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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

April 1, 2004

W. Bateman called the meeting to order in Room 223 of the Student Union Building at 4:04 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Baguinon, William Bateman, Eric Beaven, Tracy Keyes for Jorie Borden, Emily Button, George Graf for James Chaney, Janice Chernenkoff, Karen Krug for Bruce Gottschall, James Hall, Roger Hibbs, James Hvidding, Deryl Johnson, Patricia Kelleher, Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Carol Mapes, Robert Martin, John McAndrew, George Paterno, Morris Perinchief, Ilene Prokup, Linda Rinker, Charles Roth, Gail Rothermel, Neil Shea, Len Barish for Andrew Skitko, Judith Smith, James Sowerwine, Samuel Westmoreland for David Tavakoli, Raymond Tumbleson, Keith Fall for Edward Vicic, Robert Watrous, and Dana Wilcox.

Absent: Deborah Barlieb, Dan Cates, Joan Davis, Miles DeCoster, Peggy Devlin, Pascale Dewey, Dennis Dietrich, Amadou Guisse, Beth Herbine, Paula Holoviak, Kevin Kjos, David Laubach, Joseph Lippincott, Dennis Rains, Paul Sable, John Vafeas, David Wagaman, and Clark Yeager.

Also in Attendance: Philip Breeze.

I. Announcements

W. Bateman announced that the Agenda would be modified by moving Scholarship Task Force Initiative from New Business to Announcements.

L. Rinker reported that a Scholarship Task Force has been established to look into the scholarship process on campus and that the Task Force will be making recommendations in the near future.

W. Bateman announced that the following departments still need to advise the Senate Office of the names of their representatives to the Senate beginning in the Fall Semester:

- Accounting/Finance
- Library Science
- Modern Language Studies
- Music

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, P. Kelleher seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2004

M. Perinchief moved, D. Wilcox seconded, to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2004 meeting. The Minutes were approved with the addition of R. Tumbleson listed as being in attendance at the meeting.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. General Education Restructuring Team

D. Lynch reported that the Food for Thought lunch sessions are going very well with two remaining lunches scheduled for April 15 and April 30.

B. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

No report.

C. Enrollment Management Committee

Student Retention Report Comments Section — W. Bateman reported that the Enrollment Management Committee has not finished working on the comments section. He asked for suggestions as to what should be included in the comments section and if there should be complimentary comments as well as negative comments. It was suggested that only problem areas be identified. It was further suggested that “not working up to potential” should be included as a comment.

V. Old Business

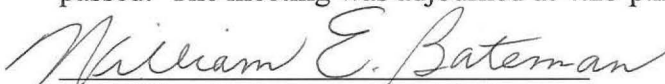
A. Referendum on plus/minus grading

W. Bateman reported the following results relative to the referendum on the plus/minus grading proposal:

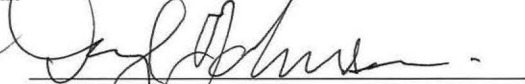
Of the 329 eligible permanent faculty, 198 voted. Of those voting, 129 voted in favor of plus/minus grading and 69 voted against it. Hence, 65.15% voted in favor and 34.85% voted against it. Therefore, the plus/minus grading proposal failed to pass because it failed to achieve a two-thirds majority of those responding.

VI. Adjournment

L. Ladd-Kidder moved, M. Perinchief seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



William E. Bateman, President



Deryl Johnson, Secretary