

## Faculty Senate Meeting

7-9 PM, Pamplin 32

April 12, 2011

**Senators Present:** M. Akers, J. Bassett, B. Benham, T. Burbey, J. Chen-Yu, B. Cloyd, R. Cothren, M. Ellerbrock, H. Muhammad, B. Hausman, S. Karpanty, J. Kuypers, G. Long, S. Martin, M. Maycock, N. McGee, J. Merola, M. Moseley-Christian, M. Patil, B. Pencek, H. Quesada-Pineda, W. Reed, H. Renard, S. Rinehart, E. Satterwhite, D. Smith, Y. Stivachtis, J. Tokuhisa, E. Vance, P. Vlachos, J. Wilkins

### AGENDA

#### 1. Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ellerbrock at 7:00 PM.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The Senate asked the agenda to include a discussion on the recent failure of the Scholar software. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the March Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 4. Transportation and Parking

*D. Russell of the Faculty Senate, T. Hodge, of Budget and Financial Planning, and S. Mouras of Transportation and Campus Services.*

S. Mouras and T. Hodge presented the Senate with an overview of the parking rates for the next AY. A major factor in the budget increase is the costs of the new parking decks (\$18K/space for a deck space vs. \$3.8K for a normal paved space). In light of this increase and costs, and the need to keep parking affordable, Mouras and Hodge explained the new rate structure and the renegotiation of the agreement with Athletics for parking during football games. Parking rates for faculty and staff will rise 2% AY 2011-12, 5% for students (commuters), and 19% for residents. The higher rate for residents is based upon their space usage. Mouras informed the Senate that the university will charge attendees of summer programs for parking, beginning this summer.

The new contract with Athletics will provide Transportation with \$3/space per game in AY 2011-12, \$4 in AY, and \$5 for the remainder of the contract. The agreement should bring in \$126K/game in the first year, \$170K/game in the second year, and \$200K/game in the remaining years.

Mouras and Hodge noted that this new contract would soften the impact of parking fees on faculty and staff. Had it not been renegotiated, faculty/staff parking fees would have been much higher for the next AY.

The Senators queried the presenters on topics of the usage of parking by athletics, evening football games on weekdays, changes in the bus/biking fee program, and the usage of Faculty/Staff parking spaces by CRC permit holders. The proposed Multi-modal Transportation Facility (that may be built in front of Derring Hall, per federal funding) was also mentioned.

5. **Commission and Committee Vacancies**

As of the April meeting, several Commissions and Committees had vacancies (to be filled by Faculty Senators). B. Peneck will be addressing this issue in the forthcoming months.

6. **Scholar Software Crash**

Scholar was unavailable for a 3-day period in April. The crash was the result of a software upgrade. While the system was unavailable for most users, a few faculty were able to log in during this time. However, many students could not access the system, and hence the on-line testing component of Scholar could not be used during this period.

The Senate understood the crash was an unforeseen event. The Senate also understood that the workers involved in running Scholar on a daily basis did their best to archive and restore Scholar data. For their efforts, the Senate commended them.

As Scholar becomes a more important tool in the university environment, the loss of the system (for even a short period of time) is problematic. The Faculty Senate urges more resources be allocated to the division in charge of running and maintaining Scholar.

6. **CUSP and CEOD Reports**

Y. Stivachtis gave a report on matters that CUSP and CEOD have discussed during this AY.

- He reported on issues with the Graduate Honor System and stressed that the faculty must use the system rather than dealing themselves on such alleged violations.
- Pass/Fail rates have been clarified (for those students wishing to have a P/F grade count toward graduation).
- Five new degree programs have been proposed.
- Scholarship levels continue to increase. Approximately 16,000 of the 23,000 undergrads have some level of financial support.

7. **Candidate Statements**

Candidates for Secretary Treasurer (B. Hausman, J. Merola, and P. Vlachos) responded to questions from Senate. Their initial statements are on-line on the Faculty Senate webpage.

8. **New/Future Business**

No new business was brought forward to the Senate.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the April Meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Senate adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary L. Long 05/04/11