

**DRAFT Faculty Senate Minutes
October 2, 2002 Meeting**

Members Present:

Lea Ann Alexander, Mitzi Bass, Claudia Beach, Angela Boswell (for John Graves), Vonna Cranston, Dennis DiMarzio, Kevin Durand, James Engman, Laura Festa, Julia Hall, Duane Jackson, Wray Jones, Travis Langley, Catherine Leach, Michael Lloyd, Laura Lockwood, John Long, Mike Matthews, Hal McAfee, Marielle McFarland, Richard Miller, Richard Schmid, Phillip Schroeder, Shanta Sharma, Bruce Smith, David Stoddard

Members absent:

Ana Caldwell, Jules Mollere,

Others Present: Sandy Denning

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Richard Schmid at 3:15 pm.

Sandy Denning, representing Staff Senate, was recognized as a visitor.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 4th meeting were approved.

President's Report

Schmid reported on his meeting with President Dunn. During that meeting, the following questions were addressed.

1. In the past, faculty awarded summer sabbaticals were paid \$3000. When did this change? Dunn responded that such a change has not occurred during his time at Henderson.
2. Would it be possible to pay \$3000-\$4000 to faculty for summer sabbaticals in the future? Dunn said that he would be willing to consider this, if it were requested by the Senate.
3. How many bids were taken for the Proctor Hall renovation? No bids were taken. The University consulted with an architectural firm that has done work on campus, and obtained an estimate of approximately \$925,000. Adding the architect's cost to this would have increased the total to approximately \$1 million. Funds for this are not available at this time. There are not currently plans to tear down Proctor Hall.
4. Is an evaluation of the assessment workshop forthcoming? It has already been sent out.

5. How much is Henderson paying to the MacIntosh Image Consulting firm? No payment has been made yet. Henderson is waiting for the firm's estimate. Dunn expects this to be in the \$125,000 to \$500,000 range, spread over a 3-year period.
6. Who owns faculty publications that are developed on campus during work time? Dunn will look into this question with Mr. Choate and Dr. Houston, and will respond to the question.
7. Faculty concerns over privacy issues on Poise and Campus Connect were discussed. With respect to the ability of faculty to access the transcripts of all students, Dunn reported that this is no longer enabled on Poise. With respect to the ability of faculty to access financial account information of all students, Dunn responded that he has not been through this process, but will work with Mr. Epperhart to make sure that the account information is available only to those who need it.
8. Why were departments not allowed to average hours among courses when meeting minimum class enrollment requirements last summer, as had been promised? Dunn responded that this had not been promised, and that he chose not to do it.

Schmid solicited questions to take to President Dunn at their next meeting.

Committee Reports

Academics Committee. No report.

Building and Grounds Committee. No report.

Procedures Committee. No report.

Finance Committee. No report.

Operations Committee

The operations committee reported on the ongoing process of evaluating the Excellence Awards. A working document outlining possible changes was circulated and discussed. Possible changes include restructuring the awards committees, consolidating the division-based awards within Ellis College, eliminating the option of self-nomination, removing from the handbook the specific criteria related only to teaching awards, establishing an "Academy of Excellence" composed of Excellence Award recipients, increasing and reapportioning funds for the awards, and increasing the visibility of the awards program. The committee will continue the evaluation process, and is still soliciting comments from faculty on the awards program. The committee hopes to have changes ready to submit to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its November meeting.

Considering the anticipated time frame for approval of any changes, Schmid directed the Senate Procedures Committee to conduct an election for 2002-2003 awards committees using the current guidelines for the Excellence Awards.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.