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**Faculty Senate
October 14, 2004
Science Building, Room 102
11:30 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order by Jayne Rose at 11:36. Roll Call was taken by Dan Corts. Members unable to attend were: John Hildreth, Peter Kivisto, Doug Nelson, Jeff Coussens, Lori Scott, and Heidi Storl. Members excused: Norm Moline, Ann Ericson, Roger Crossley, Chip Morrow, Mary Neil, Kristy Nabhan-Warren.

2. **Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 30, 2004. Minutes were approved** with the following **corrections** suggested by Lou Belby—under item #5...the Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee will serve as advisory group (not The faculty Senate Steering). Also in item #5...there is a typographical error—"NCAA" should read "NCA" guidelines. Motion to approve from Bill Hammer. David Snowball seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Report from the Educational Policies Committee - Dean Jeff Abernathy**
 - a. **Corrections** to Academic Calendar for 2005-2006

 - b. **Learning Perspectives Approval: EC225 Health Economics**
 - c. **Learning Perspectives Approval: EC 405 History of Economic Thought**

Motion from the EPC presenting both courses for approval. Pam Druger **seconded**. Lou Belby asked if ALL of these proposals will come to the faculty senate and was informed that it is the current process.

David Snowball stated that last year the senate asked to receive only the titles and get full paperwork when they requested it.

Vote **passed** on both courses as presented.

Dave Dehnel asked what a conversion was.

Ellen Hay explained that a conversion is an existing course getting a new suffix. It is not a new course.

Lou Belby moved that courses that come forward as converted courses simply be reported by EPC to the senate. An amendment was added to the motion stating that the senate reserves the right to debate and overturn EPC's opinion.

David Snowball reminded the senate that this varied slightly from last year's senate decision regarding course approval.

Lou Belby suggested the senate reserve the right to deny a course.

Dave Dehnel asked if the senate had authority to waive its work on this and suggested that delegates cannot re-delegate authority. The faculty would have to agree to a change.

No second. Motion died.

Snowball suggested that the Steering Committee be asked to meet and propose a possible procedure for approval of proposals that come from the EPC and report back at the next senate meeting.

4. **Report from the Dean of the College - Dean Jeff Abernathy**

The dean reported on the meeting with board of trustees. Board is supportive of strategic plan, particularly the academic portion.

Regarding the self-study, the dean reported that the advisory body has met and the committees met their first deadline. The next deadline is the end of October. Updates to come on progress; drafts will be submitted for senate recommendations and advice.

5. **Report from the President of the College - President Steve Bahls**

The president spoke briefly about the Board of Trustees Meeting of 8 Oct. 2004. The board accepted the revised budget. Generally accepted strategic plan. For the January meeting the board asked for more detail regarding expenditure flow and prioritizing. The board has changed in size from 29 to 35 members. No longer will have a Lutheran majority. Board approved of interviewing three facilities planning firms to look at building priorities. At the next meeting, the board will approve a document being created by the campus ministry committee that will describe our relationship with the Lutheran church. The board also will construct the budget for the next few years.

Mark Vincent asked about the student human research project. Was the decision made because it was student research and if it had been a faculty proposal, it would not have gone to the cabinet? President Bahls indicated that student academic freedom was different from faculty academic freedom. If a faculty member proposed similar research, the president would ask the faculty member to consider the effects of it.

Dave Dehnel asked if there will be a faculty forum regarding this issue.

President...yes, we need to define the issues to be discussed in the forum. Regarding academic freedom for student, do we want a statement related to that? Also we need to discuss the parameters of the HRRC (Human Research Review Committee). The president hopes for faculty feedback regarding that decision. Beginning of winter term possible date for forum.

Dean Abernathy invited the affected departments to meet with the HRRC before the forum.

6. **The Observer's report on the Board of Trustees meeting, 8 Oct. 2004 - Jayne Rose**

Rose made comments about the board meeting. She observed the business meeting, the large board meeting and the academic affairs subcommittee meeting. She thought the board was generally positive about the strategic plan. Next summer the silent portion of the campaign will begin. She commented on the board structural changes, regarding committee assignments and adding membership. Rose indicated that the board was appreciative of the president and the dean's work.

7. **Other business**

Jon Clauss requested that whenever possible, the senate print documents as two-sided to save paper and money.

8. **Announcements**

None.

9. **Adjournment**

Dara Wegeman-Geedey made the **motion to adjourn**.

Charlie Mahaffey **seconded** the motion.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Catherine Hanson and Daniel Cortis
Secretaries