

FACULTY SENATE MEETING 4 October 2002

General

President Nielsen called the meeting to order at 10:10a.m.

President Nielsen asked for the approval of the minutes of August 27, 2002.

Motion was made to accept the minutes by J. Dutt.

Second – A. Aggarwal

Passed Unanimously

Evaluation

President Nielsen indicated that the faculty evaluation standards issue would not be voted on today. Meetings will be held in the near future and a special Senate meeting will be held to vote on this issue—the date is 18 October.

President Nielsen introduced Graduate Assistant Martin Flachsland. Martin will be responsible for setting up the Faculty Senate Web site.

Dean's Report

IT Team – The IT Team will be here on Tuesday, 8 October. It is an opportunity to have a say. Everyone is encouraged to provide input. Bruce said there was not enough time for faculty input.

Community College Day – The day (8 October) is not designed to sell UB, but to establish relationships. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

AACSB – Anne indicated that she is worried. The AACSB recently placed the University of Houston-Clear Lake, a school similar to UB, on probation.

She indicated that Johns Hopkins is seriously looking to attain accreditation.

Anne was encouraged when she heard from AACSB members that UB was famous for how well they did on their first try for undergraduate accreditation.

V. Luchsinger asked why Clear Lake failed. J. Dutt said they failed because the faculty was not involved.

Strategic Planning – Steps and timelines are needed to create the plan. This begins with a Mission Statement. The Mission Statement needs to be refined. She feels that the Mission Statement is too long. (See Attachment A, Mission Statement Revision, Merrick School of Business, October 4, 2002.)

PFP Revision – The Dean set a deadline of 21 October for discussions on revisions to the PFP.

Alternative Faculty Discussion Process – The Dean requested that discussions be held within Divisions and passed up through Division Directors.

Finances – The Dean presented a worst case scenario should State funding levels drop. Undergraduate class sizes would need to increase to 80 students and graduate class sizes to 60.

J. Sigler asked if tuition might be increased. The Dean replied that that was open for discussion.

S. Zacur inquired about taking in freshman and sophomores. B. Rollier suggested an expansion of services.

IT Initiative – L. Richardson presented an update on the IT Initiative.

Faculty Senate Website – C. Nielsen presented an update on the Faculty Senate website. M. Laric stated the importance of access to Faculty Senate Handbook from that website.

Enrollment/Scheduling and Class Size Planning – R. Vemuganti raised concern about class sizes of 80 students. A. Randolph, R. Bento, D. Pitta, and others commented on the problems including content coverage. D. Isberg specifically referred to the current situation in FIN 640. E. Kemery raised the issue of a need for a funding formula.

Time Sheets – J. Hindle and D. Prevosto from University Human Resources presented an introduction to the new bi-weekly time sheet procedures.

Curriculum Committee – S. Isberg presented an initial response to the Committee charge. He emphasized the change procedures instituted by the prior year's committee and asked that all those considering curriculum changes inform the Committee of their intent on a timely basis.

S. Isberg announced the resignation of R. Adams from the Curriculum Committee. The Accounting Division had nominated L. White to replace him. L. White's appointment was passed by acclamation.

Report of Ad Hoc Committee – L. Richardson presented an interim report of this special committee of the Faculty Senate.

GPA's at the Business School – B. Rollier presented comparative analysis of GPA's in the Business School.

Adjournment – Passed by exodus

Attendance of MSB Faculty Senate Meeting 04 October 2002

Acs, Zoltan	In attendance
Adams, Richard	In attendance
Adlakha, Veena	In attendance
Aggarwal, Anil	In attendance
Andrea, George	In attendance
Arsham, Hossein	
Benrud, Erik	In attendance
Bento, Albert	
Bento, Regina	In attendance
Bowers, Mollie	
Brownstein, Barry	In attendance
Chen, Honghui	
Choudhry, Yusef	
DeChant, David	In attendance
Dutt, James	In attendance
Ford, Deborah	
Fowler, Danielle	
Fritsche, Steve	
Gerlowski, Daniel	In attendance
Herron, Lanny	In attendance
Isberg, Steven	In attendance
Jenkins, Milton	
Kemery, Edward	In attendance
Korb, Phil	In attendance
Laric, Michael	In attendance
Levy, David	
Luchsinger, Vince	In attendance
Lynagh, Peter	In attendance
Lynn, Susan	
McCarthy, Anne	In attendance

Mersha, Tigineh	In attendance
Milbourn, Eugene	In attendance
Mirani, Rajesh	
Moily, Jaya	
Morse, Joel	In attendance
Nielsen, Christine	In attendance
Oblak, Marilyn	In attendance
Otto, James	In attendance
Parham, Wayne	In attendance
Pitta, Dennis	In attendance
Popjoy, Oveta	In attendance
Randolph, Alan	In attendance
Richardson, Lee	In attendance
Robinson-Backmon, Ida	In attendance
Rollier, Bruce	In attendance
Sawhney, Bansi	In attendance
Schrenk, Lawrence	
Sigler, John	In attendance
Singhal, Jaya	
Singhal, Kal	
Sriram, Ven	In attendance
Stanton, Kenneth	In attendance
Stevens, David	
Stiff, Ronald	
Trotter, Richard	
Vemuganti, Rao	In attendance
Vermeer, Thomas	In attendance
White, Lourdes	
Weiss, John	
Zacur, Susan	In attendance

