

# COMMITTEE ON FACULTY CONCERNS

Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2012

**PRESENT:** Brinson, Cahoj, Daniel, Dunlop, Foster, Goss, Groves, Herati, Johnston, Jutla, Kaufman, Kim, Lyman, Mitchell, Patterson, Richmond, Rost, Saquer, Shi, Thomas-Tate, Wickham

**PROXIES:** Edgar for Jackson-Brown, Paxton for Pardue

**ABSENT:** Acuna-Zumbado, Baggett, Granger, Hawkins, Hong, Hulgus, Morris, Olson, Philpot, Satzinger, Scott, Strong, Walker, Webb,

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm in PSU 315 by Mr. Micheal Foster, chairperson of the Committee on Faculty Concerns.

## II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2012 MINUTES

No amendments or changes were made and the minutes were approved as distributed.

## III. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Mr. Foster invited nominations for FCC secretary. Mr. Sean Lyman stated his willingness to serve in the position of FCC secretary. There being no opposition or comment, the committee approved the appointment by acclamation.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### 1) Faculty Morale Survey

Mr. Foster discussed the role of FCC in creating and disseminating what is commonly referred to as the faculty morale survey. This charge is mandated by Section 8: B-2-A-gg of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate.

Some discussion was made as to the efficacy of this survey and whether or not the results influence administration. When asked why FCC conducted the survey, Mr. Foster could only respond by saying that it is a standing charge of the Faculty Senate.

Mr. Foster asked the members to consider volunteering for a subcommittee which will produce this survey and explained that it must be presented no later than the March meeting of Faculty Senate.

### 2) Discussion of Relevancy of Student Evaluations

Mr. Foster began an informal discussion with the members over the value of anonymous student evaluations and asked whether or not the committee would invite a specific charge from Faculty Senate. After some discussion, the committee remained ambivalent about requesting a formal charge.

### 3) Invitations of Other Business from Members

Mr. Foster invited new business from the members. No new business was brought forward.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Lyman. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.

The next meeting will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> in PSU 315 at 3:30pm