

Agenda for Faculty Senate meeting

3 PM Friday, Sept 7, 2007 Board Room in Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of guests: Provost Padilla, Vice Provost Schwarze, Associate Provost Cartwright
- III. Approval of minutes of Faculty Senate meetings
 - A. acknowledge electronic approval of minutes for August 21, 2007 meeting
- IV. Guest Report: Provost Padilla, Vice Provost Schwarze, Associate Provost Cartwright
- V. President's report
 - A. Senate Initiatives - Information and Proposals [here](#) with a related [article](#)
 - B. BOV schedule for 2007-2008: Thursday, September 13, Friday, November 9 (Executive Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. – only held if necessary business to be transacted), Thursday, February 28, Tuesday, April 29 and Friday, June 20. Committee meetings will be held in the morning, and the full board will meet at noon.
 - C. announcement: Judy Ford, vice president of development is leaving
 - D. New parliamentarian appointment
 - E. Undergraduate Degrees committee member appointment
 - F. The president would like to recognize the faculty who wrote a final report for their faculty development grant: Caroline Garrett, Jana Adamitis, Pamela Dunning and Peter Carlson, and Ronnie Cohen and Joan McMahon.
- VI. Committee reports
 - A. Results of special election for vacated liberal arts seat. Meeting held September 5, 2007, 12:15-1:00PM in the Washington Room of David Student Union.
 - B. PBK committee report.
- VII. Old business
 - A. Pass-Fail Option. Is there a proposal to discuss this topic tabled at the April 20, 2007 meeting?

Background: At the April 20, 2007 meeting the following was discussed: In April 2006, Rick Cheney presented the [proposal](#) from the Undergraduate Degrees Committee to revise the pass-fail option. The main revisions include an allowance for juniors (i.e., not just seniors) to utilize this option, and an expansion to four courses (from the present

limit of two). There was some confusion as to the meaning of "non-program" in the fifth bullet of the proposal. While the registrar reportedly interprets this to mean courses not used to satisfy liberal learning curriculum, major, minor, or writing intensive requirements (as explicitly indicated in the wording of the 06-07 Catalog), the Senate thinks that this explicit listing should persist, in the catalog. Because this change would not go in the 07-08 catalog, Whiting moved and Hasbrouck seconded the tabling of this proposal. The tabling motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of [Senate 0708 Goals](#) and Approval Vote

VIII. New business

- A. We need department liaisons for departments that have no senator. Those departments are: Communication Studies, Fine Art and Art History, Leadership and American Studies, Mathematics, Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures, Music, Social Work, Sociology & Anthropology, and Theater & Dance.
- B. Select members to serve on the Senate sabbatical committee.
- C. Select members to serve on the Senate Faculty Development Grant committee. Dates for the FDG process follow:
 - Sept. 19 W Chair
 - Oct. 1 M Dean
 - Oct 19 F Senate
 - Nov 2 F Senate vote
- D. Select members to serve on the priority advisory committee (PAC). From the November 3, 2006 [minutes](#), PAC will "be appointed each year by the Faculty Senate and will consist of five Senators, at least one from each academic area and at least one from the Senate Executive Committee." The charge of PAC is in the December 1, 2006 minutes presidents' [report](#)
- E. Proposal to set up a senate faculty hiring subcommittee that would work with the provost's office to come up with a set of screening questions, and other criteria that would help increase the unity of thought in all parties in faculty searches with the ultimate goal of increasing the percentage of successful searches.
- F. Proposal to setup a standing committee of faculty (appointed by Senate & Provost - at this time) to assist and advise the Office of Sponsored Programs.
- G. Final Exam schedule examination. Proposed change to the 0708 Catalog concerning Final Exam conflicts/overload. The proposed change (documented in [this memo](#) would enable a student with three exams in

one 24 period to reschedule one exam with the instructor's permission instead of the former 4 consecutive exams changeable with dean's permission. A suggested change to this memo is to allow a student to reschedule one exam if the student has more than 3 on a single calendar day.

IX. Other