

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
University Academic Senate Minutes
August 25, 2008

1. Call to Order by Dr. William Thorn. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.
Invocation was led by Dr. Margaret Bloom.

Members Present: Dr. Marie Hoeger Bement, Dr. Margaret Bloom, Prof. Bruce Boyden, Dr. Margaret Callahan, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Fr. Michael Class, S.J., Dr. James Courtright, Dr. Evelyn Donate-Bartfield, Dr. Alexander Drakopoulos, Prof. Edward Fallone, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Kristin Haglund, Dr. Jadwiga Hjerstedt, Dr. Diane Hoeveler, Mrs. Susan Hopwood, Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp, Mr. Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Mr. John Jentz, Dr. Sarah Knox, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. Anne Pasero, Dr. John Pauly, Mr. Raymond Redlingshafer, Dr. Linda Salchenberger, Dr. James South, Dr. Siddhartha Syam, Dr. Steven Taylor, Dr. William Thorn, Ms. Janice Welburn, Dr. G.E. Otto Widera, Dr. William Wiener and Dr. Wanda Zembler-Cizewski.

Members Excused: Mr. Jason Rae.

Members Not Present: Dr. William Cullinan, Ms. Kristen Hickman, Dr. Edward Korabic, and Dr. Cheryl Maranto

Guests present: Dr. Margaret Bernhardt, Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. Mark Eppli, Mr. Dale Kaser, Dr. Linda Lee, Dr. Gary Levy, Ms. Mary Pat Pfeil, Mr. Charles Ries, Ms. Stephanie Russell, Mr. Doug Smith, Ms. Nicole Troug, and Dr. Lynn Turner.

2. Minutes: Approval of May 12, 2008
The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Chairperson's Report – Dr. William Thorn
There will be a reception to officially welcome John Pauly as Provost on Tuesday, September 2nd from 4 to 6 pm in the Haggerty Museum. The faculty town hall meeting with Father Wild, S.J. will be held Wednesday, October 8th from 4 to 5:30 pm. More details to come. Dr. Thorn mentioned last years accomplishments of having all faculty post course syllabi on D2L and the Registrar's new grading procedure.
4. Provost Report – Dr. John Pauly
The Provost looks to increase faculty ownership and participation. Processes in the future will be more collaborative. Dr. Pauly is setting up appointments with each of the colleges to see their facilities, hear about accomplishments, and look for family resemblances across our programs noting especially things that Marquette does particularly well.

Dr. Frenn inquired if the University Academic Senate Agenda could be posted on the Provost web site. Dr. Thorn said that it may only be a day or two prior to the meeting but the agenda would be posted for all faculty to review.

Concentration will be focused on the graduate education. A Marquette education is about putting what you learned into action and connecting with the world.

5. Report of Boards and Standing Committees

Faculty Council report was given by Prof. Edward Fallone. The groups focus this year will be to identify areas for improvement rather than fixing problems. The groups meeting time has changed and will be the 1st Thursday of the month. Items that are being reviewed at this time are the possibility of an additional day or two for faculty to turn in grades. The council is also monitoring the conceal and carry on campus at other universities. A new subcommittee will be looking into retiree health benefits.

Dr. Pasero inquired about the FACHEX student ability to take summer school courses. This item was sent back to the Faculty Welfare Committee for some additional work.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented.

7. New Business

a. Proposal for the Center for Real Estate presented by Dr. Mark Eppli.

A brief discussion ensued and a motion was made and seconded to bring the matter to a vote.

Action: Motion to Approve

The proposal to establish the Center for Real Estate.

Thirty-three senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.

b. Revise membership of University Assessment Committee – Dr. Margaret Bloom.

No discussion. Motion was made and seconded to bring the matter to a vote.

Action: Motion to Approve

Addition to the committee membership section of the UAS statutes (addition is underlined):

Membership: Membership on the committee reflects the institutional wide scope of assessment. The Committee shall consist of one faculty member with expertise in assessment from each of the colleges and schools that request direct representation, selected according to the rules of each unit and appointed by the Provost. In addition serving as non-voting members will be representatives (one each) from the Raynor Memorial Libraries, Office of Student Affairs, and Office of Institutional Research appointed by the Provost on the basis of their expertise in assessment. The Director of the Core Curriculum and Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment both serve as ex-officio non-voting members. The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Teaching, who serves as a non-voting member.

Thirty-three senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.

- c. Revise Section 304.2 of Statues on Faculty Appointment, Promotion and Tenure presented by Mr. Doug Smith, Office of the General Counsel.
A brief discussion ensued noting that this was a strong statement regarding academic freedom. There was further discussion about potentially removing the word “solely” in the last sentence because of some past issues regarding Jesuit faculty, etc. Doug was asked to review the matter and make a recommendation about that aspect at the next meeting. Motion was made and seconded to bring the matter to a vote.

Action: Motion to Approve

Section 304.02 (addition is a new, first, full paragraph to the section)

Tenure is a faculty status that fosters an environment of free inquiry without regard for the need to be considered for reappointment. Tenure is reserved for Regular Faculty who are recognized by the University as having the capacity to make unique, significant, and long-term future contributions to the educational mission of the University. Tenure is not a reward for services performed; it is a contract and property right granted solely in accordance with this Chapter.

Thirty-two senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.

A motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.