

**Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2009
(Approved)**

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of August 17, 2009

Motion XXXXI-7: By Senator Fazel, seconded by Senator Stewart, to approve the Executive Committee Minutes of August 17, 2009. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Milner Library Dean Search Committee:

Paul Borg attended the meeting on behalf of Angela Bonnell, Milner Library Academic Senate Representative. Senator Bonnell's concerns arose from the composition of the Milner Library Dean Search Committee. At the Senate meeting of August 26, 2009, the Senate passed an Action Item that added an additional civil servant and waived the appointment of a department chairperson for the Milner Dean Search Committee. Since by definition Milner has no department chairpersons and the position, also by definition, is for a faculty member, the committee decided to let the Action Item stand without revision. The Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee will review the policy in regards to composition of search committees specifically for Milner Library and Mennonite College of Nursing.

University Professor Designation Guidelines

President Bowman asked if the University Professor Designation Guidelines could be added to the next Senate Agenda so that he could announce this process in his State of the University Address. The University Professor designation was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of August 17, 2009. Though the proposed guidelines were scheduled to go to the Faculty Affairs Committee, the committee agreed to add the item as an Information Item to the upcoming Senate Agenda.

Distributed Communications:

08.18.09.01 *From Sandy Colbs, Director Student Counseling Services: Student Counseling Services Awareness Campaign*

Senate Communication September 9, 2009.

The following policies and documents were distributed to Internal Committees as indicated.

08.18.09.02 *From Provost Everts: Revision to University Policy 1.11 Academic Calendar (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

08.26.09.01 *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Grading Practice Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*

08.26.09.02 *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Honorary Degree Recipients Selection Procedures Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Faculty Affairs Committee)*

08.26.09.03 *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Creation of Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

08.26.09.04 *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Community College and Other Transfer Students University Studies or General Education Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*

08.26.09.05 *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: College Level Examination Program Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*

- 08.26.09.06** *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Deans' List Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*
- 08.26.09.07** *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Student Services Programs Policy – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*
- 08.26.09.08** *From Vickie Carr, President's Office: Use of Electronic Equipment for Surveillance Purposes – Policy on Review Cycle (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*
- 08.26.09.09** *From Provost Everts: Request to Add Provost Designee to Official Membership of the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*
- 08.27.09.01** *From Jan Murphy, Associate Provost: Volunteer Emergency Worker Higher Education Protection Act Draft Policy (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*
- 08.27.09.02** *From Jan Murphy, Associate Provost: Equitable Treatment of Students Participating in University Sponsored Events Policy – Request for Clarification (Dist. Academic Affairs Committee)*

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate on September 9, 2009:

Academic Senate Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2009

Annuitants Association Presentation (Larry Alferink, Annuitants Association Representative)

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Body President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

- *President Al Bowman*
- *Provost Sheri Everts*
- *Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams*
- *Vice President of Finance and Planning Dianne Ashby*

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Chairperson Gudding

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Chairperson Kalter

Faculty Affairs Committee: Chairperson Liechty

Planning and Finance Committee: Chairperson Fazel

Rules Committee: Chairperson Solberg

Information Item:

08.13.09.01 University Professor Designation Proposal (Executive Committee)

Communications:

08.18.09.01 Student Counseling Services Awareness Campaign

Adjournment

Motion XXXXI-8: By Senator Stewart, seconded by Senator Fazel, to approve the Academic Senate Agenda of September 9, 2009. With the addition of the University Professor Designation Proposal as an Information Item, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Faculty Ombudsman

Senator Holland: Were we going to get names of those who might possibly serve as the University Ombudsman?

Senator Wedwick: Yes, the President was going to forward names to this committee.

Senator Stewart: It could be a list like the Panel of Ten from which you have the ability to draw a name from the list.

Senator Wedwick: The Faculty Affairs Committee could talk about it and propose something to the Executive Committee.

Adjournment