

EXCUSED: E. Engel, E. Amon, S. Fliesler

TOPIC DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTION FOLLOW-UP

Call to Order President Rick Breslin called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Call of the Role Secretary Miriam Joseph called the roll.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the November 16, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President’s Report

Faculty Senate Elections: At the April Senate meeting, elections will take place to fill the at-large seats currently held by Matt Mancini (A&S) and Carol Needham (Law). The Executive Committee (EC) will make a report of nominees at the February Senate meeting. R. Breslin requested nominations.

Library Services Assessment Committee: Senators were reminded to contact Committee members with comments, and were referred to the handout on this topic.

Faculty Manual Update: R. Breslin reported that the revision would be brought to closure this semester and would go to the Board of Trustees for vote in May. He noted that the revision process has featured excellent collaboration among the faculty, and between the faculty and the Provost.

ITS Listserv Policy and Appropriate Use Policy: Both are currently under serious revision.

Parking/Towing Issues: R. Breslin asked the Senate representatives to the University Parking Committee to probe into the towing situation. The EC has raised this topic with the Provost.

Letter to Senate Representatives on University Committees: R. Breslin is preparing a letter to be sent to all Senate-appointed/nominated faculty serving on University committees that articulates the expectation that they will keep the Faculty Senate informed so that no policies slip by the Senate. Letters of appointment to committees will be sent in the future.

Handouts for Today’s Budget Presentation: R. Breslin noted that, in his recent newsletter to faculty, he requested that complete handouts of today’s presentation be provided. However, since the University will not publicly release the information presented today until next week, this will not be possible. R. Breslin said that next year’s budget presentation to the Senate will be timed to match the public release of information. He requested that Senators and other attendees make notes today and convey their concerns to the EC.
B. Woodruff stated that FY2006 covered the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. This presentation covers the general operating fund, which is a tuition-driven budget. The UMG (SLUCare) is budgeted separately, and the restricted fund is separate. He and J. Weixlmann then addressed these topics in detail:

1. Priorities from September planning meetings and additional priorities;
2. Targeted freshman enrollment (1550);
3. Undergraduate tuition increase (6%) and freshman discount rate issues;
4. Housing (4%) and Board (2%) increases;
5. Endowment spending rates;
6. Merit pool for faculty and staff salary increases (3%);
7. Increase in the University's retirement contribution (1/2%)
8. New spending; and

A question and answer period followed. Topics included SLU's tuition in comparison with other Jesuit schools, allocation of new faculty positions, difference in the general and HSC endowment spending rates, new spending, health care cost increases, parking fees, Provost's Research Leave, and projected changes in the student-faculty ratio.

B. Woodruff will provide the Senate with a copy of his presentation for the Senate files.

| Old Business | None |
| New Business | None |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm. |

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam E. Joseph
Executive Secretary