Present: Judy Blackstone, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Jennifer Lee, Bruce Lo, Steven Majstorovic, Donna Raleigh, Steven Tallant, Michael Wick, Marty Wood

Absent: Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Robert Hollon

Guests: Donald Christian, Janice Morse, Katherine Rhoades

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of November 21, 2006 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   • No items

3. Review of tentative agenda for December 12, 2006 meeting of University Senate
   • Approved as distributed

4. Miscellaneous Business
   • Clarification of Senate Representation from Nursing for 2007-2008
     • Handout on current representation, known changes, responsibilities, concerns, and suggestions distributed
     • Nursing worried about representation, but perhaps bigger worry is committee obligations for so few senators; also uncertainty about own reorganization and college structure
     • Committee structure could also be changed to eliminate criteria requiring representation from all areas on so many senate committees
     • Consensus reached on the following:
       • Allow continuation of current nursing departmental senator positions until expiration of terms
       • Term for Nursing Systems expires in 2007; that in Adult Health Nursing expires in 2009; and in Family Health Nursing in 2010
       • By that time movement of other programs in Public Health Professions should be official and changes in senate structure under new administration may be completed
       • Election to replace Senator Jadack on Executive Committee to take place at December senate meeting
       • Election to replace Senator Johns-Artisensi on Budget Committee to take place at January senate meeting
   • Review of Calendar Discussion in Senate
     • Senate discussed proposal from mathematics department that classes be canceled on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
     • Provost and deans were to look at professors who canceled classes on that day
     • Was also to be brought up at Executive Committee for discussion
     • Could consider this as fall break because would not affect number of full weeks of classes
     • That would be fine if you could then trust students to come on Monday and Tuesday of that week
     • Could go back to old rules that if you missed class the day before or after a break, you failed
     • Unlikely to have fall break given requirement that there be 13 full weeks of classes each semester
     • As long as talking about calendar, would like to suggest that school start the Wednesday after Labor Day instead of Tuesday, so that students could move in on Sunday
     • Consensus reached to leave guidelines as is and not to cancel classes on Wednesday before Thanksgiving
• Student Senate meeting on Monday night long and interesting
  • Discussed such things as larger table tops for desks in classrooms, building a parking garage, and increased emergency blue lights on Water Street
  • Had relatively lengthy discussion of differential tuition for faculty/student collaborative research and study vs. research posters
  • Followed by two-hour discussion of Music Therapy Program after which student senators voted to retain that program

5. Announcements
• None

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

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