

Minutes of the Academic Senate
August 25, 2009

Chairperson Tom Poundstone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2009. Senators present were: Chair Tom Poundstone, Vice Chair Steve Cortright, Past Chair Brother Charles Hilken, Tomas Gomez, Laura Heid, Sam Lind, Keith Ogawa, Phil Perry, Martin Rokeach, Ed Tywoniak, and Parliamentarian David Bird.

Draft minutes of the May 14, 2009 and May 19, 2009 Academic Senate meetings were distributed, to be approved at the September meeting.

Chair Poundstone welcomed the new Senators and parliamentarian. He reported that Marty Rokeach and Ed Tywoniak have agreed to act as Senate liaisons to the Program Review Committee and the Admissions and Academic Regulations Committee respectively. Laura Heid and Sam Lind agreed to act as Senate liaisons to the Graduate & Professional Educational Policies Committee and the Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee respectively. There was discussion about the necessity of the Senate liaisons, and their roles on the respective committees. Chair Poundstone has requested the Committee on Committees to review the Senate liaison structure.

The formation of the Core Curriculum Implementation Committee will be a priority order of business for the Senate, carried over from the May meeting. He reported that last year's past Chair Carla Bossard has great concern about the formation of a large faculty committee, in light of the Senate's new structure and elimination of the Educational Policies Board in order to reduce faculty positions on college committees. Chair Poundstone said the faculty chose a dynamic core, which needs much oversight.

Chair Poundstone reported that, at its meeting in late May, our Board of Trustees expressed a strong desire for the college to have a policy clarifying the procedures we go through in inviting guest speakers to campus. Of course, such policies are always controversial, but the good news is the Board wants to respect shared governance and agreed to let us draft a policy and debate it in the Academic Senate. Still, the Board requested that we have a policy ready for it to review at its October 16th meeting, so this will be on the agenda of the October 1, 2009 Senate meeting and the subject of a forum on September 23rd.

Chair Poundstone asked the Senators for input regarding issues they wish to Senate to consider. He indicated that it may be time to review rank and tenure criteria and full professor review. Senator Tywoniak asked that time be set aside on the Senate agenda for a report from the Academic Advising Task Force, which will ask how advising is factored into the rank and tenure process. He said it is possible that the Senate may reconvene the RATS (Rank and Tenure Subcommittee). Chair Poundstone added that the Faculty Welfare Committee raised the issue of differential pay during the spring, and it is highly likely that further investigation is necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cathe Michalosky