
MEMBERS ABSENT: Baldridge, Brooks, Kreinath, Monroe, Moore-Jansen, Taher, Wolf

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rokosz, Smith-Campbell

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Provost Miller

Summary of Action:

1. Endorsed the KBOR response to the Governor's Budget request in January 2010.
2. Accepted the proposed revisions to the selection of members for the Planning and Budget Committee

I. Call of the Meeting to Order: President Soles called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

II. Informal Statements and Proposals: none

III. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of January 25, 2010, were accepted with some grammatical corrections.

IV. President's Report:
   President Soles reported:
   A. The Executive Committee is taking a look at the structure of the Faculty Senate standing committees. She noted that there appears to be an abundance of committees, some of which are functional and others are not. She also said it is becoming difficult to find members to serve on committees; especially now with the cut in number of faculty available to fill committee membership. The Executive Committee will also look at the charges of committees and pass their findings on to the Rules Committee.

   B. The nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished Service are due by Thursday, 2/25.

   C. The Planning & Budget committee is still reviewing suggestions and passing them on to appropriate unit. They have received several suggestions and have divided them into the following categories:
1. Organizational Ideas -- reconfiguring of academic units, moving administrative units and other ideas. --- some proposals are already in place such as CTRE, Honors being combined in The Office for Faculty Development and Student Success, and four new degree programs are being offered at the West side campus.

2. Methods of knowledge delivery -- on line courses are being studied

3. Content --- including a discussion of the General Education program

4. Revenue suggestions

5. Human resources suggestions

6. Attracting/retaining students

D. The KBOR encourages that individual campuses to organize themselves to do everything they can to ensure no more budget cuts. President Soles said that the Senate would be spearheading the efforts for WSU which would include setting up a web page with information about Legislative activity and talking points for faculty to use in contacting their representatives/senators should they wish to do so. It was suggested that Andrew Schlapp, Executive Director, Government Relations be invited to speak to the Senate about the Legislative process and how faculty can become involved. Provost Miller suggested that prior to setting up a web page, WSU Counsel Ayres be consulted.

President Soles distributed copies of a statement approved by the KBOR in January 2010 outlining some of the difficulties that Higher Education faces with continuous cuts to the budget. She ask that Senate endorse this letter. It was unanimously accepted and will be placed on the new web page.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Rules committee, Fritz Hemans, chair, presented a proposed revision to the Faculty Senate Planning and Budget committee selection. It is (revisions in red)

Selection: Standard for the nine members elected from the Faculty Senate, three to be elected by the Senate each year to serve a three-year term. Each At-Large senator is eligible to represent his/her division. Members must serve concurrently as Senators and vacancies shall be filled by a vote of the Senate for the unexpired term with the provision that the selected member shall be from the appropriate division.

Senator Dale moved (2nd, Myers) that the proposal be accepted. The Senate accepted the proposal unanimously.

B. Faculty Senate elections -- Vice President Skinner announced that the election process for Senator At Large had been completed and the Jeffrey Hershfield and Dan Close were elected to two year terms beginning June 1, 2010, to represent the faculty of WSU.

VI. Old Business: none

VII. New Business: none
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm
Respectfully submitted:
Johnnie Thompson