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## **Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting April 15, 2010**

Chair David Boyles called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Senators present: Drs. Dimitrios Anagnostou, Janet Burgoyne, Bill Capehart, Robert Corey, Hao Fong, Thomas Fontaine, Patrick Gilcrease, Stan Howard, Frank Matejcik, Frank Van Nuys, Larry Stetler (for Colin Paterson), Myung-Keun Yoon. Also present: Dr. John Helsdon, Dr. Sangchul Bang, Dr. Scott Ahrenkiel.

With minor adjustments, the agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Upon motion of Janet, seconded by Hao, the minutes for the March 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

### **Report From the Chair**

- No report from the Provost yet on plus/minus grading.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

- Academic Affairs: Dr. Burgoyne. No report
- Research and Scholarly Affairs: Dr. Capehart. No report. Bill will be heading a new Task Force on Library Assessment.
- Finance and Personnel: Dr. Howard. No report
- Student Affairs: Dr. Van Nuys. No report
- University Relations: Professor Kratzer. No report
- By-Laws Committee—Language in By-Laws as per Feb 11 minutes. Committee has not met yet

### **New Business**

- Undergraduate Student List of May Graduates: Dr. Bang
  - 230 candidates
  - Adjustments: one addition (Nicholas A. Smith, MET), two subtractions (Karl Anderson, Scott Dannenbring)
  - Approved
- Graduate Student List of May Graduates: Dr. Helsdon
  - Add Josiah Reems, Ph.D. Nano
  - Approved
- April Curricular Requests Approved
  - In relation to curriculum, Stan raised the issue of the problem with proliferation of separate introductory courses in Engineering programs.
- Student Association: Chris Weyer, Student Association president and Chris Dale, non-traditional student representative on the SA Senate - presentation on University policy on

official logos. Stan, seconded by Janet, moved that the Faculty Senate support the Student Association in their inclusion in the process of reevaluation of the use of the logo. Motion carried. Frank Van Nuys, seconded by Stan, moved that the Chair draft language for a possible motion on logo policy for the May meeting of the Senate. Motion carried.

- Guy March Medal— Upon motion of Stan, seconded by Janet, the Senate approved Dr. Wayne F. Echelberger, Jr. (CE56) as recipient of the Guy March Medal at the May 8 Commencement.

### **Other**

- Tom Fontaine noted that insurance companies are now required to keep students on parents' policies for a year after identification of a pre-existing condition. The SD BOP has a form but has no information about this on its web site. HR could consider presenting on the impacts of new health care reforms and differences in how BOP defines full-time students for the purpose of insurance coverage. The Senate might want to resolve that the BOP provide clear information for all stakeholders in benefits programs.

Stan moved, seconded by Bill, that the secretary of the Faculty Senate maintain a list of pertinent topics that would be read at each meeting. For instance, health care and retirement should be on such a list for now. The motion carried.

- Frank Van Nuys reminded the Senate about the protocol for introducing new Senators and the new Chair at the May meeting. According to Article V. Section 1, "The new Senate members shall attend the May Senate meeting and assume official duties at the conclusion of that meeting." According to Article V. Section 2, "The newly elected Chair shall attend the May Senate meeting and assume official duties at the conclusion of the meeting."

Upon motion of Stan, seconded by Hao, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.