Faculty Senate Meeting --- Minutes 12/7/2004

Meeting called to order by President Brown. The Agenda was approved, as were the minutes of the last meeting.

First order of Business was the election of a Faculty Senate Vice Chair. Dr. Emily Crawford, existing Corresponding Secretary, was the sole nominee, and approved. Dr. Carver Waters was elected to be Corresponding Secretary, filling the spot left vacant by the election of Dr. Crawford to the Vice Chair position.

Old Business:
Faculty Evaluation Committee.
The “S.S.U. Comprehensive Faculty Performance Evaluation System (Draft)” was discussed. Dean Gates spoke for the committee. Faculty had concerns about how the specific items should be weighted; which were to be applied university-wide and which where to be determined by individual units; should the relative worth of weighted items be simplified; the logistics of its distribution; whether there should be a Pre-evaluation document; whether some items submitted by the original committee had not been voted on by faculty.

President Brown directed that at the January Senate Faculty meeting, all functionaries who had worked on this Draft be present to explain the Evaluation instrument, including Dr. Silver, Dr. Gates, Dr Stokes, and Mr. Crow

Distinguished Teacher Committee.
Dr. Schroeder spoke for the committee. Dr. Peggy Blood’s name was put forward. The Faculty voted and approved Dr. Blood’s name. Dr. Waters read a statement from Dr. Blood stating she was absent due to illness, but that she graciously accepted and looked forward to working with students and faculty regarding this award.

Faculty Affairs Committee Report.
Dr. Johnson spoke for the committee. Dean Gates expressed her concern about the language in a formal report, language which she found disturbing. Dr. Tessema expressed his concern about facts included in the report before it is entered into the record. Dr. Shearin asked for a revised report clarifying matters of concern.

Committee on Committee.
Dr. Gardner-Martin reported that Dr. Miller has completed assignments for the various committees. Dr. Gardner-Martin stated that the various committees are at work.

New Business.
New Programs and Curriculum Committee Actions Items
Dr. Crawford brought forward Dr. Silver’s Memorandum regarding action items needing Faculty Senate Action.
CLASS items were approved by the Faculty Senate regarding:
Revised Special Topics and Independent Study Policy. There is a distinction between Special Topics (for which there are no limitations on students taking) and Independent Studies/Directed Studies (to which students have a limit of two) Generic descriptions of each category are specified.

Standardized course numbers are given for Independent Studies and Special Topics courses.

COBA items were approved by the Faculty Senate regarding:
Requirement that all business majors complete with a grade of “C” or better, all courses in Area F, Area G, and the Major Area of Specialization. This affects accreditation.

Requirement that business majors earn a minimum grade of “C” in CISM/CISM 1130 and MATH 1111 to enroll in a sequential business course for which either (or both) of these two courses are a prerequisite.

Requirement which provides restrictions to transfer business courses. Courses taken at other schools within the University of Georgia system have no restrictions. Non-system acquired credits must be approved by taking the qualifying exam.

These requirements affect only in-coming business majors.

COST items were approved by the Faculty Senate regarding:
Proposal to offer the following sophomore courses:
ENGR 2110 – Creative Decisions and Design
ENGR 2201 – Statistics for Engineers
ENGR 3770 – Statistics and Applications

Department of Natural Sciences & Mathematics. Senior Research/Internship 4902, 4903
Proposal of new courses as a consolidation within DNSM
BIOL 4920 to be changed to BIOL 4902, 4903
ENSC 4801 to be changed to ENSC 4902, 4903
MSCI 4101L to be changed to MSCI 4902-4903
MATH 4901 to be changed to MATH 4902, 4902

Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – Senior Seminar,
BIOL/ENSC/MATH/MSCI 4901
Proposal to consolidate the Senior Seminar courses offered in multiple programs.
BIOL 4901, ENSC 4901, MSCI 4104, MATH 4901 to be changed to
BIOL/ENSC/MATH/MSCI 4901

Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – CHEM 3522, Advanced Synthesis Laboratory.
Proposal to change the course name to Advanced Synthesis Laboratory to fulfill the American Chemical Society requirement for accreditation.
Proposal to change CHEM 2102, Quantitative Analysis to Synthesis Laboratory
Announcements:

Dr. Gardner-Martin announced that the CLASS celebration was to be held in Payne Hall on 12/8/2004.

Dr. Gates there was to be a rehearsal on Commencement, and that Faculty were to be in line by 0 a.m.

President Brown wished everyone to great holiday time, and asked that faculty interact with student so they could have a save holiday.

Meeting was adjourned.