

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Academic Senate Minutes

February 19, 2007

1. Call to Order. Invocation – Dr. Robert Deahl

Members Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Prof. Daniel Blinka, Dr. Margaret Bloom, Dr. Jack Brooks, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Robert Deahl, Mr. Kail Decker, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. William Henk, Ms. Kristen Kamm, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Alan Lacy, Dr. Michael McKinney, Ms. Georgia McRae, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Ms. Julie O’Keeffe, Dr. Sarah Peck, Mr. Jason Rae, Dr. James South, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Madeline Wake, Dr. Marianne Weiss, and Dr. William Wiener

Members Excused: Dr. Edward Korabic, Dr. David Shrock, and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Members Unexcused: Dr. Richard Marklin

Guest Present: Ms. Anne Deahl, Ms. Lindsay Fiori (Tribune Reporter), Dr. Linda Lee, Mr. Dale Kaser, Dr. Maureen O’Brien and Ms. Mary Pat Pfeil

2. Minutes approved as corrected.

3. Provost Report

Enrollment – Ms. Anne Deahl distributed and discussed 2 handouts on enrollment. The first handout depicted spring enrollment numbers. The second handout depicted freshmen enrollment for fall 2007. Ms. Deahl noted that Nursing enrollment numbers were lower based on a decision to better control enrollment to ensure adequate clinical opportunities.

4. University Board of Graduate Studies

Graduate Student Leave of Absence Policy- Dr. Bill Wiener presented the revised policy. Questions arose concerning the wording in paragraph 2 on students withdrawing during a semester. Dr. Wiener will discuss the wording with Ms. Georgia McRae and bring back a revised version to the March Senate meeting.

The agenda item on Continuous Enrollment was deferred until the March meeting.

5. Assessment 2007

Dr. Margaret Bloom gave a presentation on the Assessment System. A copy of the presentation was giving to each member of the Senate. The program assessment system must be implemented this spring to have 2 annual

assessment reports completed before the North Central Accreditation focused visit on Assessment in Spring 2009. It is important that the annual assessment reports are meaningful but manageable. Plan is to develop a web based assessment management system using D2L. Dr. Bloom emphasized that the senators needed to be involved with the development of a culture of assessment.

6. Report from the Academic Shared Governance Task Force

Dr. Kristy Nielson and other members of the Task Force on Shared Governance led a discussion with the Senate on the Task Force's report on Academic Shared Governance. Highlights of the Senate discussion are:

- The size of the Senate has been reduced from previous discussion by 1 dean and 3 at-large members.
- The transition section is outdated and needs to be revised to match new timeline once changes to the structure have been approved.
- Question was raised on rationale for College of Professional Studies only having one representative. This decision was made based on number of full time faculty in the college.
- There was much discussion on the language in the Preamble concerning the Provost responsibility for reporting decisions and the definition of "other" appropriate authorities.
- Every member of the Senate including ex officio will have voting authority.
- The Provost will be the co-chair but will not lead the meetings.
- There was discussion on the wording on page 29 concerning the Provost having an obligation to report Senate decision and actions but also has the right to provide own opinion.
- On page 17 the title for Subcommittee of Gender and Equity question was asked why not just call it Subcommittee on Equity.
- Every senate meeting will have a standing agenda to receive a report from designated committees.
- Page 15 MUSG representatives are appointed by the President of MUSG and not elected as stated.
- The Graduate Student Organization will select the representative when it is the Graduate School's turn to elect the graduate representative.

The Senate concluded the discussion by agreeing that once the current version has been revised, Dr. Nielson will work with the Provost to disseminate to all faculty.