**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

October 10, 2013

Hisega Room

**I. Call to order**

Chair Ed Corwin called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**II. Roll call**

Senators present: Drs. Robert Corey, William Cross, Marius Ellingsen (late arrival), Thomas Fontaine, Adam French, Patrick Gilcrease, Jason Henry, Travis Kowalski, Timothy Masterlark, Frank Matejcik, Charles Tolle (late arrival), Purushotham PT Tukkaraja, and Frank Van Nuys.

**III. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**IV. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved, subject to the following modifications:

* Updated information on the Senate Committees
  + Dr. B. Jasthi added to Academic Affairs
  + Drs. L. Stetler and S. Safarzadeh added to, and A. Detwiler removed from, Research and Scholarly Affairs
  + Dr. C. Peterson removed from Finance and Personnel
  + Drs. K. Pritchard added to, and J. Dreyer removed from, Student Affairs
* Corrected information on the new CGE funding policy

**V. Report from the chair**

* In the wake of the Blizzard of 2013, Dr. Corwin had little to report, except to update the Senate on the status of the Executive Council. Specifically, the Provost is considering whether or not there should be Senate representation on the Executive Council.
* No new information was available regarding the current +/- grading proposal discussed in the September 2013 Senate meeting.
* The Nominating Committee members still need to be charged.

**VI. Committee reports**

* The Finance and Personnel Committee requested a timeline on reporting regarding the two charges assigned to it in the September 2013 Senate meeting. The emeritus policy was considered the more pressing of the two, and the Senate suggested a 1-2 month timeline. The issue of children on campus was delayed pending further issues.
* The remaining standing committees (Academic Affairs, Research and Scholarly Affairs, Student Affairs, University Relations, Bylaws, and Nominating) had nothing to report.

**VII. Old Business**

There was no old business on the agenda.

**VIII. New business**

1. *Curriculum requests.* Acting on behalf of the Curriculum Committee, Dr. Cross moved to approve all September curricular requests. After a brief discussion of the three requests for substantive program modifications, the motion to approve the requests passed unanimously.
2. *Program etiquette.* One consequence of the curricular discussion was the recommendation that departments should first discuss significant changes in their degree programs with any other departments impacted by those changes prior to moving them to the Curriculum Committee. Sudden increases or decreases in the students enrolled in extra-departmental classes can greatly (if unintentionally) impact the teaching loads of those departments; moreover, the knowledge of a need for more sections of particular courses provides opportunities to grow a department.
3. *Parking update*. Dr. Fontaine updated the Senate relayed information from the recent Parking Committee meeting. Of particular interest: new construction on campus will remove the parking by the King Center. This, coupled with the fact that parking permits were oversold by 130% means that the on-campus parking situation will only get worse.

**XI. Other**

1. *Upcoming scheduled meetings*. The December Senate meeting date was changed from the 12th (which coincides with the first day of finals) to the 11th (a no-class day).

**X. Adjournment**

The Senate adjourned at 11:35 AM.