Organizational Meeting of the 2008 – 2009 Faculty Senate
Signal Mountain Room, 5:00 PM
04/17/2008

Summary: The election of new first and second vice-presidents was postponed until after the meeting of the Full Faculty next Tuesday, owing to President-elect Campa’s needing more time to confer with potential candidates. A new Parliamentarian was selected, and the Committee on Committees and the Handbook Committee were partially populated. The need for a new Secretary was noted, as was the need to remove old Senators from the BlackBoard system and to hand it over to the new regime.

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Election of 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents

President Townsend welcomed the new Senators to office and stated that the purpose of today’s meeting was to elect our new vice-presidents and to populate the senatorial committees. He informed President-elect Campa that the old rules for the conducting of the meeting were still in effect, as the changes to the Handbook made in recent weeks have yet to be approved at the System level.

President-elect Campa stated that he requires time to confer with potential VPs. He intends to hold the election for them next Tuesday after the meeting of the Full Faculty. Claire McCullough raised the point that some Senators might have conflicting obligations; however, it was decided that notification will be sent out in advance so as to ensure attendance at the election following the Full Faculty meeting.

3. Selection of a Parliamentarian

President-elect Campa then solicited nominations from the floor for the vacant post of Parliamentarian. Dr Covino volunteered and was deemed acceptable to the President.

4. Population of Committees

The two senatorial committees were then (partially) populated. Dr Eigenberg, Dr Purkey and Mr Sweetman volunteered to serve on the Committee on Committees. Two more senators are required to fill all vacancies thereupon. Dr Covino, Dr Hill and Ms Harris volunteered to serve on the Handbook Committee. Again, two more senators are required for a committee at full capacity.

5. Transitional Matters

President-elect Campa expressed a hope that Dr Potts would continue on as Secretary; however, President Townsend quickly put him straight on that score. A new Secretary will need to be found.

President Townsend informed the Senate that its new members had been added to the BlackBoard Senate group. Now that the composition of the Senate has changed, he will see to removing former members. At that point he will be ready to turn over the reins of the BlackBoard group to President-elect Campa.

6. Adjournment

There being no objections the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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