

## **Faculty Senate Report 2006 - 2007**

The following are highlights of the business conducted by the Faculty Senate during the 2006 – 2007 academic year:

Wednesday, September 13

1. Provost Smith and Vice Provost Talburt discussed the reaccreditation process and the anticipated campus visit of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association in April 2007. They emphasized the need for faculty involvement in the development of the Self-study Report.
2. The Executive Committee for 2006 – 2007 was elected. The members are:

Charles Riggs, Chair of the Faculty Senate  
Larry Foley, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate  
Jeannie Whayne, Chair of the Campus Faculty  
John Rupe, Vice Chair of the Campus Faculty  
Linda Jones, Secretary  
Inza Fort, Parliamentarian  
Deborah Thomas, Past Chair of the Faculty Senate  
Tom Jensen  
Tim Kral  
John King  
Neil Allison  
Janine Parry  
David Gay

Wednesday, October 18

1. The Faculty Senate endorsed a document entitled “Principles of the University” presented by Dr. Daniel Pugh and forwarded the document to the Campus Council with a recommendation for approval.

Wednesday, February 14

1. Provost Smith’s monthly report included a report on the “D-Transfer Rule”. He reported that the numbers of petitioners requesting transfers of “D” grades had risen since January 2004. Data were presented for athletes, for the different academic colleges, for males and females, and for traditional and non-traditional students.
2. A proposal for a change in the grading system at the University to a +/-

system had been submitted for consideration by the Faculty Senate. No action was taken on the proposal upon the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee.

3. The Faculty Athletics Committee had been asked to study the recommendations of a NCAA Presidential Task Force and the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics proposed changes in NCAA by-laws. The committee reported that the proposed changes in NCAA by-laws were already being implemented on our campus. They recommended that the recommendations of the Task Force be studied further to determine which of the recommendations are in place on our campus.
4. A report on the Arkansas' Sudan Divestment Campaign was presented by students Megan Bright and Mervin Jebaraj.

Wednesday, March 14

1. The Faculty Athletics Committee, in response to a request from the Chair, reported on the procedures used for establishing the "Official Party" for athletic events. The committee made a motion that the Fayetteville Policies and Procedures 802.0 be modified to include the statement that "when the football team is invited to a bowl game, under normal circumstances, members of the Faculty Athletics Committee, including all members of the Committee, will be included in the "Official Party".
2. A preliminary report regarding the implementation of recommendations made by the Governance Task Force in the spring, 2006, was presented by Professor Jeannie Whayne. The final report and any recommendations will be presented in April.
3. A motion was made for the Faculty Senate to approve a resolution calling for TIAA-CREF, the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, and the Legislature of the State of Arkansas to divest investments in "offending companies" conducting business in the Sudan. The motion was tabled until the April 18, Faculty Senate meeting.

In addition to the items summarized above, the Faculty Senate monthly reviewed and approved several course change and program change proposals. The Faculty Senate also approved the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee for the awarding of posthumous degrees. Memorial statements were also presented for Professors Patrick Fenn and Robert Hay. Additional statements will be presented at the April 18, Faculty Senate meeting.