

**Minutes of the Academic Senate
General Meeting**

August 26, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2008 by Chairperson Brother Charles Hilken. Roll was called and the following Senators were present: Chair Brother Charles, Vice Chair Tom Poundstone, Past Chair Carla Bossard, David Alvarez, Jerry Brunetti, Zach Flanagan, Martin Rokeach, Ed Tywoniak, and Parliamentarian Valerie Burke. Absent were David Bowen and Gerard Capriulo.
2. Minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report – Chair Brother Charles reported that the Provost has responded to several outstanding Senate actions over the summer. The Provost has offered amended language to Senate Action S-07/08-17, Procedures for Discontinuance of an Academic Department or Program Not Mandated by General Financial Exigency. The original document was approved by the Educational Policies Board on April 21, 2008 and the Academic Senate on April 24, 2008. The Senate agreed that the Agenda Committee, which consists of the Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair of the Senate, will compare the proposed wording to the original document to determine the course of action. Should the amended language change the intent of the original document, the Agenda Committee will send the amended language on to the Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee and the Graduate & Professional Studies Educational Policies Committee for their input.

Chair Brother Charles announced that he has invited the ASSMC President and Vice President for Development, Keith Brant, to report to the Senate during the fall semester. Senator Brunetti also suggested that Michael Beseda be invited to report on enrollment.

Senator Flanagan questioned the timeline for the Core Curriculum Task Force (CCTF) proposal based on a comment made by Vice Provost Sweeney that the Senate is to vote on the proposal by the end of October. He questioned the role of the Senate this fall in regard to the Core Curriculum Task Force proposal. Is it up to the Senate to accept, choose or reject the model(s)? It was suggested that there should be campus-wide discussion and deliberation. The original Core Curriculum proposal will be sent to all Senators and Chair Brother Charles will inquire as to the timeline and report back to the Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Appointment of Committee Liaisons – Chair Brother Charles stated that this is the first year of the new committee structure. The Senate provides liaisons to the Program Review Committee, the Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee

(UEPC), the Graduate & Professional Studies Educational Policies Committee (GPSEPC), the Admissions and Academic Regulations Committee (AARC), and the Faculty Welfare Committee. The Senate Vice Chair serves as liaison to the AARC and the Senator from SOE serves as liaison to the GPSEPC. Chair Brother Charles asked for volunteers to serve on the UEPC, the Faculty Welfare Committee and the Program Review Committee. Senator Tywoniak volunteered to serve in the UEPC, Senator Rokeach volunteered to serve on the Program Review Committee, and Senator Alvarez volunteered to serve on the Faculty Welfare Committee.

5. Communication between Senate and committees. Chair Brother Charles said it is expected that the Senate liaison from each of the four committees (AARC, UEPC, PRC, and GPSEPC) will report to the Senate at each meeting. Should the liaison be unable to attend the Senate meeting, it was suggested that another member of the committee make a report to the Senate.

The question arose as to the status of the Senate liaisons on the various committees; are liaisons full voting members of the committees? Past Chair Bossard said it was the intent of the Committee on Committees that the liaisons be voting members. A quick reference to the Faculty Handbook indicated there is no consistency in the status of the liaison positions among the committees. The roles of the liaison will need to be reconciled.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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