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Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.
The minutes of the last Faculty Assembly were not distributed, and therefore were not approved.

I. Old Business
   a. Protocol Revision Committee. James Mitchell and Tom Day presented the motion for discussion and approval. The motion is as follows:

   That the Assembly shall follow the procedures in the proposed Protocol for the Faculty Assembly’s Involvement in Academic Changes dated February 4, 2009;

   That the proposed Protocol dated February 4, 2009 shall replace the Protocol approved by the Assembly on May 1, 2000;

   That the Summary, History, text boxes, footnotes, and information in brackets in the proposed Protocol are not part of the procedures and shall be removed;

   That the text shall be formatted to conform to the Assembly’s constitution in the Faculty Manual.

   The motion was opened to discussion. As there was no discussion, a motion was made, and seconded, to vote on the matter. This motion passed with 58 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.

II. New Business
   a. Treasurer’s report. 49 members have paid their dues; 76 still have not. Checks made out to the Faculty Assembly should be given to Lisa Zuccarelli in Biology.

   b. Academic Rigor. Lisa Zuccarelli distributed a list requesting that faculty members rank the categories for the discussion of academic rigor by interest. Subsequent faculty meetings this semester will consist of a series of workshops on these topics. Faculty are asked to keep in mind that these meetings may run a little after 4pm and are asked to plan accordingly in order to allow full participation.

   c. Dr. De La Motte spoke to the faculty on the following matters:
      i. graduation requirement change from a minimum of 128 to 120 total credits. Jim Terry assisted in taking faculty questions and comments as to the change’s impact on tuition revenue, transfer students, departments, and the core.

      ii. Dr. De La Motte also noted that McKillop Library has received two grants: One grant, in the amount of $206,000, is for the Teaching and Learning Center, and could potentially be renewed. The second is for $140,000, and will be used to create a Learning Commons on the library’s first floor.

      iii. Dr. De La Motte also explained future budget changes to individual departments, and how the cuts were made.

III. Announcements.
   a. FACSB should start work in the spring.
b. Presidential search. Will Stout reported that the “airport” interviews have finished, but there is no definite news from the Board yet as to which candidates will receive on-campus interviews.

IV. A call to end the meeting was made, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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