

FSAC Minutes

3/17/05

Present: Wingard, Hunt, Lillig, Skinner, Montgomery, Wautischer and Ayala,

Meeting began at 1:05 PM.

- 1) Agenda was approved with the following changes
  - a. *Faculty Recruitment Policy* moved to number 4.
  - b. *Course Outline Policy* moved to number 2.
  - c. Repeat of Course Policy added at number 3.
  - d. *Access to Programs for Students with Disabilities Policy* forwarded to future date.
- 2) Minutes from the 3/3 meeting were approved.

Reports

- 3) Wingard reported that the last meeting to introduce policy to the senate will be 4/28 and as such policy changes must be submitted to the Executive Committee by 4/21.
- 4) Wautischer reported on the work on the Academic Freedom Subcommittee. The committee is still working on the policy in order to address issues related to student grievances and the composition of the decision making body on issues of Academic Freedom. The subcommittee believes that new policies and notices are needed. This drafting of this policy is a proactive response in case the State Legislature expects such policies.

Business

- 5) JW presented changes to the *Excellence in Teaching Policy*. Changes reflect the need to have an alternate for the selection committee in case one of the members cannot participate. Minor changes put forth and a final reading is expected at the next FSAC meeting.
- 6) Agenda Revised to allow Linda Lipps (LL) to present the *Access to Program for Students With Disabilities Policy*. LL described early Blue Paper policies with regards to students with disabilities that do not reflect new laws, reflect offices no longer in use. And since EO 926 asks for a broader policy for access the 15-

person committee was organized to prepare such a policy. The committee includes faculty, students, off campus representatives, and library staff. LL reviewed section “C” the draft policy with FSAC. There appears to be overlap with the Course Outline Policy with respect to notice to students about contacting DSS. Discussion about the different points in Section C reflected faculty concerns about 1) notice, 2) faculty responsibilities with respect to students with disabilities, 3) student responsibilities and 4) the use of “shall” or “should” language in the policy. It is the student’s responsibility to disclose to pertinent faculty about their disability by identifying themselves to the *Disabled Students Services Center*. Faculty must maintain information about student’s disability in confidence. The determination of the disability and if necessary accommodations resided with the DSSC and then are brought back to the faculty. Policies for faculty grievances of these accommodations were also reviewed. Since FSAC did not finish reviewing section C of the policy, LL will return at a future date to finish the first reading of the policy. It is recommended that we review the entire document prior to submission to the Executive Committee.

- 7) Craig Winston (CW) presented information from the Academic Freedom Subcommittee. He described that although there are general student grievance procedures about University Policies, these procedures do not apply to the Academic Freedom Statement because the statement is not yet a policy. He stated that the subcommittee will be presenting the statement to FSAC in the near future and that he hoped that it would be made into policy. CW also stated there are other issues related to the academic freedom statement that include student notice, faculty-faculty grievances, and who serves on student grievance committees. He will bring these forth to FSAC.