

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
Dec. 12, 2002

1. In attendance: John Brower, chair; Grant Mitman, Skip Todd, John Metesh, Rick Appleman, Dave Carter, Andrea Stierle, Doug Cameron, Danette Melvin, Mary MacLaughlin.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were deferred for future approval.
3. Committee reports: None. Concern was expressed that the campus committees are not meeting.
4. Old/Continuing business:
 - a. Satisfaction survey: Dave Carter will circulate a “survey on the survey” to finalize the list of offices, etc. to be surveyed.
 - b. Research cooperation: The chair requested that documentation be prepared for submission/discussion with D-CHE Joyce Scott.
5. New business: Senate voted 4 to 1 to put documents on reserve in the campus library submitted to the senate by Chancellor Gilmore, dealing with his receipt of an anonymous letter critical of hiring policies.

Senate voted unanimously to submit a formal appeal to Chancellor Gilmore to cancel implementation of the new faculty evaluation process. The decision was influenced by comments by U.M. legal counsel Aronofsky of the necessity for appeals and grievances to be conducted in the proper sequence, and to establish documentation. Mary MacLaughlin noted that she had met with VCAAR Patton to try to set the record straight on the nature of the ad-hoc committee formed under VCAAR Bradley to design an evaluation process. Namely, it was not a senate committee, as seems to be the impression held by some, but rather an ad-hoc committee on which a senate representative served.

Regarding future campus visits to the senate by President Dennison, the senate voted unanimously to decline Chancellor Gilmore’s request to be present at those meetings. It was felt that issues might arise where his presence could inhibit free and open discussion.

Submitted by John Brower, Senate Chair.