SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

September 29, 1998


VISITORS: Faculty: J.-R. Leguey-Feilleux, E. Carnaghan, J. Salinas

Students: SGA President Joe Hodes, SGA AVP Andrea Malone

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by President L. Amine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 12, 1998 meeting were approved with corrections of missing and misspelled names. F. Abram, R. Gabriel and Alan Silverberg were present. The following names had been misspelled: J. Medoff, E. Swierkosz and M. Sawicki.

1. New Committee Chairs:
   - Grievance: Steve Thaman (Law)
   - Affirmative Action: Donald Matthews (A&S)
   - Academic Affairs: Ellen Carnaghan (A&S)

2. Continuing Chairs:
   - Faculty and Student Development: Soraya Nouri (Medicine)
   - Computers and Technology: Steve Harris (A&S)
   - Budget and Compensation: Reuven Levary (B&A)
   - Professional Relations: Henry Ordower (Law)

3. New Committee Members:
   - Academic Affairs: Norma Jean Gross (B&A)
   - Grievance: Mike Alderson (B&A)
   - Student Outcomes Assessment: Brett Boyle (B&A)

4. President Amine charged the chairs of the Academic Affairs and the Faculty and Student Development Committees to work with Provost Sandra Johnson on the FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE. The Academic Affairs Committee was asked to focus on the process element of soliciting faculty input and the Faculty and Student Development Committee was asked to focus on monitoring the advising and mentoring component of the FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE.

5. The Faculty Senate now formally has a paid assistant, Randy McGuire, to assist in records management and a student assistant for clerical support.
6. Father Biondi selected John Slosar and Avis Meyer from the list submitted by the Faculty Senate to serve on the new University News Advisory Board.

7. The October Senate meeting will have three invited speakers:
   
   Bob Webster will speak on the University's new patent policy.
   Fred Wolinsky will give a brief update on the University Research Advisory Council.
   Celerstine Johnson will speak on the work of the Retention Management Committee.

8. Sandra Johnson (Provost) and James Kimmey (Executive Vice President) will meet separately with President Amine and President-elect Slosar on a monthly basis.

9. Father Biondi has accepted an invitation to meet with the Executive Committee on November 3 for an open forum.

10. The Faculty Senate will sponsor the Second Annual Showcase on Faculty Excellence featuring the 1998 Burlington Northern Award winners. It will take place on November 17 which was previously announced as the fall Faculty Assembly.

11. Jim Kimmey announced through the Budget and Compensation Committee that he will organize a faculty salary survey to be completed by mid October. J. Slosar added that the so called "cost of living adjustments" which were used by the administration in the past to argue that faculty salaries were actually better than the numbers indicated would not be used. President Amine added that Dr. Kimmey has indicated he is willing to share the budget process with the faculty and would like to receive proposals from the faculty concerning this. He believes we need a three step process defining: 1. Where we are, 2. Where we want to be, and 3. How do we do it?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Selection of an Executive Secretary. Due to unavoidable circumstances, Randy Sprague is unable to serve in this capacity. Harold Dieck was nominated and elected. He was also welcomed as a member of the Executive Committee.

2. Nominations for a Senate Representative to the University Hearings Committee (to replace Cindy Stollhans, whose term as a senator has expired). After requesting and receiving some nominations from the floor, it was decided that, since the representative does not have to be a senator, senators would discuss this with their colleagues and make nominations to President Amine. The election will be held via e-mail.
3. Father Biondi requested that the Senate put forward a list of nominees to serve as faculty representatives to the Sub-Committees of the Board of Trustees, as follows:

- Academic Affairs
- Finance
- Health Sciences
- Student Development
- Development and University Relations
- Buildings and Grounds
- Investment
- Human Resources
- University Mission and Ministry

It was decided that nominees for these committees would be submitted to President Amine via e-mail and other forms of communication within the next few days.

INVITED SPEAKERS:
Dr. Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux; Chair, University Hearings Committee

After explaining the procedure used by the committee for gathering information and suggestions, the Senate was reminded of the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the semester. After discussion of the future processes to be followed the following motion was passed unanimously:

That the Faculty Senate recommend and expedite the placing upon an appropriate University website, of the public information gathered by the University Hearings Committee.

L. Amine and J. Slosar undertook to discuss this with Provost Sandra Johnson the next day at their regular monthly meeting (September 30) and to request adequate funding and clerical support.

Andrea Malone; Student Government Association-Academic Vice President

Her goals for the year with the intention of improving the academic experience of students were presented and will concentrate on the following areas.

1. A student backed method for collecting and publishing faculty course ratings.
2. The role of faculty as student advisors.
3. The need for a twenty-four hour study center.

A discussion of some perceived problems in faculty advising followed. This included some comments by SGA President Joe Hodes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.