



FACULTY SENATE
Agenda
Thursday, November 5, 2009
Taylor 306

3:15 PM: Refreshments/Social

- Sign in on Attendance Sheet

3:35 PM: Call to Order

- Approval of the Minutes
- Provost's Report, Dr. Douglas Brown
 - i. Report
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Steven Garren
 - i. Report- The Steering Committee proposals (not motions) related to the demolition of Bridgforth Stadium. (see Agenda page 2)
- Report of the Budget Committee, Dr. Nancy Poe (Chair)
 - i. Report
- Report of the Academic Policies Committee, Dr. Val Larsen (Chair)
 - i. Report - Excused Absence Policy
- Treasurer's Report, Dr. Robert Jerome
 - i. Report - Flower Fund
Our current balance is about \$7,385.38. We have received \$322 in contributions and have disbursed \$50, In memory of Jean Cash's mother.
Pending disbursements: Brenda Whitmer's father; Hilda Taylor's mother
David Fordham's father; Dona Gilliam's mother
- Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Mary Slade (Chair)
 - i. Report – Electronic Vote on amendments to constitution
- Report of the Faculty Appeals Committee, Dr. Rory DePaolis (Chair)
 - i. No Report
- Report of the Faculty Concerns Committee, Dr. Arch Harris (Chair)
 - i. No Report
- Report of the Student Relations Committee, Dr. Jeff Andre (Chair)
 - i. No Report
- OLD Business
 - Referrals from the Handbook Committee (5 Items):
 - III. A. 14. Office Hours
Suggestion: Remove reference to minimum of five offices per week.
 - III. E. 4. a. Faculty Anticipated Activity Plan
Suggestion: Limit minimum weight for any performance area to ten percent.
 - III. E. 6. a. Standards
Suggestion: Mandate excellent rating in teaching for promotion to full professor.
 - III. J. 1.a. (1) Educational Leave
Suggestion: Limit eligibility of Education Leave to those who have been at the university for six years.
 - III. E. 2. a. AUPAC
Suggestion: Limit ability of untenured faculty members on PAC to vote on promotion decisions.
- NEW Business

The Steering Committee proposals (not motions) related to the demolition of Bridgeforth Stadium. (Speaker's Report)

Proposal I:

The Faculty Senate requests that the Office of Academic Affairs be consulted prior to any major demolition or construction work on campus.

The Faculty Senate would like to express its profound disappointment at the announcement that the partial demolition of Bridgeforth stadium will begin at the start of exam week on December 7, 2009. Demolition work at such a crucial time for student academic attainment (via studying) and achievement (exam administration) in such close proximity to both student residence halls (Eagle, Shorts and Chandler) and classrooms (e.g. Showker) suggests a disturbing disregard for the academic mission of the university.

The Faculty Senate respectfully requests that this decision to begin demolition work on Bridgeforth stadium on December 7, 2009, be reconsidered and rescinded in order to facilitate the education and enlightenment of our student body.

Proposal II:

The Faculty Senate requests that all divisions of the university be reminded toward the end of each semester that during exam week, steps should be taken to minimize anything that might disturb the students' ability to concentrate on their studies. Specifically, noise producing building and grounds maintenance activities should not be done in places and at times that might interfere with final examinations.

Furthermore, the Faculty Senate requests that the Office of Academic Affairs be consulted prior to the scheduling of any major demolition or construction work on campus and that the academic calendar be consulted when scheduling such work. While this request grows out of various disturbances, it is immediately occasioned by the announcement that the partial demolition of Bridgeforth Stadium will begin at the start of exam week on December 7, 2009. The core teaching mission of the University will certainly be negatively affected by demolition work in such close proximity to both student residence halls (Eagle, Shorts, and Chandler) and classrooms (e.g. Showker) at such a crucial time for student academic attainment (via studying) and achievement (exam administration). The Faculty Senate respectfully requests that demolition work on Bridgeforth stadium be delayed until after finals to facilitate the education and enlightenment of our students.