

CHFA Senate Meeting
April 17, 2006
Minutes 275

Present: David Webster, Ronnie Bankston, Bruce Plakke, Tammy Gregersen, Deirdre Heistad, Donna Wood, Cynthia Goatley, Reinhold Bubser

1. Approval of Minutes – Minutes 274 from the April 3, 2006 meeting were approved as presented. (BP, DW)
2. Vince Gotera is the winner of this year's Faculty Excellence Award. He has been notified and will contact the Dean's office regarding his presentation
3. New Business:
 - a. Identify potential agenda items for next year:
 - Curriculum cycle – In the past a subcommittee reviewed the individual departmental packages before it was presented to the CHFA Senate for approval.
 - Undergraduate symposium
 - Grant writing report – Identify how each department handles grant writing with regard to faculty evaluation. Possibly take it to next level – perhaps work toward uniformity between departments.
 - Strategic plan
 - Review by-laws – possibility
 - Awards – CHFA Faculty Excellence. University level awards - McKay, Ross A. Nielsen, Class of 1943, Regents Award for Faculty Excellence
 - Search for Provost – if senate has a role
 - Multi-modal facility – Possible role for the Senate. Senators are aware there has been some amount of controversy regarding location (noise, parking spaces, visual impact), operating costs, pollution, and parking fees
 - Budget – The college will need to develop a short and long range plan. Short range-how to get through next year. Long range-how to reduce expenditure side permanently.
 - b. Identify replacements for senate members whose terms are expiring
 - c. Discuss nominations for CHFA elections – Senators are asked to encourage people to nominate colleagues or to self-nominate.
 - d. Elect new chair for CHFA Senate for 2006 -2007
Chair – Deirdre Heistad
Vice Chair, Bruce Plakke
(DW, CG) approved.
 - e. Discuss candidates for University President. Ronnie Bankston asked for impressions of the candidates.
4. Other Business
 - a. Motion: To approve the responses presented to the document from the English faculty senate regarding international faculty. (DW, BP) approved.

- b. Grant writing – The Senate may be able to form a possible recommendation to be considered for next year.
- c. Dean Bubser asked the Senate for reactions to the budget memo. He explained the expected shortfall in funding. The college will need to define the criteria for success. Hard decisions will need to be made about where the college will go. Enrollment management, faculty lines, recruitment, restructuring the liberal arts core and grant writing will need to be addressed. It is also a good juncture to deliberate the ways we educate our students and look at how we can improve our pedagogy.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Harris, Secretary