

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
AUGUST 22, 2002
GARRETT BALLROOM

Chair Robert Dietle called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. **The following members were present:** Lawrence Alice, Darlene Applegate, Ray Blankenship, Charles Borders, John Bruni, Barbara Burch, Debra Crisp, Robert Dietle, Claus Ernst, Joe Glaser, Bill Greenwalt, Richard Hackney, Kacy Harris, Robert Holman, Roy Howsen, Robert Jefferson, Jonathan Jeffrey, Frank Kersting, Bruce Kessler, Sean Kinder, Wilma King-Jones, Kathleen Matthew, Michael May, Patricia Minter, Russell Moore, John Moore, Fred Murphy, Sharon Mutter, Kay Payne, Yvonne Petkus, Cassandra Pinnick, Sherry Reid, Jo-Anne Ryan, Roger Scott, Sherrie Serros, Vernon Sheeley, Kathleen Sheldon, Fred Siewers, Nelda Sims, Doug Smith, Dale Smith, Steven White, Stacy Wilson, Uta Ziegler. **Alternate members present:** Dennis George for David Dunn, Beverley Holland for Carrie Morgan. **Members absent:** Karen Adams, Katie Algeo, Christopher Antonsen, Jim Becker, Michael Binder, Thad Crews II, Yalcin Ertekin, Blaine Ferrell, Elmer Gray, Jeffrey Hackett, Michelle Hollis, Augustine Ihator, Daniel Jackson, Pam Jukes, Minwoo Lee, David Lee, Cynthia Mason, Lora Moore, Ronald Oliver, Jane Olmsted, Sherry Powers, Matthew Pruitt, Gary Ransdell, Loren Ruff, Cliff Shaluta, Byron Sleugh, Bill Tseng, Judy Walker, John White, Edward Yager.

Report From the Chair

Chair Dietle welcomed the University Senate members and guests to the first University Senate's Business Meeting of the third year of the University Senate.

The Chair asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the Minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting. The Minutes were approved as presented..

Provost Barbara Burch endorsed, without exception, the actions of the University Senate at its meeting April 18, 2002.

Next, the Chair reported that links to the University Senate's web pages that would enable Senators to review the University Curriculum Committee's agenda items have not been created. Therefore Senators were unable to consult the site for the University Curriculum documents that are on today's agenda. Chair Dietle said the University Senate Charter states that all documents to be voted upon by the University Senate, must to be posted on the web site one week prior to the Senate meetings. The Chair ruled that the items which are on today's agenda from the University Curriculum Committee cannot be ruled upon today because of this. He also said his decision could be overruled if any Senator wished. After general discussion, the Chair's decision was not overruled.

The Chair said that this year, he would like to reinstate the University Senate News Letter in an electronic form. He said he would consult with the Executive Committee in forming a publication's committee and would report back to the Senate at the September meeting.

Next, The Chair commented on the status of the University's health insurance program. Dr. Dietle said he had not been in contact with the Benefit's Committee, however he feels it is very likely that we will be faced with a large increase in our health insurance premiums this year. He also feels that the University will be reluctant to absorb any of this expense. Dr. Dietle stated he feels it will be very important this year for faculty and staff to be engaged, to be informed, and to work together in urging the University to share with us its thinking and the options they may be looking at with regard to any substantial increase in healthcare premiums before University decisions are made.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair asked if there was any new business to be brought before the Senate at this time. A discussion followed on creating a web page for posting of curricular matters. It was the consensus of the body to work with the Provost's office in providing a work-study student to work with the University Curriculum Committee and the Executive Committee to implement this process. Next the Chair asked that the Standing Committees caucus to elect Chairs and officers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Uta Ziegler, Secretary

Lou Stahl, Recorder