a 7% budget reduction. As Senate officers we have been asked whether Vertical reductions or Furloughs are the preference of faculty. (See furlough discussion below)

Discussed the Faculty Manual and Educational Policies and Procedures Manual. The Senate office will review the Educational Policies and Procedures Manual to remove redundant items and place as a possible addendum to the Faculty Manual. We need to have only one document to refer to for questions and concerns. Also this will assist WSU administration in finding necessary items in only one document.

General Education Visioning Committee report was discussed. Major concerns have been expressed about GenEd 110 & 111 and the Tire III requirements. The report has been sent out to senators to review.

A re-charge of three committees has been suggested. Budget, AAC, and GSC will need to look at their charge and make sure we are requiring all necessary materials or documents of requests to extend degrees etc. to other locations than the Pullman campus. It has been suggested to place a moratorium on approvals until this concerns has been corrected especially during the current budget reduction process. Concerns we need to address should include budget, faculty positions, and long term viability of extended degrees.
A committee is currently working on a University Policy to close the university or parts of the university during Christmas Break. Swan serves on this committee.

The current course audit will be out soon to colleges from the Provost’s office.

A list of degrees to be dropped according to A2P2 will be forwarded to the senate for action this spring.

Encourage all faculty to be aware of the current 60 day legislative session. Pay attention to what is going on and voice your opinions using appropriate methods.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Agenda Items Discussion Items.

1. Recommendation from Faculty Affairs for a Minor Change in Emeritus Ranks in the Faculty Manual (Exhibit B).—C. Claussen

   No discussion.

2. Recommendation from Faculty Affairs for Revisions to the Discontinuance of a Program (Exhibit C).—C. Claussen

   It was suggested the Budget Committee be added to the review process. The FAC felt the wording wasn’t necessary since FAC can choose who else reviews and they would include Budget.

3. Recommendation from Graduate Studies Committee for a Certificate in Early Childhood Leadership and Administration (Exhibit D).—J. Beller

   No discussion.

4. Recommendation from Graduate Studies Committee for a Certificate in Molecular Biosciences (Exhibit E).—J. Beller

   Is this a quasi degree? No this is for DDP courses.

5. Recommendation from Graduate Studies Committee for a Certificate in Health Assistive Smart Environ Design (Exhibit F).—J. Beller

   No discussion

6. Recommendation from Graduate Studies Committee for a Certificate in Nuclear Engineering (Exhibit G).—J. Beller

   No discussion.
7. **Recommendation from Academic Affairs for Undergraduate Bulletin #5** *(Exhibit H).*—P. Waite

Business courses are wrong. This will be changed before the next meeting.

**Constituents' Concerns.**

Furloughs vs. Vertical Cuts questions and concerns:

- How many days are being considered?
- Will everyone from the administration on down be required to take furloughs?
- Can faculty with grants pay themselves with grant money during furloughs?
- What is the operating principle of the University? Is it the welfare of faculty, staff and students or are we trying to achieve AAU status? We need to understand what the administration is using to base decisions on.
- President and Provost need to come address the Senate and discuss their thoughts on these issues.

Swan will ask the President for answers to these questions and the answers will be sent out on the listserv to the Senate so they will know what to tell their faculty.

L. Fournier asked if anyone else was having trouble with the new Works. Almost everyone who had tried it said yes they were. Tech support is so overwhelmed it is hard to get help. F. McSweeney ask faculty to send specifics to her.

Other comments were made about Angel and how hard it was to use. Most faculty would like a system that does 3 to 5 things well not one that is trying to do too much.

**Adjournment.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Kenneth Struckmeyer
Executive Secretary