Members present:

Eckward McKnight        Karen Bell
Lawrence Magee          Ellen Green
Nina Baghai-Riding      Brett Oleis
Duane Shuttlesworth     Tricia Walker
Don Allan Mitchell      Subramanian Swaminathan
Debarashmi Mitra        Daniel Glenn
Lynn Varner             David Hebert
Stephen Patton          Douglas Mark
Catherine Hayes         Maud Kuykendall

I. Agenda (11-11-10) approved and Minutes (10-14-10) approved.

II. President’s Report: President Hilpert will speak at Baioni Center on 11/30/10 at 4:00pm. The speech will be the same speech that the Deans and Chairs received. Both faculty senate and staff council should attend.

III. Graduate Council: Duane Shuttlesworth reported: There was a discussion about Graduate electives within the HPER and Sports Management graduate programs. After the council discussed the options they agreed to allow Wilder and the department to use their discretion when allowing students to obtain both Masters degrees. Nylander asked to be notified of the cases in which students are allowed to do this. The council discussed having a 5 year re-approval for faculty that had been approved as full and continuing appointments.

IV. Report from BPAC: The BPAC is working on the Tallahatchie Hayride.

V. Report from Budget Committee: Athletics is currently under review.

VI. Committee on Technology: The University is still within its bandwidth limits. Peak usage is at night in the dorms due to video traffic.

VII. Committee on University Services: Ellen Green – “We are looking at alternative options for the golf course.”
VIII. Provost Question Time:

1.) HPER, as an example, has lost two terminal degreed people to be filled by one terminally degreed professor in field to be part of the new Masters program initiated this Fall. So, how will this affect accreditation (SACS, NCATE, etc.)?

No polices or practices have changed for qualifications. We looked at accreditation standards when making decisions.

2.) How does this affect general academic credit at Delta State, and is this the plan for the future that one person (terminally degreed in field) will be hired to replace two terminally degreed in field?

Experience is a factor in making hiring decisions. If the candidate does not have an in-field degree but has an acceptable level of experience they may be considered.

IX. Old Business:
Parliamentarian Resolution: Passed by 17 YEAs
Committee on Committees Resolution Passed by 15 YEAs

X. Adjournment: Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Patton, Secretary
11/11/2010 Patton