Call to Order: The meeting was convened in room 1-301 of the Technology – Enhanced Learning Center. President (Dr.) Beheruz N. Sethna, called the meeting to order at 3.01 pm.


Not in Attendance: Overfield, Caress, Halsall, Best, Hendricks, Payne, Purk.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2005 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Dr. Clark and was seconded by Dr. Smith. It was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Committee 1: Undergraduate academic programs (Doug Turner, Chair)

Dr. Turner discussed the action and information items, including the modification, addition and deletion of courses (See agenda of the April 22, 2005 senate meet for details). The senate voted on the action items as a whole, and it was unanimously approved.

Committee 2: Academic policies and procedures (Allison Stafford, Chair)

Dr. (Ms.) Allison Stafford discussed the changes in the faculty handbook (Section 103.06, para.3 and Section 201.01) in details. It was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee 3: FASP (Greg Payne, Chair)

A) Proposal: Non-paid benefits for domestic partners:

Dr. Michael De-Nie was there in place of Dr. Payne. Since he is not a senate member, Dr. Clark moved and Dr. McComb seconded the move to floor the motion. Then Dr. De-Nie spoke about action item A (non-paid benefits for domestic partners) in details. Questions were raised, discussed and answered. The senate then voted on it. It was voted with a majority, with one vote against the proposal, and four abstentions.

B) Proposal: Family leave option:

Dr. Clark moved and Dr. McComb seconded the move to floor the motion. Dr. De-Nie discussed it at length. Dr. Stone raised the question about a “development project” and if it would or would not stop the tenure clock. Dr. Sethna said that the
Board of Regents was specific on this topic. Ms. Erma Shooks commented, “It sounds like a good proposal and staff would like to be included too.” Staff is excluded from Proposal B (See agenda of April 22, 2005, for details) as it stands now. It was discussed at length, with proposed alterations which Dr. De-Nie noted and said he would include them in the future. Dr. Sethna and Dr. Hynes discussed the 75% rule. Dr. Sethna wants to use the “leave pool” to help people as of now, and further explore the idea of Proposal B. Dr Clark moved to table the proposal, seconded by Dr. Yoder.

Committee 4: Information item: LRC grants: (Ron Reigner, Chair)
Dr. Reigner talked about the grant dispersals.

Committee 8: Information item: Intercollegiate athletics: (Jim Yoder, Chair)
Dr. Yoder and Dr. Sethna spoke, on this information item.

Committee 9: Information item: Graduate studies: (Jack Jenkins, Chair)
Dr. Stone spoke on behalf of Dr. Jenkins.

Other announcements:
Senate election results for COE. We have it on record, but it could not be announced on the floor since the senate did not have the final results before the meet.

Adjournment: 4.25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Swarna Dutt, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate