Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday November 7, 2006
4:00 p.m.
Torian Auditorium, Jordan Hall


I. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.
II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved, with notice that item V, Administrative Report, had been added since the earlier distribution via email.
III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 3 October meeting were corrected to show that Dr. Turay was present, and approved with that correction.
IV. Correspondence: Correspondence between the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Vice-Chancellor Sethna regarding the implementation of a search for an SSU President was distributed for the information of the body.
V. Administrative Report: The 2007-2012 Strategic Plan is in its beginning phases. Requests for appointments to the Strategic Plan Steering Committee have been made, and responses should be coming in soon. The Steering Committee will be authorized to appoint sub-committees and task forces in the preparation of the new plan, which should be ready to undergo the approval process by mid- to late spring. The five aims of the previous strategic plan (comparative advantage, institutional capacity-building, recruitment and retention, image and communication, and professional development) will be retained for the upcoming plan.

This semester’s Midnight Breakfast will be held Monday, 4 December from 9pm to midnight. All faculty are encouraged to participate.

Drs. Gates, Sarhan, and St. Mark are currently in Egypt working to negotiate a new partnership with a university there. This agreement will create new study abroad and collaboration opportunities, as well as an
influx of new international students. A formal report on this venture should be forthcoming in December.

VI. Committee Reports
A. Faculty Affairs Committee (Revised Post-tenure Review Policy): No suggestions for further revisions were received after the 3 October meeting, so the policy as amended during that meeting will move forward.

B. Senators Asperheim and Alemayehu were nominated to fill a position on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Dr. Asperheim was elected by a secret ballot vote of 13 to 10; the ballots were then destroyed.

VII. Old Business
A. Report on Adjusting Faculty Evaluation Instrument: Dr. Jordan was asked to adjust the scale on the instrument to a 1-5 scale, subsequent to the Senate’s vote and Mr. Crow’s refusal to do so. Dr. Jordan in turn requested that Eric Lauffer be assigned this task.

B. Review of Distinguished Professor Program: A motion was passed authorizing the Executive Committee to meet with the cabinet and the dean’s council to preserve and improve the program. Dr. Schroeder will also solicit faculty input before this meeting takes place.

VIII. New Business
A. Curriculum proposals from NPCC: The theatre program proposal was tabled until verification is received that proposed changes do not impact the total number of hours required for that major. The Introduction to Dance course proposal was referred to the Core Curriculum committee, which must approve it before it is brought to the Senate. The Dance concentration proposal was tabled until verification is received that proposed changes do not impact the total number of hours required for that major. Three Geography electives (GEOG 3631, 3621, and 3122) were approved.

B. Report on use of post-tenure review results: The President’s response to a previous Senate resolution requesting his review of violations of post-tenure review policy was distributed.

C. Proposal for determining CTLAS representation on committees: The proposal was distributed but could not be acted on as a quorum was no longer present.

IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm due to loss of the quorum. All remaining agenda items will be added to the agenda for the December meeting.