

Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee
Minutes of the meeting 16 October 2006

Present: N. Schrick, S. McMillan, J. Nolt, C. White, W. Kuo, G. Bogue, S. Blackwell, R. Hamilton (for D. Barlow)
Absent: G. Kuney, C. DeBelius

Meeting called to order at 3:30 in room 203 BAS.

- 1) Minutes of the 20 April 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Nolt, second by White, unanimous approval.
- 2) Schrick provided brief updates on a few items
 - a) Faculty Compensation Task Force. Committee has been selected and meeting times to be scheduled.
 - b) VASF. Name change completed. Not to everyone's expectation but enough is enough!
 - c) Meeting locations. Will switch back and forth from east campus to west.
- 3) The committee reviewed the report pertaining to the Campus Energy Plan as provided and presented by John Nolt. The task force (committee) was initiated by Dr. Crabtree and involved a 25-year plan. Many areas covered including LEED certified buildings, Campus Energy Officer, budget issues related to utilities, and a Central Energy Monitoring System. The plan will be attached to the minutes submitted to the faculty senate web site.
- 4) Faculty and staff salaries. The committee voted unanimously to reaffirm the Nov 2005 Faculty Salary Resolution related to merit originally submitted by the Faculty Affairs committee (Motion by Nolt, second by Blackwell). Schrick will inform B. Lyons (chair of the Fac Affairs Committee) of the committee's vote. Bogue initiated the idea of sending a letter to the governor focusing on both the positives (the increased in salary for K-12 teachers to the SREB level) and the negatives (the decrease in rankings of higher education salaries based on the SREB). After several minutes of discussion, Bogue agreed to submit a letter for review to the committee. Blackwell brought to the attention of the committee past comments made by Dr. Peterson related to salaries. Blackwell will look into this more.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.