

**Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
August 6, 2009
3:15-5:00 P.M.
Tigert 226**

Attendees:
Jane Brockmann
Henrietta Logan
Frank Bova
Jack Mecholsky
Mary Ann Ferguson
Elizabeth Bolton

David Quillen

Guests:
Jill Varnes
Robert Fox
Tom Dana
Harry Daniels

The meeting was called to order: 3:16 PM

The minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting were approved. Approved

Information Items:

Policy change related to tobacco use on campus **Jill Varnes**, Healthy Gators 2010 vice chair
The goal of the tobacco policy is for the campus to become tobacco free by July 1, 2010. The recommendations will be given as an information item at the August Senate meeting.

Consolidation of departments in the College of Education
Tom Dana, Harry Daniels, Faculty Policy Council Chair

This item will be presented at the August Senate meeting as an information item. Harry Daniels noted that faculty are concerned with the manner in which the reorganization happened, not concerned about the renaming of the programs itself.

The steering committee discussed the disconnect between past budget reductions and college constitutions.

Increased hours for receiving an electrical engineering degree

Robert, Fox College of Engineering

This item will be an information item at the August Senate meeting. (note this item was later pulled from the proposed Senate agenda and will be brought forward again at a later time).

Swine flu update **Phil Barkley**, Director of the Student Health Care Center

The H1N1 virus is expected to hit in September when students return. Phil Barkely's presentation will educate faculty about the virus and encourage faculty to advise students to contact the SHCC if they are sick.

The Steering committee had an open discussion of a number of issues.

The committee discussed possible issues that may arise if two departments are merged that were in different colleges and thus could have different guidelines. The steering committee agreed that the welfare council should review the issue and suggest a reasonable policy. Members of the committee noted that for units in the collective bargaining agreement the rules state that faculty are under the tenure and promotion rules that they were hired under. It is also noted that tenure and promotion criteria are set by faculty. The steering committee agreed that the welfare council should state that tenure and promotion criteria are set by faculty and that non tenure track faculty promotion should follow the guidelines of tenure track faculty guidelines.

The committee discussed the change in formatting of WUFT Classic 89.

The budget council will have a discussion with the Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications to understand the process that was followed to make this decision.

The steering committee thought it would be good to have some guiding principles to consider when making budget decisions that impact the broader community.

Council Reports:

Academic Policy Council

No report.

Tracy Rambo, Representative

Budget Council

The Budget council resolution regarding the division of conferences will be an action item at the August meeting.

David Quillen, Chair

Infrastructure Council

Jane Brockmann, Chair

Research and Scholarship Council

No report.

Henrietta Logan, Representative

Welfare Council

No report.

Susan Percival, Chair

Approval of Senate agenda:

The August Senate agenda was approved.

Adjourned: 5:00 PM