

Faculty Senate Minutes 12-10-99

Attendees: Henry Gonshak, Celia Schahczenski, Bill Mac Gregor, Curtis Link Mary
MacLaughlin, Larry Smith
Recorder: Larry

Bookstore Issue: Celia and Henry met with members of the administration on 12/8/99. Henry summarized the meeting. He stressed that the committee structure, and thus faculty governance, broke down. Specifically, the Student Union/Mill Building/Bookstore Advisory Board does exist, but had not met and was not involved in the decision to reorganize the bookstore. If the bookstore is being restructured, it is a faculty issue, especially since the Advisory Board's purpose is to "review... procedures and policies," and "make recommendations concerning major issues of facility use and program activity." Henry and Celia stated in the meeting that there needs to be a clear distinction between what is and what is not a faculty concern relating to committees. They made a recommendation to the administration that if a faculty committee makes a formal written recommendation to the administration or an administrator, a written response should be provided in a timely manner.

Celia made a suggestion that the Advisory Board be involved now and in the future.

The senate approved the following statements unanimously, they are intended to be presented to the faculty at the Faculty Meeting on December 16, 1999:

- (1) While the Faculty Senate recognizes the need to ensure efficiency in the operation of the bookstore, we disapprove of the administration's restructuring of the bookstore without input from the existing Student Union/Mill Building/Bookstore Advisory Board.
- (2) The Faculty Senate requests that immediate actions be taken to reactivate the existing Student Union/Mill Building/Bookstore Advisory Board in order for the board to have input in: setting a vision for the bookstore, writing the job description for the Bookstore Director and Assistant Director, and hiring for those positions.

Henry suggested that he could bring up with Dan Bradley that he fill the Student Union/Mill Building/Bookstore Advisory Board with new members to replace those that have left or retired.

Henry suggested to Dan Bradley that each faculty committee or advisory board meet once a semester and that each committee come up with a revised statement of purpose or mission statement.

Issues for next semester: Each senate member was requested to make up a list of issues to address in the Spring Semester. We agreed to email around the lists and try to group them for discussion at a future meeting.

Other: We will attempt to put together a meeting with Margie Thompson, possibly 11 am or 4:30 pm Friday December 17. Henry will try to arrange a time with Ms. Thompson.

Approval of previous minutes: Minutes from November 2 and 23 meetings were approved as finalized and should be posted in the Senate's shared folder.