

**Faculty Senate Minutes
February 1, 2008**

Date February 1, 2008

FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PROXY

Louella Moore—Chair		P
Shivan Haran—Vice-Chair of the Senate		P
Bill Humphrey—Past President		A
Lillie Fears —Secretary Faculty Association		P
Judith Pfriemer—Secretary of the Senate		A

AGRICULTURE (1)

Bert Greenwalt	Spring 08	A
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BUSINESS (3)

Mark Foster	Spring 09	P
Richard Segall	Spring 08	P
Ahmad Syamil	Spring 08	P

COMMUNICATIONS (2)

Pradeep Mishra	Spring 08	P
Mary J. Pitts	Spring 09	A

EDUCATION (5)

Andy Mooneyham	Spring 09	P
Daniel Cline	Spring 09	P
Tom Fiala	Spring 08	A
Stephanie Davidson	Spring 09	A
Amy Claxton	Spring 09	A

ENGINEERING (1)

Shivan Haran	Spring 09	P
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FINE ARTS (3)

Stacy Alley	Spring 08	P
Ron Horton	Spring 09	P
Bill Rowe	Spring 09	P

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)

Robert Baum	Spring 08	A
Win Bridges	Spring 08	A
Richard Burns	Spring 09	P
Peggy Robinson-Wright	Spring 09	P
Alex Sydorenko	Spring 09	P
Richard Wang	Spring 09	P

LIBRARY (1)

Myron Flugstad	Spring 09	P
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MILITARY SCIENCE (1)

Jeffrey Helms	Spring 09	A
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NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)

Donna Caldwell	Spring 09	P
Richard Freer	Spring 08	P
Mike McDaniel	Spring 09	P
Judith Pfriemer	Spring 08	A

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)

Richard Grippo	Spring 09	A
Jeff Jenness	Spring 08	A
Jie Miao	Spring 08	A

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)

Gloria Bridges	Spring 08	A
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Shivan Haran, vice chair of the Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

I. MINUTES:

Minutes from January 18, 2008 were presented for approval. They were approved with minor corrections for typos made and correction of one factual error (e.g., Richard Burns noted that he was present).

II. OLD BUSINESS

Professor Mooneyham made a motion that the Task Force A's proposal to bring the elimination of two committees in the Association bylaws to the full Association be brought up for a vote at the spring meeting.

Senator Stacy Alley seconded the motion. There was no discussion about the motion. Senator Wang called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Shared Governance Items

Chairman Louella Moore said she had received no shared governance items.

Senator Bill Rowe mentioned that Eugene Smith, Professor Ferralasco and Professor Bert Greenwalt were three individuals named to the Centennial Committee. Moore clarified that this information was not a shared governance matter but, rather, an item of interest to the body.

Senator Mary Jackson-Pitts mentioned that the Handbook Committee would meet next week. Senator Burns inquired as to what items the committee would review and whether an agenda was available to peruse. Jackson-Pitts replied that she would ask investigate this matter.

Senator Rowe suggested that the Handbook Committee should consider appointing proxies to fill in for them to compensate for the problems scheduling conflicts proposed. Jackson-Pitts explained that it's difficult to appoint a proxy to serve on committees that are as complex as the Handbook Committee.

Faculty Senate Finance Report

Senator Rowe, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, yielded the floor to Louella Moore, to present the finance committee report.

Moore presented the report in PowerPoint format. Copies of the PowerPoint were also passed out to senators and others present.

Following the presentation, Senator Rowe suggested that we should circulate the report to the media and that senators should discuss it with people in their departments.

A motion was made to adopt the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Freer suggested that a press release on the report be drafted instead of the Senate relying on the press to report on the report.

Senator Burns inquired as to whether we would be ready to publicize the report's findings within two weeks.

Additional questions about the report and suggestions about how to move forward with the findings followed. Some senators even suggested that Chancellor Potts and Vice Chancellor Howard

should be made aware of the report as a matter of courtesy, given they inherited this negative situation (inflation of administration and inadequate faculty salary funding).

Senator Freer suggested that we should build our strategy by finding out who our allies are first. He suggested that students might very well be one of our allies, given that many of them are tired of the athletic fees.

Senator Rowe suggested that we propose that the university drop, eliminate or reduce athletic fees for summer session.

Chairman Moore asked senators to be thinking about an upcoming proposal that will move remedial math courses from the Math and Science Department to University College and get back to her with their thoughts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Adjournment