

College of Arts & Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
September 2, 2005

MINUTES -- DRAFT

Recreational Fee

Thomas Smith and Daanish Mustafa met with student body president Tom Piccolo to talk about improving communications on issues like this. The CASFC is more interested in the issues of consultation and decision-making rather than the fee itself. However, the Council is still examining how the fee was set and whether or not the fee could be rolled back or a two-tier fee adopted. Faculty members are invited to the Student Council meeting September 14 at 4:30 in DAV 130 to further address the matter.

Selection of Vice-Chair

Tabled until our next meeting.

Dean Winston Bridges

Dean Bridges asked the faculty to suggest private fundraising opportunities for the College. Budget requests and justifications should go to Dean Bridges by Sept. 9. Upcoming College tasks include: academic compacts, long-range planning of course offerings; Tenure & Promotion Committee duties. Faculty are encouraged to attend the Academic Convocation September 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Campus Activities Center.

Faculty Taking the Lead

The College Faculty Council, under the guidance of the college faculty, will work to give faculty a united, effective voice articulating relevant policies and shaping the university's academic mission.

Compensation for Schedulers / Unit Coordinators

The Council unanimously passed this motion: "Many faculty in the College have been asked to assume administrative tasks above and beyond their assigned duties of teaching, service, and research. These faculty should be fairly compensated for their work, where feasible with a course release. If that is infeasible, faculty should be compensated \$3,000 for their duties as schedulers plus \$3,000 for their duties as unit coordinators."

College-Wide Budget Priorities

Dean Bridges asked for college budget requests. The Council unanimously submits the following college-wide budget priorities:

- Provide secretarial support for research.
- Increase discretionary funds for academic programs.
- Earmark more money for student research.
- Enhance funds for travel and research by all faculty, but especially junior faculty. This would be in addition to travel funds currently available.
- Improve technology and space issues in classrooms. Install multi-media carts and ceiling-mounted LCD projectors in all classrooms.

These are fitting priorities for a research-oriented university.

Teaching Awards

Dean Bridges asked the Council for a recommendation on giving teaching awards to “departed” faculty. The Council unanimously adopted this motion: “That faculty selected to receive a teaching award should receive the award even if they are no longer on the USFSP faculty, with thanks for their service.”

Child Care

The Council will investigate further the relationship between USFSP and the YWCA childcare facility. We will revisit this important issue.

Campus Classroom Technology Committee

The Council urges the campus-wide Faculty Council to recommend that a faculty member from each college serve on the Classroom Technology Committee.

Immediate Equipment Needs

The Council recommends that the College immediately purchase a document camera (also known as a digital visual presenter) and accompanying LCD projector, as well as a portable digital projector for faculty use.

Next meeting of the Council will be 30 September 2005 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All members of the College are welcome
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