

Faculty Governance Committee
Minutes
October 22, 2008

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

Jonathan Hill called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

1. The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 1, 2008, were approved.
2. Jonathan Hill gave a brief summary of the October 3, 2008, meeting of the Regents Faculty Conference Committee. He referenced the Faculty Observer, Karen Marsalek's report to the St. Olaf Faculty and added that, although there was no formal resolution, there was a consensus between those Regents and faculty who were present that a favorable goal for future student body size was 2900.
3. The next topic of discussion was in response to an email sent to Jonathan Hill by Judy Kutulus, chair of the Student Life Committee. Judy Kutulus noted that under the committee's personnel was listed a position at the college that no longer existed, Dean of Community Life and Diversity. Should action be taken to correct this anomaly?

General discussion covered the following questions and ideas:

- A. How broadly or narrowly do we define "diversity"?
- B. To whom should we look to represent diversity concerns on the Student Life Committee? Bruce King (though not a faculty member)? Michael Kyle? Bill Green? Which office? Which person?

Bob Entenmann proposed that the Dean of Community Life and Diversity be removed from the list of personnel on the Student life Committee. Motion moved, seconded and passed. The motion will be presented to the faculty on a green sheet at the November faculty meeting.

Jonathan Hill will confer with president David Anderson and others, and report back to the FGC about a possible addition to the personnel of the Student Life Committee to make up for the loss of the Dean of Community Life and Diversity.

4. The final agenda topic was a broad-ranging discussion on the nomination and electoral procedures for faculty committees.
5. The next meeting will be held on November 12 and will continue with the preceding discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
James McKeel
Secretary pro tem