

Minutes of the Faculty Senate September 7, 2005

Call to Order—4:02p.m. by President, Denis Nissim-Sabat

Introductions of New Senators

Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2005—accepted unanimously

Reports

Academic Affairs Committee—**No Report**

Campus Academic Resources Committee—**No Report**

Curriculum Committee—**Report Accepted**

Faculty Affairs Committee—**No Report**

Faculty Development and Grants Committee—**No Report**

Faculty Organization Committee—**No Report**

Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee—**No Report**

Global Awareness Committee—**No Report**

Race and Gender Intensive Committee—**No Report**

Writing Intensive Committee—**No Report**

Environmental Awareness Committee—**No Report**

Speaking Intensive Committee—**No Report**

General Education Committee—**No Report**

President of the Senate—**Accepted**

As part of the Agenda Packet, Denis Nissim-Sabat listed four items of special concern. Concerns about faculty salaries (esp. adjustments for assistant professors) and the child care situation (“nothing has been done by the BOV”) precipitated many comments.

Interim Dean of the Faculty—**No Report**

S. Watkins asked about the questions which are supposed to be asked of new job hires. Dean Barra’s response was that an email was to have been sent out today (Sept. 6) regarding these questions.

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs—**Accepted**

The Faculty Handbook Revision Committee is forming (any volunteers?) in order to complete the revision of the handbook by fall 2006.

Student Representative—**No Report**

Other Committee Reports—**None**

Old Business—None

New Business

(Motions 1 and 2 as listed in the Agenda Packet were brought to the Senate by R. Rycroft.)

These motions pertained to the awarding of the Distinguished Professor rank. The Senate went into a “committee of the whole” to discuss the various sentiments regarding these motions and to avoid the process of sending to committee. After much vigorous debate, the motion was made to table the motions until we could get feedback from our own departments regarding this issue.

(Representatives from almost every department spoke to this issue. Therefore, I will not list those individuals here.)

These motions were tabled until our next meeting.

Adjournment—5:00p.m.