MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE
April 21, 2005


ORDER: The chair, President Carl Patton, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 17, 2005, Senate meeting were approved with no changes.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Dr. Patton stated that the university has a reasonably good budget this year thanks in part to the hard work of Provost Henry, Vice President Rackliffe, Vice President Lewis, and Assistant VP Dean Sheheane. Chancellor Meredith was very supportive as well. The budget is up $3.5 million this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of the 2005-2006 Executive Committee. Dr. Patton explained the election process and opened the floor for nominations. The names were recorded as nominated:

Siva Nathan, Robinson College of Business
Paul Alberto, College of Education
Carol Winkler, College of Arts and Sciences
Dabney Dixon, College of Arts and Sciences
Marcia Pearl, College of Law
Charles Marvin, College of Law
Dean Dabney, College of Health and Human Sciences
Bill Waugh, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Anne Emanuel asked the chair to remove Dr. Marvin’s name from the nomination list, as he did not wish to be nominated this year due to a full schedule. The nominations were closed. The ballots did not need to be completed since there were six nominations to fill the six open slots.

B. The Executive Committee recommends a “do pass” on the following agenda items.

1. Motion to raise the gpa in Journalism and Film Courses presented by the Admissions and Standards Committee; George Rainbolt, chair. This would raise the minimum cumulative gpa needed to enroll in any upper level Journalism or Film class from 2.0 to 2.5. The question was called. The motion passed.

2. Amend the Senate Bylaws, Article VII presented by the Statutes and Bylaws Committee; Marti Singer, chair. This proposal would amend the duties of several of the Senate standing committees. The question was called. The motion passed.

C. Nominations Report presented by the Nominations Committee; Dean Dabney, chair. The committee presented the report as distributed with two addendums: the addition of the Staff Council appointees and the deletion of Cecelia Grindel from the Budget Committee and the addition of Dr. Grindel to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Dabney moved that the report be approved with the cited amendments. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Information items: Dates for the 2005-2006 Senate committee organizational meetings, 2005-2006 Senate roster,
and the reports on the evaluation of administrators for Spring 2005: Vice President Nancy Peterman, Dean Lauren Adamson, and Dean Roy Bahl.

OLD BUSINESS: Hugh Hudson suggested that Provost Henry give a report on the recent FACP meeting. Dr. Henry stated that the meeting went very well particularly since there was money to allocate. Due to some decisions made by the BOR, the university ended up with approximately $6 million more than what had been anticipated. FACP also reviewed the various academic evaluation reports and agreed that the reviewed programs will be continued. This concluded a very good process for this year. His report was met with applause.

Cora Presley reported on an activity finalized by the Cultural Diversity Committee this year. A subcommittee gathered data on all of the recent student judicial cases to determine if there was any differentiation in sanction by ethnicity. The subcommittee determined there was none once the students entered the judicial system. It was noted that there was a difference by ethnicity in the number of students who enter the judicial system. The committee will continue to gather information about this particular item.

Hugh Hudson thanked the Senate Executive Committee and Paul Alberto in particular for a very successful year in the Senate. This statement was met with applause.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nell Stone
Secretary to the Senate