**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**
**FACULTY SENATE**
**MINUTES**
March 24, 2009


**Absent:** K. Wade, E. Graviss, K. Clayton

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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>President Miriam Joseph called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. in room 251 A &amp; B at Busch Student Center.</td>
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<td>Call of the Roll</td>
<td>Secretary J. Turner called the roll.</td>
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<td>Approval of the Minutes</td>
<td>The draft of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting was approved without changes.</td>
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<td>Q&amp;A: Report of the President and EC</td>
<td>M. Joseph solicited comments and questions from the Senate. None were made. She announced that she would email senators with a document regarding ITS governance structure. Senators are to provide feedback to M. Joseph.</td>
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<td>Update: Admissions and Enrollment</td>
<td>(Handout) Boyd Bradshaw, Vice Provost/Enrollment Management (EM), presented an update on the accomplishments of his office since his last presentation to the FS in the fall. He reported that EM has exceeded its application goal this year and admits are higher now than this time last year. This year’s applicants show a 2 point increase in ACT scores over last year. He added that EM has made significant changes in its staff and in staff development with more emphasis on customer service. Also, Marketing and Communication has partnered with EM to increase SLU visibility and advertising. Jean Gilman, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, also presented information, adding that this year’s applicants have GPAs that are 3/10 points higher than last year’s. She emphasized that faculty play an important role in student enrollment because academic majors are a big consideration for students. Faculty help by welcoming interested students and meeting with them. Cari Wickliffe, Assistant Vice Provost and Director of Student Financial Services, provided information about how financing is being handled under the current economy. Three new services have been added: 1. Expansion of payment options. 2. An institutional loan program. 3. An emergency scholarship fund. Her office provides one-on-one-financial counseling to families. Lastly, Wickliffe encouraged faculty to look at the Access Missouri program (see SLU financial aid Web site); there is a bill in the Missouri legislature to lower the cap on grants which would affect a thousand SLU students. G. Hayat asked how many admitted students graduate. B. Bradshaw replied that for the freshman class of 2007 the projected percentage graduating from SLU is 60%. He added that the number one reason for leaving SLU is financial. K. Druschel asked about academic support for international students. B. Bradshaw responded that these students pay full tuition and, therefore, the goal is to turn that money around to provide adequate academic support for them.</td>
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<td>Slosar Shared Governance Award Nomination Procedures</td>
<td>J. Turner presented the two-step nomination process for the award. Faculty members are to provisionally nominate individuals by April 30th; detailed supporting documents must be provided subsequently. The award subcommittee may recognize up to two faculty members. The awards are announced and presented at the FS Kickoff Dinner in the fall. J. Turner asked senators to distribute this information to faculty members in their units.</td>
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<td>Update: Task Force to Enhance the University’s Research Mission</td>
<td>M. Knuepfer gave an update on the activities of the task force. The task force will have two open fora: one at the Health Sciences campus on Friday, April 3rd from 3-5 p.m. and another at Busch Student Center in the St. Louis Room on Wednesday, April 15th from 3-5 p.m. As chair of the task force, M. Knuepfer plans on creating subcommittees with specific areas of interest/investigation. T. Geller (SOM) suggested that there should be a Web site listing faculty research project titles and short summaries in a format that is searchable.</td>
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<td>Faculty Senator’s Reports from Faculty Assemblies</td>
<td>SOM senators reported on the election of a new executive committee in their Faculty Assembly. The new SOM Faculty Assembly EC has already met with Dean Alderson; the EC and the dean seem open to working on common goals.</td>
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<td>FS Standing Committees--Discussion</td>
<td>M. Joseph lead a discussion about reviewing the structure and function of the FS standing committees. The only committee that cannot be changed is the Professional Relations Committee because its structure and function are delineated in the Faculty Manual. J. Langan proposed various options, including replacement of the standing committees with task forces that would handle issues as they arise. L. Smith (SON) commented that the Compensation and Fringe Benefits Committee should remain as is because of its important function. M. Joseph suggested having task forces next year and building committees from there. D. Kaplan (CSB) proposed creating a task force to review the standing committees’ structure and function. A number of senators supported this idea. M. Joseph asked senators to send ideas and comments to her and J. Langan.</td>
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<td>New Business</td>
<td>T. Tomazic, in discussing the reorganization of the Department of Research Methodology, raised concerns about process and how “consultation with faculty” is defined. Several other senators commented and also identified situations in their respective units in which “consultation” was perceived as murky. M. Joseph will raise the issue with the Provost and ask him to address it in his remarks at next month’s FS meeting.</td>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

Jane Willman Turner  
Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
Missouri University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
March 24, 2009
3:30pm – 5:30pm
Room 251 A+B
Busch Student Center

Report of the President and Executive Committee (EC)

I. Faculty Senate Meeting on March 24, 2009
   Boyd Bradshaw, Vice Provost/Enrollment Management, will provide an update on admissions and enrollment. He will be accompanied by several of his key staff:
   - Bert Barry, PhD, Director-International Services
   - Jean Gilman, Dean/Undergraduate Admission
   - Cari Wickliffe, Assistant Vice Provost/Enrollment Management and Director/Student Financial Services

II. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Nominee Biographical Information
   The nominees’ biographical statements have been distributed to senators via email. The election will be held at the last Senate meeting of the year, on April 28th.

III. Faculty Senate Elections in the Schools/Colleges/Libraries
   Faculty Senate Bylaws require constituent groups to conduct their elections of Faculty Senators prior to the Spring commencement and report the election results to the Senate secretary by May 31st. Senate terms begin on July 1st. The election needs of the Senate’s constituent groups are being identified now; reminders will be sent to the deans and faculty assembly chairs over the next few days. Current senators will be cc’d on this message.

IV. Saint Louis University Emergency Scholarship Fund
   The March 19th Newslink contained an announcement of this new scholarship fund; see http://www.slu.edu/x29547.xml. While a Faculty Senate scholarship, such as that proposed at the December 2, 2008, Senate meeting, isn’t feasible for a variety of reasons, this newly established scholarship gives all faculty (as well as staff, administrators, and Board of Trustees members) an opportunity to contribute specifically for the purpose of retaining current students who are experiencing serious financial challenges to their continued enrollment at SLU. Fr. Biondi has provided the financial support to get this scholarship fund started, members of the Board already have contributed, and Tom Keefe, Vice President/Development & University Relations, reports that phonathons conducted by his office over the past few days have produced excellent results. Obviously, the larger the contribution, the better. However, participation is what matters most. Mr. Keefe hopes the University community will send a strong message to our current students, through contributions of whatever size by a high percentage of faculty and staff donors, that we want them to continue their education here at SLU.
V. Academic Reorganization

Per the Faculty Manual, the primary role of the EC in academic reorganizations is “to oversee the adequacy of the consultative process.” The EC is actively monitoring the academic reorganization of the Department of Research Methodology, currently housed in the Graduate School, and is satisfied that process is in compliance with the provisions of the Faculty Manual.

VI. ITS Feedback

During his presentation to the Faculty Senate on February 24, 2009, Tim Brooks, VP/Information Technology Services, requested faculty feedback about ITS services and issues since July 1, 2008. Senators were asked to share the presentation information with their unit colleagues, solicit their feedback on their recent ITS experiences, and send that information to M. Joseph for compilation and forwarding to T. Brooks. Thus far, feedback has been received from one college.

VII. Faculty Senate Standing Committees: Discussion of Possible Changes for Next Year and Future

As the spring semester begins drawing to a close, the EC requests annual reports from the Senate standing committees and begins its review of committee staffing and charges for the coming academic year. The last time there was a substantive review of all of the Senate’s standing committees was when John Slosar became president in 1999. This year, rather than automatically continue to do what’s been done in the past, and in light of changes made to the structure of Senate meetings and communication following broader input, the EC will initiate a discussion at today’s Senate meeting about possible changes regarding the Senate’s topical standing committees (i.e., Academic Affairs, Affirmative Action and Diversity, Compensation and Fringe Benefits, and Governance) with the exception of the Professional Relations Committee, which is mandated by the Faculty Manual.

The potential models are numerous. Just a few of the possibilities:

- Continue as is with the current mix of standing committees.
- Modify the scope of the existing committees.
- Discontinue/add committees (What committees exist at the school/college/library level at SLU for which it may make sense to have a Senate committee? What committees are in place at other institutions that also make sense for SLU?)
- Eliminate standing committees altogether and go with task forces as specific needs arise.

Related issues include those of staffing and charges. What, exactly, is/should be the role of a Faculty Senate standing committee? Of its members? The committee’s relationship with the EC? Should these committees (or task forces or whatever) be constituted solely by current senators?...Or...? These are all important questions and none will be answered definitively today. In fact, perhaps this discussion should extend into 2009-2010. If so, should we maintain the status quo while we concurrently explore this subject further over the next year? Or would it make sense to place the current committees on hiatus, establish task forces as needed, and spend time investigating possible alternatives more fully? Or...???

FYI, Senate standing committee information (including current rosters, 2007-2008 annual reports, charges, and procedures) is posted at http://www.slu.edu/organizations/fs/committees/index.html. Today’s Senate meeting discussion will be advisory to the EC, which also will solicit input from the current Senate standing committees.