

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 2, 2008

Members Present: Seyed Allameh, Iain Barksdale, Michael Baranowski, Scottie Barty, Richard Boyce, Perry Bratcher, Mary Chesnut, Patty Connelly, Adele Dean, Rebecca Evans, Chuck Frank, Rich Gilson, David Hogan, Alar Lipping, Cathy Pence, Julie Mader-Meersman, Phil McCartney, Ausbra McFarland, Carl Miller, Phil Moberg, K.C. Russell, Toru Sakaguchi, Ron Shaw, Jeff Ward, Steve Weiss

Members Absent: Ed Brewer, Tom Cate (Sabbatical), Katherine Cochran, Doris Coy, Roxanne Kent-Drury, Nancy Hancock, MaryCarol Hopkins, Eric Jackson, Missy Jones, Brant Karrick, Aron Levin (Sabbatical), John Metz, Ban Mittal, Duke Thompson, Keith Walters

Guests: Jim Votruba, Gail Wells, Susan Roth

The meeting was called to order by Senate President David Hogan at 12:35 pm. The minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

Guest Presentations:

- **President** (Jim Votruba):
 1. Thanks were expressed to the Senate for its work on many issues this past year.
 2. The Kentucky legislature has finished its work regarding the budget. The 9.68% tuition increase proposal is in the hands of the CPE which will make a final decision on 5/8/08.
 3. The core academic work of the institution has been an emphasis during the whole budget process.
 4. Other issues of importance include: more tenure-track/conversion to tenure-track positions to be added, salary increase of 2%, extended benefit policy, support for the 120 credit hour emphasis (generated from CPE request of state institutions), Bank of Kentucky Center ready for commencement ceremony, and Highland Heights annexation (employees to be made whole on the 1% payroll tax).
- **Provost** (Gail Wells):
 1. Thanks expressed to the Senate for continuing to push over the years for the extension of the benefit policy, which originated in the Senate.
 2. Work on SACS accreditation will continue over the summer, including the QEP implementation plan.
 3. Work continuing on the 120 credit hour issue. Special thanks to Institutional Research for providing needed data.
- **Faculty Regent** (Steve Weiss):
 1. Thanks expressed to the Board of Regents for passage of the extended benefit policy.
 2. Update of the NKU Master Plan was presented.
 3. Approval of the 9.68% tuition increase.

- **Susan Roth** (Director, Testing and Disability Services): A draft policy for accessibility has been issued. Highlights of the policy were presented. An email will be sent to senators of the draft policy for review.

Administrative/Officer reports:

- **Senate President** (David Hogan): A resolution will be created thanking the Board of Regents for passage of the extended benefit policy.
- **Parliamentarian** (Steve Weiss): Ken Ramey will be contacted regarding to emphasize that the “Books for Cash” signs should not be posted until after Finals week.

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum** (Ron Shaw):
 1. After discussion, the following motion was approved without dissent: “The University Curriculum Committee proposes a reduction in the minimum number of hours for a baccalaureate degree at Northern Kentucky University from 128 to 120 hours with the expectation that general education hours are to be concurrently examined for reduction”.
 2. The UCC database was “hacked” which necessitates rebuilding some curriculum committee forms. The last “clean” copy of the database was July 2007 which means that forms for this past year will need to be recreated from paper copies. This activity will occur over the summer. In the future, a password protected system will be in place for access to submit forms.

New Business:

- The following individuals were recognized at the Faculty Senate luncheon:
 1. Matthew Schultz (son of faculty member Lois Schultz) and Sean Ryan (son of faculty member Jennifer Jolly-Ryan) each sharing the Faculty Senate Scholarship Award.
 2. Richard Ross (son of faculty member Eric Jackson) and Lindsey Smith (daughter of faculty member Jeff Smith) each receiving a Faculty Senate Book Award.
 3. Nancy Winstel was recognized for her excellence in coaching and leadership in leading the Norse Women’s Basketball team to a 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship.
 4. Chuck Frank was recognized for his many years of service as Chair of the Faculty Senate Professional Concerns committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Bratcher
Secretary