

## Minutes for Lee Faculty Senate Meeting

August 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

The first item on the agenda was the resignation announcement of Lee Faculty Senate President Don Ransford, which was made in accordance with the bylaws of the Senate.

The resignation will be made official on Sept. 7, 2012. Nominations for the office of President were taken, and the following names were given: Ron Smith, Laura Weir, Russell Swanson. Vice President Ambrose will run the meeting on Sept. 7, when additional nominations and an election will take place. **Action Item:** Professor Ransford will send out an email with an announcement regarding his resignation and containing information about the upcoming election.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of shared governance. President Ransford passed around a handout with a diagram of a proposed shared governance model that was then discussed. It was explained that the chart did not represent a power hierarchy, but rather a proposal for a flow of information and potential plans for policy changes if true shared governance is implemented. The suggestion was made to add a Sustainability Committee and Behavioral Intervention Team as two other possible standing or ad hoc committees, and reinstate the Arts and Culture Committee. We were informed that there is an E-Learning Committee that is also a subcommittee of the Technology Committee.

**Action Item:** Professor Ransford will send out an email with a call for all full-time

faculty who might have an interest in participating in the committees discussed at the meeting, or who might want to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees.

The third item on the agenda was a bargaining update. The mood of the first meeting was positive. The bargaining team asked to remove lawyers from the proceedings, and then requested the following package: A three percent reimbursement for pension contribution, a \$1000 one-time net bonus at the end of fall semester, a wellness stipend or free access to fitness facilities, unlimited tuition reimbursement for faculty and full tuition waivers for dependents, and a \$500 stipend for club sponsors.

The last agenda item was to request suggestions for BOT presentations. Faculty Senate has a standing report at each BOT meeting, and space was provided on the sign-in sheet for today's meeting for suggestions for future report topics.

Under new business, Jennifer Grove asked for clarification on attendance verification procedures for this year, and President Ransford informed the Senate of what was stated at the Academic Affairs Update Meeting: that the verification application will become available on August 31 and remain open for a week following. Scott van Selow asked about election procedure, and suggested online voting instead. After discussion, **a motion was made:** For the Presidential Election to be held on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 candidates will be able to make presentations before a voting card will distributed at the meeting

with candidates' name and a blank for write-in nominations that will be counted during the meeting by the outgoing president and the chair of curriculum committee, with results reported at the end of the meeting. **The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion carried.** The meeting was called to a close at 12:00 PM.