

Faculty Senate Rules Committee

Minutes

December 1, 2006

(by W. Brian O'Connor)

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Present: Billings (chair), Bogartz, Desu, Kinney, May, O'Connor. Guests: Stephen Gancarella and Donna LeCourt from the Writing Program.

The guests discussed some of the recommendations from the annual report of the University Writing Committee (Senate Document #07-011).

(by Arthur F. Kinney)

They noted the need for more resources. They would like to see a writing component in more courses across the campus—not just a three-credit experience in the freshman year and another, distantly removed, in the junior year. Peer counseling in the majors might be a way to advance writing without heavy new costs. Dovetailing it with either programs might be another. Such measures might be more persuasive when coupled to assessments of overall progress at graduation or increased graduation rates. The two guests will take these and other ideas back to their Committee, and may bring back proposals to go before Academic Matters, Academic Priorities, General Education, and Program and Budget Councils. The guests departed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved without change.

The Faculty Senate agenda was revised to:

Announcements (followed by)

Annual Report of the Athletic Council with remarks by chairs and questions (followed by)

Remarks from Marisha Leiblum, student trustee (followed by)

the agenda as submitted. O'Connor departed.

There was discussion of having in hand, if called for, a resolution considering 1-A football, which the Rules Committee opposed because of (1) budgetary restraints; (2) the inability of finances to handle the size of faculty and the repair of the infrastructure, (3) the escalating student fees, and (4) the effect on campus life to have football games too distant from campus for high student participation.

Program Revisions: (1) Entomology minor, (2) Biology Undergraduate major, and (3) Change from BFA-Design to BFA-Architecture were assigned to the Academic Matters Council; (4) Change from MS-Art to MS-Design was referred to the Graduate Council.

Only toast was served.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.