

Faculty Governance Committee
Minutes
September 3, 2008

Present: Robert Entenmann, Tina Garrett, Jonathan Hill, Kris MacPherson, Karen Marsalek, James May, James McKeel, Diana Neal, Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Alan Norton, Arnie Ostebee, Wes Pearson, Steve Reece. Mark Schelske, Doug Schuurman

Jonathan Hill called the meeting to order at 3:35. Each member introduced himself or herself. (A student member will join the committee as soon as possible.)

The committee agreed to rotate, in alphabetical order, the duty of taking minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2008, were corrected: Tina Garrett was not present, and Jim May was. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Jonathan circulated copies of the RPC description and rationale of the Faculty Governance Committee, now in the *Faculty Manual* (§3.IV.B.2), a list of the committee's current members, and a schedule of 2008-2009 faculty meetings.

The committee reviewed its responsibilities as described in the *Faculty Manual*. The committee discussed a few points regarding these responsibilities:

1. As chair of the committee, Jonathan Hill will represent the committee in advising the president on faculty meetings.
2. The committee is to review and make recommendations to the faculty on changes to the *Faculty Manual*, but the Faculty Life Committee also has a similar responsibility for the areas under its jurisdiction.
3. The Faculty Governance Committee will appoint from its own membership five faculty members to serve on the Regents-Faculty Conference Committee, which in the past was elected by the entire faculty.
4. The Faculty Governance Committee will oversee membership on faculty committees, nominate candidates for committee elections, and coordinate elections. There was some discussion of expectations of faculty service.

Two topics were brought up as future agenda items:

1. Selection of members of the Regents-Faculty Conference Committee, which will be undertaken next week.
2. Discussion of the committee election process.

The committee adjourned at 4:33.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Entenmann
Secretary pro tem