

01) Voting Members present:

Gokhan R. Karahan
Patricia Brown
Christine McNichols
Subramanian Swaminathan
Clint Tibbs
Douglas L. Mark
Debra Allen
Duane Shuttlesworth

Vicki Webster
Ellen Green
Charly Abraham
Leslie Fadiga-Stewart
Michael Mounce
Lynn Varner
David Herbert

Mike Amspaugh
Carlisle Meek
Jan Haynes
Daniel Glenn
Lawrence Magee
Vicki Hartley
Lisa Moon

02) Agenda: Approved Minutes: Approved with correction to add Senator D Glenn as Present

03) Faculty Senate President's Report:

Dates to remember: Commencement – Saturday – May 5th

Pick-up regalia from bookstore & please report difficulties with pick-up

Cabinet states that budget will be balanced – all earmarks were received. Enrollment numbers are good for Summer – will be tracking fall enrollment.

04) University Entities:

Report from Staff Council: Staff development day will be May 15; Staff council is sponsor for Relay for Life on June 1st.

Report from Graduate Council: Deferred to New business – Graduate Constitution

Report from BPAC: No Report

05) Faculty Senate Committees:

Committee on Elections: All elections that can be held are complete.

Committee on University Standing Committees: No Report

Committee on Technology: No Report

Committee on University Services: No Report

Committee on General Academic Affairs: No Report

06) Guest: Dr. Ann C. Lotven - Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Question Time:

How many tenure-track lines were open as of the start of the 2011-2012 academic year? Of these lines, how many searches have taken place? *Of these searches, how many openings have been filled to date? 19 Lines; 6 with applicants, 3 closed and 11 active.*

2. Could you please clarify the anticipated level of funding for faculty travel in order to fulfill scholarship needs for the 2012-2013 academic year? *Most likely same as last year; there are 2 accounts for faculty – Dolche Fund Gift and Bryce Griffis Fund.*

3. Next fall, would it be possible to have an open forum/town hall meeting with all tenured faculty to discuss the expectations of tenure & promotion committees regarding review of portfolios? *Concerns voiced about the role of the Tenure and Promotion Committee – that issues are not available in a portfolio that demonstrates all the “wonderful” things and not behaviors, etc. – discussion that Changes need to start with the committee and also the timeline.*

07) Old Business: None

08) New Business: Graduate Council Constitution:

Discussion Ensued

Motion by Herbert: Dr. Nylander will be invited to a Faculty senate meeting to address the faculty's concerns.

Second – Varner

Vote

Approved

June Meeting: Motion that summer meetings to be held. Next meeting will be in September.

No discussion

Motion – Herbert

Second – Varner

Vote

Approved

Summer and Overload Pay:

Discussion Ensued.

Motion: To empower Faculty Senate President to have conversation with the provost and COO on the cost of summer school .

Motion – Herbert

Second – Varner

Vote

Approved

09) Adjournment: Approved