

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Academic Senate Minutes

March 19, 2007

1. Call to Order. Invocation – Dr. Marilyn Frenn

Members Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Prof. Daniel Blinka, Dr. Margaret Bloom, Dr. Jack Brooks, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Mr. Kail Decker, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Carla Hay, 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. David Shrock, Dr. James South, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Madeline Wake, Dr. Marianne Weiss, and Dr. William Wiener

Members Excused: Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. William Henk, Dr. Edward Korabic and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Members Unexcused: Dr. Richard Marklin

Guest Present: Ms. Lindsay Fiori (Tribune Reporter), Dr. Kevin Gibson, Mr. Dale Kaser, Ms. Kimberly Newman and Ms. Mary Pat Pfeil

2. Minutes approved as presented.

3. Provost Report

The report from the Task Force on Shared Governance has been sent to Father Wild and General Counsel. The Task Force will meet soon and will post the document on the website as soon as possible.

The Board of Trustees has approved the change from the School of Education to the College of Education. The Bachelor of Science degree in conjunction with this change was also approved.

4. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate recommends that the members of the Academic Senate extend their terms for an additional year to accommodate the transition into the new shared governance model. It is important to have all the Senators who have been involved with the process from the beginning into the new governing body. The Committee on Faculty has approved this motion.

The student positions will rotate as scheduled. The non-retiring Deans will also continue to serve. By extending members an additional year this will allow the normal rotation cycle to continue.

MOTION – To adopt the Shared Governance Task Force recommendation that all Senate terms be extended for one year in lieu of elections this spring, in order to allow for better continuity in transition to the new University Academic Senate.

VOTE –One member abstained. Remaining senators voted in favor of the motion.
No opposing votes.
MOTION PASSED

Each unit will need to verify that their senator will be able to serve next year.

5. Board of Undergraduate Studies
Institutional Outcomes:

MOTION TO APPROVE: The Undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes

VOTE –All the senators voted in favor of the motion. There were no abstention and no opposing votes.

MOTION PASSED

There were no issues raised regarding the document on Comparison of the Proposed Undergraduate Learning Outcomes and the Marquette University Mission and Vision Statement.

6. University Board of Graduate Studies

- a. Leave of Absence policy for Graduate Students

Modifications have been made in the second paragraph to the last sentence. For most students the need to take a leave of absence is known ahead of time. For financial aid reasons it is better to withdrawal late then take a leave of absence. It is acceptable for a program to tell a student returning from a leave of absence that they will be unable continue funding an assistantships.

MOTION TO APPROVE -Leave of Absence Policy for Graduate Students

VOTE –There was one opposing vote and no abstentions. The remaining senators voted in favor of the motion.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Continuous Enrollment

Students who have completed all credit requirements for their degree, but need to continue work on their thesis, dissertation, or professional project may retain graduate status by enrolling in the Thesis Continuation, Dissertation Continuation, or Professional Project Continuation at the stated fee of \$100. This academic work will be graded as satisfactorily or unsatisfactorily. The work will be documented on the transcript for the student.

7. Promotion and Tenure Committee

Marquette University is not normal in how faculty progress to full professor when compared to other academic institutions. Many reach the level of associate professor and do not move on to the rank of full professor. This culture needs to be reviewed.

Language in the first paragraph of the proposed policy statement on emeritus status does not indicate the need to be a full professor. A question was raised why length of service is ten years for faculty and only five years for administrators. Administrators should be amended to read “dean or above”. Only the second sentence in the second paragraph needs to remain the first sentence may be removed.

The drafted policy statement on emeritus status will be revised for the April meeting and voted on at that time.

It was noted that written criteria is more specific in many of the academic departments. In these departments faculty know exactly what they need to have in order to be put up for promotions at various levels.

MOTION – To revise statutes on “emeritus status”

VOTE – Will take place in April 2007.

8. Course Numbering System Revision

The University will shift to the more conventional way of numbering courses. The number of a course should coincide with the academic level of the course. The new number system will begin in the Fall of 2008. Highlights were presented to the Senators in a handout. The new numbering will be displayed side by side with the old numbering for returning students. A presentation on the new numbering system for MUSG will be scheduled in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.