Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting,
February 7, 2008
ADMN 2-105, 12:30 - 1:40p.m.

Senators Present: Brett Bennett, Joseph Feldhaus, Stephen Fox, David Hare, Anna Hill, Cecil Hutto, Kitty Kervin, Lance Nickelson, Mona Oliver, Shirlee Owens, Jack Palmer, Jeffrey Rush, Pamela Saulsberry, C. Turner Steckline, John Sutherlin, Bruce Walker, Holly Wilson

Senators Absent: Monica Bontty (ex.), Sally Davidson, Megan Lowe (ex), Donna Rhorer (ex), Dorothy Schween (ex).

Senator Steckline noted the extraordinary circumstances of the loss of both parents in the space of a week accounting for Senator Rhorer’s absence at this meeting. Senator Walker requested that a sympathy card be issued on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Senator Steckline ran and recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Committee Reports:
Senator Steckline reported on the Executive Board’s January 31, 2008 meeting with President Cofer, and Eric Pani: Items addressed in discussion included: Midterm grading, FS resolution regarding non-smoking, ReOrg discussion of January 17, 2008 FS meeting, permanent Senate Office space, FAC discussion of “w” policy, National Athletics Policy, FS FCPS survey.

Senator Sutherlin reported on the “virtual meetings” of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The opinions of the committee are in favor of more accountability than less; do not see that we should alter by-laws and constitution regarding roll call votes. Suggested that all new senators be given a “crash course” in parliamentary procedure to be fully aware of options when voting.

Senator Feldhaus reported that the Elections Committee has met and will be meeting again next week.

Senator Wilson reported that Faculty Welfare hasn’t met, but will soon.

Senator Walker reported that the University Fiscal Affairs Committee met, but he’s not on the distribution list, so missed that first meeting, but has sought to rectify his omission from the distribution list.

Senator Wilson reported that the Enrollment Management Council had one meeting last semester, and has yet to have a 2nd meeting.

Senator Sutherlin reported that SGA/STAP monies were awarded, letters notifying recipients are out, there is left-over money, and all are encouraged to be thinking of technological (student-focused) $ to be applied for next year, as the funding available will be larger than it was this year.

Michael Cappel presented the memoriam to Dr. George Bryan that is attached.

The Senate went into Executive Session to discuss the FS FCPS Survey.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. There will be a called meeting of the Faculty Senate February 14, 2008 (ADMN 2-105): Two items to be addressed: remaining concerns about the FCPS Survey, and a (tentatively planned) report on Shared Governance from Paxton Oliver.

Respectfully submitted, with apologies for any mistakes,
C. Turner Steckline