

# GENERAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Skinner Music Library

MINUTES

## Call to Order

The 2011 Fall General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Stephen Luttmann.

## Approval of the Agenda/March 22, 2011 Minutes

The agenda was approved without objection.

*MOTION*: Approve the March 22, 2011 General Faculty Meeting minutes: Schuttler

*SECOND*: Landeira.

*VOTE*: The March 22, 2011 minutes of the General Faculty Meeting were approved unanimously.

## Announcements and Communications

### New Business

#### Changes to Faculty Constitution

Chair Luttmann displayed/reviewed the following items, explaining rationale for each proposed amendment. Luttmann informed the faculty that a general faculty vote will take place on all constitutional amendment proposals.

- ***Senate Term Limits 2-3-105: (Senate Action #1015)***

Proposal to strike (7) "Faculty members of the Faculty Senate and of each University council/board may be elected to no more than two consecutive three year terms."

*DISCUSSION*: The faculty members discussed pros and cons of limiting Senate terms. Those who spoke in favor of the proposal agreed that there are often vacancies on the Senate that are difficult to fill, and after two terms a Senator's institutional memory can prove valuable. There was also discussion on possible under-representation of some colleges by limiting terms. Those who disagreed with the proposal acknowledged the concern for vacancies but would like to preserve shared governance.

Other discussion items included: encouragement of nominees, smaller colleges with lack of representation, under-representation, and ideas to promote participation.

Additional discussion was held regarding the possibility of striking 2-3-105(2) "No faculty member shall hold membership on more than one of the following University bodies, except as provided for in 2-3-106(4), Membership of the Faculty Senate, of this constitution: Faculty Senate, Liberal Arts council, Graduate council, Professional Education Council, Undergraduate Council, Faculty Research and Publications Board, and the Constitutional Review Authority." Luttmann noted that further discussion should be held regarding this section. Luttmann also noted that the list of committees/councils listed in this section may need review as well.

- ***Quorum of the Faculty Senate 2-3-106(8) (Senate Action #1016)***

Proposal to amend the language regarding the quorum of the Faculty Senate to read: "Quorum shall be defined as a majority of the voting members."

Luttmann reviewed the history of this Senate Action, noting that the President/University Counsel advised amendment of the language originally approved by the Faculty Senate, in order to clarify intent.

## Comments to the Good of the Order

### Adjournment

*MOTION* to Adjourn: Temkin.

*SECOND*: Schuttler.

The faculty voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Allison Merrill  
Senate Secretary

Lori Riley  
Recording Secretary