

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE ACADEMIC SENATE,
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 11 September 2007

Presiding: Larry G. Pagel, Chair

Members Present: David R. Boe, At-Large; Helen J. Kahn, At-Large; Susan J. Koch, Provost; Alec Lindsay, At-Large; Andrew A. Poe, Secretary; Ruth A. Watry, Vice-Chair

- I. Call to Order
Larry called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.
- II. Additions to/Adoption of Agenda
The Committee agreed that agenda contained the right amount of stuff. Not too much of this. Not too little of that.
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes of Tuesday May 2007
Everyone liked the minutes. Like, finally.
- IV. Reports:
 - A. Chair
Larry reported that, keeping with tradition, President Wong will be addressing the Senate at its first meeting in January. Julie Rochester will be addressing the Senate on Tuesday 13 November 2007, which is not keeping with tradition because even when she was on this Committee, she was usually pretty quiet.
 - B. Vice-Chair
Ruth apologized for not sending out a mass e-mail at the end of the last Senate meeting, offering as her sole excuse the observation that nothing actually happened at the last meeting anyway. No one objected to this inaction on her part
 - C. Secretary—No report
 - D. Provost
Susan deferred her report to the Informal Discussion on the Liberal Studies Forum.
 - E. ASNMU Report

Larry explained that even though there aren't any ASNMU representatives yet, that the hypothetical ASNMU members, if there had been any, would have been entitled to present a report, and so this item remains on the agenda. And, who knows, maybe someday we'll have some, and maybe they'll present.

- F. CEC Report of Tuesday 18 September 2007
Moved forward with no discussion.
- G. GPC Report of Tuesday 18 September 2007
Moved forward with only a small discussion about the appropriateness of letting grades sitting around for seven years.
- V. Unfinished Business
None, but the meeting ended up running long anyway.
- VI. New Business
Nothing we haven't heard before.
- VII. Informal Consideration
 - A. Forum Dates for 2007 Fall Semester
Susan announced that she is inviting Mitch Klett, Alan Willis, and Ruth Watry to the next meeting of the Academic Council (or is it Cabinet?) to discuss the Liberal Studies program since faculty control the curriculum at NMU. We decided to have a Liberal Studies Forum on Friday 21 September 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. with a group called the "Rhode Island Five" consisting of those people who attended the AAC&U Institute on General Education. The second forum will be on Friday 9 November 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. We'll try to get a Great Lakes Room because we anticipate attendance of about 100 or so. On a Friday afternoon. From a faculty that doesn't even follow Senate business.
 - B. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2008-2009 Academic Year
Not much was discussed here. We have to discuss this a year in advance because we need to go through catering to get the rooms.
 - C. Review of Academic Calendar, 2008-2011
Very little time was actually spent on the actual topic. Pertaining to this topic, Susan agreed to talk with the Board of Trustees to see if they would even consider amending a previously set calendar (in response to faculty concerns about the start date of the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years); if the Trustees won't even consider it, there's no point in opening the topic to discussion. Most of the time on this topic was spent debating the merits of listing religious holidays (for various religions) in the bulletin or somewhere else publicly accessible. Larry will talk with Chris

Greer to see whether the Dean of Students office would be willing to make this information available.

VIII. Good of the Order

We were too tired by this time to believe the order could be up to any good.

IX. Adjournment: Larry sent us home at 4:15 P.M., which was even later than last time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew A. Poe, Secretary
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