Library Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes
2005-01-12

Present:

Convened:
9:04 am in Gilmore 311, the meeting was called to order by Christensen (Chair).

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes of 2004-08-10 and 2004-12-15 were unanimously approved by voice vote.

2. Additions to the agenda

Scheduling of full Senate meetings. Motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to continue holding full Senate meetings every two weeks.

3. Planning for proposed meeting of LSEB with University Librarian

Christensen reported that LSEB reviewed all comments received regarding areas of critical concern with the administration of library operations. Redacted comments were shared with the LSEB in closed meetings.

Draft of memorandum to the University Librarian outlining concerns was reviewed by the Senate. Several suggestions for revision were proposed and accepted by the Senate. Christensen asked if the memorandum accurately described the concerns of the Senate.

Christensen opened the floor for the Senate to raise any other concerns.

Procedures for meeting with University Librarian: The membership requested information about how LSEB will respond if the University Librarian seeks more details during the first meeting. Christensen responded that specific examples will not be provided without returning to the person who originally submitted the comments for consultation.

Christensen noted that the memorandum will be sent to the University Librarian well in advance of the meeting.

Adoption of memorandum with proposed revisions: It was noted by a minority of the Senators that the document is very critical, providing little message of a positive nature. Christensen reminded the membership that, unlike an annual review, the
purpose of this communication is to address areas of concern.

Noting that each itemized concern may not have been experienced by every member of the Senate, the memorandum was generally accepted by the membership as a very good start to the process of opening a dialog on critical professional and management issues. A motion to accept the document as amended was made and seconded. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote with one abstention.

4. Next Meeting
January 26, 2005

5. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

Submitted by David Flynn (in absence of Ted Kwok, Secretary)

LIBRARY SENATE
