

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
January 28, 2010, Minutes**

**Members Present:** Harold Kelly, Joan Schneider, Michelle Holt, Kim Haughee, Nathan Munn, John Hartman, Steven Lewis, Bryon Steinwand, Mike Cronin, Mike Ceartin, Candace Pescosolido, Karmen Williams, Tim Harris, Barbara Yahvah, Ralph Reinhart, Tricia Tyhurst, Sheri Smith, Karen Raphael, Tom Yungst.

**Call to Order:** President Art Warner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2009, meeting. Barbara Yahvah moved to amend the motion to include in future minutes the date of the meeting and the date the minutes were approved. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**Communications:** Brandi announced that UMH needs a plan and a policy for addressing possible swine flu epidemics. The policy should include both short-term and long-term plans and should also include community concerns, not just attendance at UMH. Brandi would like bullet points sent to her, coordinated by department chairs and reviewed by faculty.

Brandi also stated that work study funding has gone down dramatically; however, if a work study is really needed, bring it to her attention for consideration.

There will be a convention on two-year education in Seattle shortly after the self-study. Six to eight people may be able to attend, and it will count toward Professional Development. It will be held around April 16, 17, and 18. Brandi will check the dates and announce again. There will also be a grant writing workshop February 11 and 18, which also falls under professional development. See Kevin or Sarah for details.

**Committees:** Mike Cronin, representing the Professional Development Committee, reported on the status of forms, by-laws, guideline revisions, and the Professional Development budget sub-committee.

Barbara Yahvah, representing the ASCR Committee, reported on the status of revisions and additions, retakes, the experiential learning policy, and course numbering. This committee is looking for a new faculty member. The committee is also requesting more input on academic freedom. Barbara will soon be sending out another email to determine the definition of "certificate."

The next meeting of the ASCR Committee will be February 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., Rm. 201.

**Mentor Program:** Candace announced a mentoring program, which should come out of the FSC Committee. Resources are available to get the program started. Specific activities will be determined; i.e., observation of classes. Mike Cronin mentioned that the Faculty Support Center already has a mentoring program, but it is seldom used. George could oversee the mentoring process. Mike recommended that Candace and Kim meet with George to determine how that is organized.

**New Website:** Bryon reported on the status of the new website and asked for input. Candace recommended: 1) adding a calendar of professional development events; 2) adding a link to the faculty handbook; 3) adding a link to the professional development form; 4) adding a link to the online subcommittee minutes from ASCR; and 5) adding a link to the blog. If you have any other ideas, send them to Art.

**Teacher Recognition:** Kim Haughee described an award that the Faculty Senate could provide to recognize the accomplishments of deserving faculty. The award could be a gift certificate, or cash (\$500?). Kim suggested nominating some people at the next meeting.

**Budget:** Tricia reported that there were no budget issues for the Faculty Senate. A question was raised on why the Faculty Support budget is separate from the Faculty Senate budget. Brandi said that the FSC budget should be pulled under the FS budget for budget purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Schneider/Tricia Tyhurst