

## August 24, 2011 Minutes

Members present: Kimmel, Wilson, Feakes, Cavitt, Morey, Furney, Sanders (for J. Payne), E. Payne (for Huling), Melzer, Czyzewska, McWilliams, Winek (for Sriraman), Conroy

Guests: Sigler, McKenzie (*Star*)

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

### **Announcement:**

1. The President announced at the fall Convocation that there will be a merit pool this year, with raises distributed in November.

**Definition of Faculty Voters Update:** The Chair distributed the latest version of the proposed revisions to definitions of “faculty voter” and “personnel committee member.” The Senate will vote on the suggestions at its 9/7 meeting, with final versions sent to faculty by email thereafter. The new definitions will take effect in Fall 2012.

**Non-Tenured Faculty Committee:** Discussion continued on the Senate’s new Non-Tenured Faculty Committee. Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Senate, the Committee will be composed of two representatives from each academic college, as well as two faculty holding special appointments. The Chair will develop a survey for relevant faculty to gauge their interest in serving.

**Faculty Development Leave Process:** After making a few suggestions for minor revisions to the proposed changes to the Development Leave review process, the Senate voted to accept the sub-committee’s recommendations. The Chair distributed a draft of the memo that will be sent to faculty announcing the review cycle for 2012-13. Applications are due by October 14. The Senate’s rankings are due to the Provost by November 21.

### **Committee Representation:**

1. *University Council, Tenure-Track Faculty Representative* – The Chair accepted nominations and will contact a faculty member to ask him / her to serve.
2. *Equity and Access Committee* – The current Senate representative is willing to continue serving on this Committee.

### **Research Enhancement Program Departmental**

**Representation:** Departments are currently selecting their department representatives for the REP Committee. A department in the College of Health Professions has asked that its Chair be allowed to serve since there are no other eligible faculty; the Senate approved this request.

## **BREAK**

**Senate Goals for the Year:** Returning to the list of items offered as possible goals for the coming year at the last Senate meeting, the Senate decided on the following:

1. Initiating *Faculty Handbook* revision.
2. Developing a more effective way for Senate committees to report to the Senate each year.
3. Monitoring major changes at the University in such areas as growth and space issues, the move to the WAC, the Pace Center, and the hiring of temporary faculty.

## **New Business:**

1. A faculty member complained about the lack of parking spaces.
2. A faculty member inquired about the possibility of the Testing Center coordinating testing for online courses. Testing Center Director Gail Ryser can explain the Center's services, although particular policies on online courses need to be developed.
3. A faculty member is concerned about walking across campus at night. Bobcat Bobbies are available to escort faculty, staff and students to their cars.

**Minutes of 7/13/11 were approved.**

**Adjournment.**