

Regular Meeting of the University Senate

October 23, 2003

Hahn Pavilion, Room 108

Attendance

Arts & Sciences: Dobkin, Chair; Loer; Lewis; Nadkarni; Otto; Pachence; Payne; Pierson; Sullivan; Williams

Business: None

Education: Monroe

Law: Berend; Horton; Kelly

Nursing: Orsi

Ex-Officio: Cook, Drinan, Lazarus

Representatives: Castanos; Gallant

Dobkin called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

1. Announcements.

a) Strategic Planning. The USD Strategic Planning Steering Committee will begin conducting focus groups on Tuesday, October 28. A faculty session on that day (12:15-1:45) has been reserved for University Senate members who would like to continue discussion from the October 23 Senate meeting with Cel Johnson and Larry Gardepie in a smaller, focus group format. Faculty, staff, and students will be able to volunteer for focus group sessions on the USD Institutional Research and Planning website. Additional times for faculty focus groups will be: Wed. 10/29, 2:30-4:00; Thur. 10/30, 12:15-1:45; Fri. 10/31, 10:30-12:00; Tue. 11/4, 12:15-1:45.

b) Request for Senate Concurrence on bulletin printing protocol changes. Memo included with the agenda.

Motion by Horton, seconded by Payne, that: THE UNIVERSITY SENATE DECLINES TO EXERCISE ITS JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVOST'S REQUEST DATES October 7, 2003 FOR SENATE CONCURRENT IN PROPOSED *UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN AND GRADUATE BULLETIN* PRINTING PROTOCOL CHANGES, AND ENCOURAGES THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY AND INEXPENSIVELY WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS.

Horton explained that the request isn't within the Senate's most explicit jurisdiction. It can arguably fit into the general purposes for which the Senate is involved.

Vote: 12 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 1 – Abstain. The motion passed.

c) Academic Affairs Committee summary. Lewis distributed a summary of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees meeting of October 8, 2003.

d) Pre-Retirement meeting. Horton announced that TIAA, VALIC, and Scudder are sponsoring a reception and pre-retirement meeting on Nov. with a reception 5:30 to 6 p.m. and a meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. Those retiring in the next five years are encouraged to attend; everyone is welcome.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2003.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Kelly, to: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2003 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: p. 5, third paragraph from bottom, change first sentence, with a new second sentence, to read: “Kelly recommended deleting the first sentence. If, however, the committee intended to limit the benefit to two degrees, one could insert a sentence.”

Minutes: 13 – Approve; 0 – Oppose; 0 – Abstain. The motion passed.

3. Discussion of Strategic Directions: Cel Johnson and Larry Gardepie.

Johnson and Gardepie led Senators in a Strategic Directions Focus Group session. Senators responded to questions that will be used to direct the strategic planning for the next five years. Questions were designed to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and treats of USD. Common themes and will be identified and presented to the Mission Statement subcommittee and to the Steering Committee for Strategic Directions Initiative.

Lazarus reported that the compilation of number of Senators shows an addition of one senator, from 22 to 23. There is a gain of one in Education, one in Business and a decline of one in Law. He also reported on discrepancies between policies and procedures on the web site and in the manual. Human Resources is keeping the web site current with actual practice including regular or routine exceptions to policies by Human Resources or the President. Lazarus explained to the person that there is a process for changes to the policies and procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

David Sullivan
Secretary

Peggy Agerton
Recording Secretary