The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 3:23 p.m. in Union 237A with President Davie Davis presiding.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to FS President Davis, the following 16 Senators were present: Bonham, Bordere, Bouzouita, Bradley, Ewing, Kangas, Kidwaro, Neal, Norwood, Peltz, Smith, Stevenson, Swanson, Yates, Klimek for Schaefer, and Palmer for Callahan. Also present were President Aaron Podolefsky, Provost George Wilson, and Parliamentarian Cheryl Riley.

MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of meeting 4 of the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate held on September 17, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FS President Davie Davis announced that Steve Boone was in attendance to present a Data Mart presentation.

Steve Boone made a slide show presentation regarding the Data Mart Committee. The mission of the Data Mart Committee is to implement a repository of data for analysis and reporting to support the strategic, tactical, and regulatory needs of the University. Project goals for this committee include providing consistent, accurate data to the users of the Banner system, establishing standard definitions for the data, documenting the details about the data in an online dictionary, designing data structures for storing the data that can be easily understood by the end users querying the data, and much more. There were no comments or questions from the Senate.

University President Aaron Podolefsky had the following announcements:

- Enrollment for this semester is really good. It is the largest enrollment since 1993. UCM is achieving a lot of institutional records.
- As everyone knows, there are some difficulties in the economy and it is being tracked to find what this mean for our University. It impacts us directly and impacts our investing.
- UCM is number one in the Midwest of the least graduate student debt.
President Podolefsky distributed a list of the UCM FY09 Maintenance/Repair & Security Priority Projects and stated that 10% of all carry-forwards will be kept for repairs and maintenance and that safety would be the first thing worked on.

**Provost George Wilson had the following announcement:**

- Two weeks ago, the FSEC asked for a report on the 3-3 teaching load motion (2007-2008-7) which was passed by the Faculty Senate.

Provost Wilson distributed the report on the 3-3 teaching load to the Senate for their review. Provost Wilson also addressed a discussion item on the agenda which was a concern expressed regarding the presence of the University President and Provost at the Faculty Senate meetings. This concern stated that as the University President of UCM and the Provost hold academic rank and evaluate the performance of other faculty, their attendance at and place of prominence in Faculty Senate meetings is an indirect violation of the Faculty Guide section for representation. While neither are members of the senate, they are in an environment where judgments may be made based upon particularly strong positions of Senate members.

It was also brought up that some Senate members may hold back on discussion in fear of what they say being held against them in any way. (This item of discussion took place after President Podolefsky and Provost Wilson left the meeting. Please see below.)

Senator Ewing stated that there have been some questions regarding the whereabouts of the climate study that was completed last academic year. President Podolefsky stated that certain parts of the study were confusingly written and the consultant was asked to re-write certain parts of the study. The BOG would like to look at the study before it is released to everyone.

VP Kangas mentioned a few items of discussion that took place at the MAFS meeting on October 6th. Discussion included transitions in higher education, budgets, and other items such as cafeteria plans.

FS President Davis stated that the FSEC requested the FSSFBC to follow up on the budget report from last year’s FS president Jack Rogers. The committee is going to look into this and compare it to other institutions.

Senator Yates stated that he attended an SGA meeting. One of their concerns was regarding getting students to vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion 2008-2009-6 was from the Faculty Senate Salary and Fringe Benefits Committee regarding the Faculty Salary Model. This motion was presented at the last two Faculty Senate meetings and the Senate members asked for more information. Skip Crooker was in attendance and distributed a report of remarks concerning this motion.
After much discussion, Senator Ewing called the questions. Second by Senator Yates and recorded vote was requested.
The recorded vote resulted in the following:


-PASSED- For: 10 Against: 6 Abstain: 0 (2008-2009-06)

FS President Davie Davis presented motion 2008-2009-08 regarding changes of the University Assessment Council’s committee charge. There were changes made to the membership section of the committee charge. With no further discussion, FS President Davis called for approval on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

-PASSED- Unanimous (2008-2009-08)

Regarding the discussion on the concern mentioned earlier about the presence of the University President and Provost at the Faculty Senate meetings, it was decided by the majority of the Senate that the UCM President and Provost have useful information and they are needed at the meetings to provide insight on most of the items that go through the Senate.
After much discussion, it was decided to keep the meetings as they are and extend a permanent invitation to the University President and Provost.

With nothing further, the FS meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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