COE Senate Meeting
March 26, 2010
(1106 Tawes 10:00-12:00)
Chair: Bob Lent

MINUTES

Senators in Attendance

- Paula Beckman, EDSP
- Christy Corbin, At Large
- Pat Campbell, EDCI
- Bob Croninger, EDSP
- Paul Gold, EDCP, Secretary
- Lattisha Hall, Admin. Professional Representative (Exempt)
- David, Imig, At Large
- Hong Jiao, EDMS
- Bob Lent, EDCP, Chair
- Hanne Mawhinney, EDHI
- Bob Mislevy, EDMS
- Sherril Moon, EDSP
- Connie North, EDCI
- Kasra Sotudeh, Graduate Student Representative
- Hedy Teglasi, EDCP
- Marvin Titus, EDHI
- Judith Torney-Purta, EDHD
- Brenda Jones Harden, EDHD (substituting for Geetha Ramani)

Senators Absent

- Andrea Jones, Undergraduate Student Representative
- Betty Malen, EDPS

I. Staff Representation to the Senate

Structures and Functions (S&F) Committee recommendations:

- Number of staff representatives increased to 3 slots:
  1. Exempt staff (2)
  2. Non-exempt staff (1)
- Term of Office: 2-year, staggered
- Motion to accept recommendation: Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0
II. Student Representation to the Senate

Structures and Functions (S&F) Committee recommendations:

- Number of student representatives increased to 3 slots:
  1. Undergraduate (1)
  2. Master’s (1)
  3. Doctoral (1)
- Discussion about merits of whether both full-time and part-time students should be represented on the Senate. Graduate Student Association in best position to make decision on this matter
- Term of Office: 1 year
- Motion to accept recommendation: Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

III. Departmental Representation of Faculty on Senate: Equal versus proportional

Structures and Functions (S&F) Committee

- Consensus not reached, however,
- Agreed to discuss merits of two alternatives (below) in the Senate
- If the Senate deemed both options as acceptable, then options should be presented to the College Assembly for a vote. The alternative receiving the most votes would be incorporated into the new COE Plan of Organization

Option #1: Equal Representation: 13 slots

1. Departmental Faculty Representatives: 9 (3 departments x 3 faculty)
2. At-Large Elected Faculty Representatives: 2
3. Chair (previously elected at-large as Chair-elect): 1
4. Chair-elect (elected at-large): 1

- Rationale for option #1: Historically, the COE Senate has been composed by equal faculty representation per department, which empowers each department with an equal voice in Senate governance.
- Term of Office: 2-years, staggered
- Motion to accept recommendation: Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Option #2: Proportional Representation: 15 slots

- One Faculty Senator per 10 full-time tenure-line faculty members OR the major fraction thereof (6 or more) in a department, with no fewer than 3 faculty Senators per department
1. **Largest Department**
   - Pedagogy, Policy, & Special Education (EDCI/EDSP/EDPS)
   - Faculty Representatives: 5

2. **Second Largest Department**
   - Human Development & Quantitative Methodology (EDCP/EDHI)
   - Faculty Representatives: 3

3. **Third Largest Department**
   - Counseling, Leadership, & Global Education (EDHD/EDMS)
   - Faculty Representatives: 3

4. **At-Large Elected Faculty Representatives**: 2
5. **Chair** (previously elected at-large as Chair-elect): 1
6. **Chair-Elect** (elected at-large): 1

   - **Rationale for option #2**
     - Current distribution of faculty Senate seats indexed to the size of the new three departments
     - Future distribution of faculty Senate seats indexed against fluctuations in department size.
     - COE Proportional Representation would mirror that of UMCP University Senate, allowing departments to have proportional say in the College’s governance
   - **Term of Office**: 2-years, staggered
   - **Motion to accept recommendation**: Yes: 15, No: 1, Abstain: 1

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**IV. Bob Croninger moved that the Senate present the vote on the Plan of Organization to the College Assembly in two stages**

1. Electronic vote on Senate Faculty Representation Model: **Equal Representation** (Option #1) vs. **Proportional representation** (Option #2), followed by:
2. Electronic vote on the remainder of revisions to the Plan of Organization.
   - The two votes would be separated by a day or two.
   - **Motion to accept recommendation**: Yes: 16, No: 1, Abstain: 0

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**V. Senate College Standing Committees in the Reorganized College of Education**

- In consultation with the Dean’s office, the S&F Committee worked out a revised set of College committees, to take effect with the College’s reorganization (see Proposed revision of the COE Senate Bylaws, file name “COE Plan of Organization_4-02-10”, sent out prior to 03/26/2010 meeting)
- These committees will be incorporated into the revised Bylaws of the College
- The S&F Committee recommends approval of the charges, purview, and composition of these committees

- **Discussion of Proposed Committee Revisions**
  1. **Research Advisory Committee** (Current COE Senate By-Laws, Section F)
• **Current faculty selection procedure** “Committee composition: **Associate Dean for Research**, 1 representative from each department, 1 member appointed by the Dean”
• Proposed revised faculty selection procedure: “Committee Composition: **Each of the three new COE Departments will select 1 faculty member (n = 3), and 1 faculty member will be selected by the COE Dean (or his/her designee)**”
• **Motion to accept change:** Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

2. **Graduate Education Committee** *(Current COE Senate By-Laws, Section E)*
• **Current faculty selection procedure** “Committee composition: **Up to 2 representatives from each department; 2 graduate students selected by the Dean; Associate Dean for Graduate Education**”
• Proposed revised faculty selection procedure: “Committee composition: 2 representatives from each department; 2 graduate students selected by the Dean; Associate Dean for Graduate Education”
• **Motion to accept change:** Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

3. **Office of International Initiatives Advisory Committee** *(Current COE Senate By-Laws, Section I)*
• **Current faculty selection procedure** “Committee composition: **1 member** from each department; Director of the Advancement Office; Director of Alumni Relations; Director of Communications and Public Relations.”
• Proposed revised faculty selection procedure: “Committee composition: **2 members** from each department; Director of the Advancement Office; Director of Alumni Relations; Director of Communications and Public Relations”
• **Motion to accept change:** Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

**VI. Review/Approve Proposed Names for the Three New Departments in the Reorganized College of Education**

1. Department of Pedagogy, Policy, & Special Education
2. Department of Human Development & Quantitative Methodology
3. Department of Counseling, Leadership, & Global Education
• **Motion to accept new department names:** Yes: 17, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 pm
Minutes submitted by Paul B. Gold
Approved by COE Senate, 05/07/2010