The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. in union 237A with President Davie Davis presiding.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to FS president Davis, the following 16 Senators were present: Bouzouita, Bradley, Callahan, Ewing, Kangas, Love, Neal, Norwood, Peltz, Riggins, Smith, Stevenson, Swanson, Tropf, Yates, and Palmer for Kidwaro. Also present were Provost Wilson, University President Aaron Podolefsky, Parliamentarian Cheryl Riley, and guests Carol Smith and Steve Popejoy.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of meeting 6 of the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate held on November 18, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Podolefsky’s announcement:

The cabinet changed the date of homecoming.
There is something like a 340 million dollar short fall on the state budget.

Provost Wilson’s announcements:

In regards to the student’s ratings required by SB 389, out of 40 thousand enrollments, 15% of undergraduates completed it.

Regarding the position searches that have been brought up in the past, we are only going to continue with the one for the Assistant Provost for Academic Programs. There will be an internal search.

FS President Davis’ announcements:

The master plan is not set in stone so if there are any problems anyone can see; let the BOG know about it. There was a proposal for the search for the VP of University Advancement for the search to go on.
Dean Greife complimented on the General Education Review committee and said that the committee is meeting twice a week. There is a lot of work going on and thank to Tropf and Wenger for their help with the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Davis stated that in the past minutes, she has found a motion that was unanimously passed in February of 06’. She then found later on that a committee had been formed but seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle. Since it was passed already, it is considered to still be in affect.

VP Kangas suggested taking the discussion to the FSEC tomorrow. It was decided that the FSEC would discuss this further at the December 11th meeting.

Carol Smith from the library was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the budget of the Library. The library has not had a budget increase since FY-06. In this same time period, (FY 2006-2009), the overall UCM budget has increases over 25%. Support for the library is at historic lows. Financial support for the library as a percentage of the total university budget has fallen below 4% only five times in the past 40 years. The percentage is currently 3.9%. (For more information and to see the documents presented, please see the completed approved minutes in the FS office.)

Steve Popejoy was present to make a presentation regarding the University-wide compensation task force. By this time, we had lost the quorum and it was decided that Popejoy would return and present his information at the next FS meeting on January 14, 2009.

With nothing further, the FS meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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