

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT – 9/16/05

Art L. Spisak, Faculty Senate Chair

I. Report of Faculty Senate activity for September:

1. President Nietzel's address to Senate
 - outline of current initiatives in eight areas concerning budget, provost position, processes, program review, committees, endowments, expectations of students, and Board of Governors.
 - Q&A
2. New Minor in Chinese approved
3. Senator Ridinger, faculty commissioner of the Academic Personnel Review Commission (APRC), presented the Commission's yearly report. The function of the Commission is to investigate informal grievances from the faculty and seek resolution.
4. Dr. James Baumlin presented the annual report from the Citizenship and Service Learning Oversight Committee. The Committee's charge is to "monitor and evaluate the CASL Program for the Senate." This past academic year, the Committee approved 21 integrated service-learning syllabi and two service-learning component course syllabi. There was a 27 percent increase in students (1,225 students) and a 28 percent increase in student community service hours (37,360.75 hours).
5. Dr. Bill Cheek, chair of the Higher Learning Commission, addressed the Senate concerning the Higher Learning Commission Self-Study and 2005 Site Visit. The 15-member Steering Committee has been working on the study for almost three years.

II. Profile of Dr. Ryan Giedd, Professor of Physics and Material Sciences; also Executive Director, Center for Applied Science and Engineering & Jordan Valley Innovation Center