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| **Faculty Congress Minutes** |
| Minutes of the Faculty Congress meeting, 3 October 2007, 4pm, Devon RoomPresent:  Lillian Cassel, Q Chung, Walter Conn, Lowell Gustafson,  John Groch, Richard Jacobs, Jeffrey Johnson, Janice Knepper, Edward Kresch, Emmet McLaughlin, Victoria McWilliams, Letizia Modena, Bernard G. Prusak, Joseph Schick, Sally Scholz, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Robert Styer, Mark Sullivan, Fayette Veverka, Seth Whidden, Joyce Willens.  1.  Status of Staff Representation Proposal:  Bob Styer reported that the Senate Rules and Review Committee was continuing discussion of staff representation and would be sending some amendments to the Senate at its next meeting. 2.  Q Chung presented the COF report.  Two highlights were the Academic Citizenship Statement, and an ad-hoc committee to review the proposed Events And Speakers Policy.  3.  The APC reported on the new proposed degree policy.  Substantial debate followed, with the primary issue being if a student double-majoring in both a science and in a humanities major should get two separate degrees.  Eventually, the body approved the following motion (Bob Styer moved, Ed Kresch seconded):  Whereas the proposed policy on degrees awarded is engendering vociferous and wide-ranging responses, the Faculty Congress recommends that the academic deans, the Senate and the Student Government Association hold discussions on the policy by all affected faculty and students before its going to the Board.  4.  John Groch presented the Adjunct Faculty Committee Report.  Highlights included a discussion of pay differentials for experience and guidelines for the Adjunct Teaching Award.  Various benefits for adjuncts continue to be pursued, including clarifying the conditions under which adjunct dependents can live on campus, buying into medical benefits, use of athletic facilities, and participation in retirement plans.  5.  Boots Cassel asked for volunteers to serve on the Salary, Benefits, and Terms of Employment Committee of the Congress.  6.  The Senate Budget Committee reported that the numbers overall seem promising for faculty raises. Overall, the tentative budget has both good and bad news for faculty. 7.  Ed Kresch reported that the ad-hoc Chair Selection Protocol task force is almost finished negotiating a new policy with the VPAA and deans.  8.  The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.   |
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