

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Academic Senate Minutes
September 19, 2005

1. Call to Order. The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.
Invocation by Dr. Robert Deahl

Members Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Prof. Daniel Blinka, Dr. Janet Boles, Dr. Jack Brooks, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. William Henk, Mr. Alexander Hermann, Dr. Peter Jones, Dr. Edward Korabic, Dr. John Krugler, Ms. Gloria Lopez-Franco, Dr. Michael McKinney, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. James Rice, Dr. David Shrock, Dr. William Starr, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Madeline Wake, Dr. Marianne Weiss, Dr. William Wiener and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Non-Voting Member Present: Dr. Nick Burckel

Guest Present: Mr. Marino Eckert (Tribune Reporter), Mr. Dale Kaser, Dr. Sue Lamon, Ms. Georgia McRae, Ms. Kimberly Newman, Ms. Stephanie Russell, and Mr. Steve Schultz

Members Excused: Dr. Margaret Bloom, Mr. Ryan Fulcer, and Dr. Sarah Peck

2. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2005
The fifth paragraph on page six should read “The decision was made to continue the *discussion* in the Fall.” The minutes were accepted with the noted revision.
3. Preview of Academic Year 2005-2006
Dr. Wake presented a PowerPoint brief on events that happened over the summer and what needed to be accomplished this year. All Senators were given a handout of the presentation.

A handout highlighting the universities efforts in support of students affected by Hurricane Katrina and the acceptance of 69 students from the Gulf Coast area was distributed. Two funds have been established for assistance to those affected by the hurricane. The first is for students who need money for items, other than tuition, such as books, clothing, etc. The other is for Marquette University employees families who were directly affected by this tragedy.

The Promotion and Tenure committee will be meeting on September 20 to look at the current criteria for promotion and tenure. Several questions have been raised in recent years and they need to be addressed.

The Senate will review the Faculty Handbook in October or November. All the information regarding benefits will be located in the same section of the handbook.

4. Board of Undergraduate Studies
 - A. MELT – Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers

It was noted that there currently is a crisis in mathematic education at the elementary and middle school level. This program would allow students to assume leadership roles and teach other school teachers. It is in line with the Marquette mission. The School of Education is in support of this new endeavor.

The motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Wake will present the new major to the Board of Trustees on September 23.
 - B. Biophysics Minor – Announcement

A discussion ensued about what constitutes a minor, concentration, or specialization. This is something that will need to be discussed at a future Academic Senate meeting.
 - C. Change of Department Name – Department of Mechanical Engineering

A motion was made to approve the name change from Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering to Department of Mechanical Engineering. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

5. Academic Governance
 - A. Student Media

The new description had been previously approved by the Mass Communication Faculty. The only major difference is the group will now report to the Academic Senate. It was noted that the committee membership in the new description only included one undergraduate student previously there had been four students. Dr. Ana Garner will be asked to attend the October Senate meeting to explain the change in composition.
 - B. Committee on Faculty – Will be discussed during Academic Year 2005-06.
 - C. Academic Senate – Will be discussed during Academic Year 2005-06.

6. Klingler Awards – Was discussed during Dr. Wake’s presentation.

7. Other

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.